

Let's Go to Arizona!

- **Tucson, Phoenix, Sedona, and Grand Canyon:** You can experience them all in seven days and 980 miles, but each can be a vacation destination in itself. Be forewarned: you'll want to go back for more.
- **We've "been there and done that"** many times. Therefore, we're able to present this trip as a driving tour that we would take as our first vacation in Arizona. It has been carefully pre-tested, so that all you need to do is get into the car and follow this book. Let us be your guides and share with you the benefit of our experience.
- **What's the best time to tour Arizona?** The best months are early-March through mid-May, when the temperatures are in the 70's to 80's (20-30 c) and the wildflowers and cacti are in bloom. October also can be an excellent time. Most Arizona vacationers avoid the hot, stormy summers, and also December-January when it often rains.
- **What if you don't have seven days?** We've outlined three shorter tours: two three-day and one four-day, in the section on "Maps and Tour Options." You're lucky enough to have fourteen days? Great! Simply stay an extra day in each location and enjoy some of the activities we've listed under "Alternative Activities."
- **Where will you eat and sleep?** Many of the accommodations and restaurants we list are those we've visited ourselves; the ones we haven't are consensus recommendations by trustworthy local residents or innkeepers, the American Automobile Association, Mobil Guides, or Woodall's (for campgrounds). If you prefer different dinner price ranges or types of cuisine than those we've listed, simply ask your innkeeper or front desk person for recommendations.
- **What about cost?** By keeping your choices moderate, you (two people) should be able to take this tour for \$2,200-\$2,500 (as of 2009), including accommodations, food, car rental, gasoline, entrance fees, and pet kenneling, but not transportation to and from Arizona. (Deduct \$15-20/day if pets are not a factor.)
- **What else should you know?** There are some other things you may want to know before you go; you'll find them in the appendices.

For your convenience in previewing and selecting attractions, accommodations and restaurants, there are links to almost all of them at www.pridepublications.com.