

YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS IN ORO VALLEY

A photograph of two women and two children at a playground. One woman is holding a baby, and the other is holding a young boy. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The playground equipment is yellow and blue.

Day trips for Families

Make a splash

What better place to cool off than at the Oro Valley Aquatic Center. This premier family friendly pool facility includes Interactive splash pad, Giant water slide, 25-yard recreation pool, classroom for parties, family changing rooms, concession stand, shaded bleachers, and all of this with a spectacular view of the Pusch Ridge Mountains.

Journey into the Old West

Old Tucson Studios offers visitors a chance to explore a Western town in the Arizona Territory during the 1800s. And yes—it was an actual movie studio, where movies like Tombstone (1993) and Three Amigos! (1986) were filmed. Nowadays, it's a journey into the Old West, with rides, games, shows, historical tours and live-action cowboy reenactments. Just one hour from Oro Valley.

Travel around the world at Biosphere 2

Imagine a place where you could tour a jungle, desert, savanna grassland, mangrove wetlands and an ocean, all housed under one roof. Welcome to University of Arizona Biosphere 2 Center, just 20 minutes north of Oro Valley. Come tour one of the world's most unique facilities dedicated to the research and understanding of global scientific issues. The New BIOSPHERE 2 Experience App allows visitors to explore Biosphere 2 on your own private adventure!

Fly high on the state's longest zipline

Gain some elevation and experience the Sonoran Desert from a new perspective, with Arizona Zipline Adventures. There you'll find thrilling ziplines across stunning desert foothills along a course with five cable spans, including the state's longest span at 1,500 feet. Just 45 minutes north of Oro Valley.

Caving & Cowboys

Kartchner Caverns State Park is a world-renowned limestone cave system less than 90 minutes from Oro Valley. It includes a variety of cave tours, wildlife programs, hiking trails, camping and rental cabins. Travel one hour further and you're in historic Tombstone, Arizona—the "Town too Tough to Die." It's the home of the infamous Gunfight at the OK Corral, Boothill Graveyard and the World's Largest Rose Bush. Combine both destinations for an all-day adventure.

Stay with us!

Oro Valley is the perfect home-base to explore Southern Arizona, and there are lodging options for every budget. The **El Conquistador Tucson, a Hilton Resort**, and the **Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort and Spa** are the crown jewels of any visitor experience. If you prefer vacation rental properties (e.g. Airbnb and VRBO), Oro Valley has hundreds to choose from. You'll also find trusted brands like Fairfield Inn, Holiday Inn and WorldMark.