



Tucson & Sonoran Desert Museum Overnight Tour **Friday, November 2nd – Saturday, November 3rd, 2007**

This tour will visit: **Tucson (local Best Western Hotel)**
 Saguaro National Park
 Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum
 Kitt Peak
 Nogales
 Tubac
 San Xavier Mission

Across Arizona Tours are by passenger van (minimum of 6 people for the tour, maximum of 10 people in the van) with a knowledgeable guide, providing an unforgettable experience as you tour various parts of Arizona. *Across Arizona Tours* will provide vans, guides, guide gratuities, hotel rooms, complimentary bottled water and admission to the attractions mentioned in the itinerary. Meals are not included. Please, only small overnight bags or small suitcases are allowed on the tour (large suitcases are not allowed and those may be stored overnight at the Point South Mountain Hotel). For information about this tour (and be sure to mention the ISMAR6 conference), send requests to: moreinfo-wr@tq3navigantvacations.com.

Itinerary

- Departure time is 8:00am on **Friday, November 2nd**
- Returns 6:30pm on **Saturday, November 3rd**
- Price: Single \$380.00 plus sales tax (one room, one person)
 Double \$340.00 per person plus sales tax (one room, two people)

Friday, November 2nd

Depart 8:00am

Saguaro National Park:

Drive through Saguaro National Park and see enormous cacti, silhouetted by the setting sun, for most of us the Giant Saguaro is one of the symbols of the American West. And yet, these majestic plants are only found in a small portion of the United States. Saguaro National Park protects some of the most impressive forests of these sub-tropical giants, on the edge of the modern City of Tucson.

Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum

It is a zoo, natural history museum, aquarium, and botanical garden all in one place. Its mission is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering an appreciation and



understanding of the Sonoran Desert. Visitors come from all over the world to walk its beautiful desert paths and explore naturally landscaped live animal exhibits.

After lunch we will drive over Gates Pass Road to your hotel in Tucson.

After check in at your hotel, there will be time to relax have dinner and then drive to **Kitt Peak National Observatory** for their **Nightly Observer Program**.

Kitt Peak National Observatory

The world's largest collection of optical telescopes is located high above the Sonoran Desert under some of the finest night skies in the world. Kitt Peak, on the Tohono O'odham Reservation, is home to twenty-two optical and two radio telescopes representing eight astronomical research institutions.

Return to Hotel around 10:00pm

Saturday, November 3rd

Have breakfast and checkout of Hotel

Depart 9:00am

Nogales, Mexico

Fill your trip to Mexico with its traditions, wonderful shopping and great food. Take the time to enjoy the restaurants. La Roca and El Greco are a couple of local haunts but there are many terrific restaurants to choose. You must have a passport to travel into Nogales.

Depart Nogales 1:00pm

Tubac, AZ

Tubac was established in 1752 as a Spanish presidio (fort). Working artists' studios now surround the grounds which once served as the home for a Spanish military garrison, the place "Where Art & History Meet!"

San Xavier del Bac Mission

"White Dove of the Desert" (as it is affectionately called); it is truly an awesome experience. The sheer size and bright color against a blue sky and the tan colors of the desert make San Xavier Mission a striking sight.

Depart San Xavier for Phoenix

Return to Phoenix—6:30pm

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Note: There is a \$39.00 processing fee for each booking (one per person or one per couple or family). The processing fee is not included in the cost of the trip.