



YUMA, AZ 2-DAY TRIP

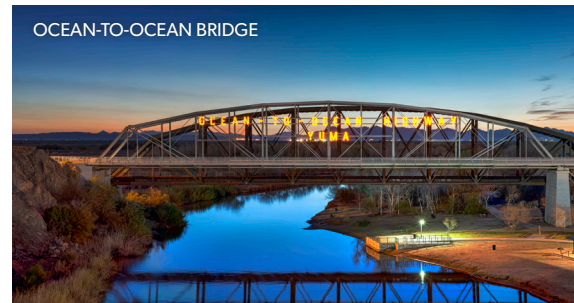
1 DAY ONE

7:00 a.m.

A River Runs Through It

Yuma is located just a few hours west of Phoenix along the Colorado River. For centuries, the Quechan Indian Tribe helped transport people across the once treacherous river (before the dams were built), and they were known as excellent swimmers. In 1849, the California Gold Rush saw 60,000 people cross at Yuma by rope ferry. And in 1915, the Ocean-to-Ocean Bridge opened, the first auto bridge across the Colorado River. The area's rich history was officially designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1966.

<http://www.yumaheritage.com/>



OCEAN-TO-OCEAN BRIDGE

9:30 a.m.

Lock Down the Fun

On July 1, 1876, seven inmates entered Arizona Territory's first prison—the Territorial Prison at Yuma—and were locked into the new cells they'd built themselves. When you consider that average temperatures rise well above 100 degrees in the summer, it was no country club. Today, the prison—now known as Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park—is a museum, and you can walk through the actual strap-iron cells and solitary chamber, and experience the life the inmates had to endure.

<http://www.yumaprison.org>



YUMA TERRITORIAL PRISON STATE HISTORIC PARK

11:00 a.m.

Where Forts Were "Fort-ified"

Next stop, the Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park. For a 20-year period beginning in 1864, all the military posts in the Southwest traced their lifelines to the Depot, where U.S. Army warehouses held supplies of clothing, food, ammunition and other goods for forts in five states. Today, this beautiful 10-acre park includes some of Arizona's oldest and best-preserved buildings.

<http://www.yumaheritage.com/downtown-yuma.html>



YUMA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT STATE HISTORIC PARK

12:30 p.m.

Order a Winning Combo at Lutes Casino

The décor is early eclectic—or what might be called interesting junk. And it's everywhere. You'll have lots of memorabilia to feast your eyes upon when you lunch here. The Lutes Especial is a signature cheeseburger and hot dog combo—loaded—and not for the faint of heart! Lutes also serves up cold beverages from the bar and hosts a live Summer Jazz Series from June to August, performed by the Yuma Jazz Company. Top it all off with a creamy malt or delicious ice cream sundae. Yum.

<http://www.lutescasino.com/>



LUTES CASINO

2:30 p.m. All Aboard for Pivot Point

Looking for a quick orientation to Yuma history? Look no further than Pivot Point Interpretative Plaza. The city park and outdoor exhibit area opened in 2010 where Madison Avenue meets the river—the exact site where the first railroad train entered Arizona in 1877. View real steam and Baldwin locomotives, catch the “ghost train” arriving hourly, and take a stroll through the plaza’s local history displays. If you finish early, walk back to Historic Downtown Yuma for a little boutique shopping.

http://www.visityuma.com/pivot_point.html

**5:30 p.m. Try the Pie at DA Boyz Pizza & Pasta**

Since 2002, this downtown Yuma joint has been serving up gourmet pizza (regular and gluten-free crust available) and pastas at a great value in a “family” atmosphere. Salads, calzones and sandwiches are also on the menu, and there’s a full bar with 20 beers on tap! Stop by and they’ll make you an offer you can’t refuse.

<http://www.daboyzyuma.com/>

**7:30 p.m. Get 40 Winks at the Radisson Hotel Yuma**

The award-winning Radisson is ideally situated within minutes of Yuma’s top attractions. Sparkling indoor and outdoor pools, a soothing spa, and a well-appointed fitness center make this a great place to relax at the end of a fun-filled day. There’s also a hot breakfast buffet daily and it’s complimentary.

<http://www.radisson.com/yuma-hotel-az-85365/azyumard>

**2 DAY TWO****8:00 a.m. Break Your Fast at the Not-So-Secret Garden Cafe**

In 1887, E.F. Sanguinetti established his family empire in Yuma, becoming one of the community’s most successful businessmen and earning the nickname “Merchant Prince of Yuma.” Four generations later, the Sanguinettis still manage the land they first settled, now home to The Secret Garden Cafe. Take a seat in the enchanting garden terrace and sample the restaurant’s famous Swedish Oatmeal Pancakes or homemade quiche while sipping a glass of Yuma spice iced tea.

<http://www.gardencafeYuma.com/>

**10:00 a.m. Paddle or Pedal the Day Away**

Get the whole crew together to row, row, row your boat all the way down the Colorado River. The City of Yuma Parks & Recreation offers canoe or kayak day trips for groups of eight or more. Prefer to stay a landlubber? Bike, skate or stroll the town’s paved, lighted multi-use trail. It’s free and easy! The trail runs two miles from West Wetlands Park to the Ocean-to-Ocean Bridge, with a five-mile extension along the East Main Canal south to 40th Street.

<http://www.yumaheritage.com/index.html>



12:00 p.m.

Prison Hill Brewing Company Has a Cure for What Ales You

Before you head out of town, make a break for Yuma's first craft brewery, Prison Hill. The gastro pub embraces the town's history with flagship beers like the Jailbait Blonde, Lockdown Lager and Warden's Wheat—as well as its signature IPA, the Crimin'Ale. The menu draws on Yuma's agricultural base, allowing for a heavy emphasis on fresh and local ingredients. Try the Sprung Rolls (spring rolls), The Shank burger, The Chain Link Sausage sandwich or the slow-smoked pulled pork Snitch sandwich. It's all so tasty you'll never want to escape.

<http://www.prisonhillbrewing.com>



2:30 p.m.

Strike it Rich at Castle Dome Mine Museum & Ghost Town

Want to take a trip back in time to see what life was like in the Old West? Drive 30 miles north of Yuma and visit the ghost town of Castle Dome. Once a thriving frontier mining town with more than 3,000 residents, Castle Dome is now a deserted town-turned-museum filled with rich Arizona history. Visit restored buildings housing authentic relics and antiques, and view mining artifacts from days gone by. Be sure to bring water and a hat, and wear walking shoes.

<http://www.castledomemuseum.org>



5:30 p.m.

Dinner at River City Grill

Famished from all that activity? The River City Grill menu offers a potpourri of flavors indigenous to the Mediterranean, Pacific Rim, India and the Caribbean. Here, the emphasis is on fresh fruit and vegetable sauces, whole grains, and exotic spices. You'll find it in everything from wild river salmon and true cod from Alaska to naturally raised beef and Kobe burgers. Even breads and desserts are lovingly house-made.

<http://www.rivercitygrill.com/>

