

## Activity Ideas:

[Out of Africa](#) ~ See hundreds of animals from all over the world! Lions, Tigers, Giraffe, Rhinoceros, Black Bear, Camel, Ostrich, Cobras, Zebra, Exotic Birds, Tortoise, Wildebeest, Jaguar, Leopards, Wolves, Hyenas and more! Take an African Bush Safari, Watch Tiger Splash, and more. **Habitat & sanctuary, not a zoo**

[Verde Canyon Railroad](#) ~ The train passes towering crimson pinnacles; near ancient Indian ruins; over fortified trestles; past a monocline fault and through a manmade 680-foot tunnel on a four-hour rail journey from the old mining town of Clarkdale to the Perkinsville ghost ranch and back.

[Blazin' M Ranch](#) – Chuck wagon Supper & Live Western Stage Show ~ Travelers are invited to tantalize their taste buds, tickle their funny bones and satisfy the need for a knee-slapping, wholesome, good time.

***\*\*The Verde Canyon Railroad and Blazin' M Ranch can be booked together***

[Tuzigoot National Monument](#) ~ Tuzigoot is an ancient village or pueblo built by a culture known as the Sinagua. The pueblo consisted of 110 rooms including second and third story structures. The first buildings were built around A.D. 1000.

[Montezuma Castle & Well National Monument](#) ~ Gaze through the windows of the past into one of the best preserved cliff dwellings in North America. This 20 room high-rise apartment, nestled into a towering limestone cliff, tells a 1,000 year-old story of ingenuity and survival in an unforgiving desert landscape.

[Grand Canyon National Park](#) ~ A powerful and inspiring landscape, the Grand Canyon overwhelms our senses through its immense size; 277 river miles (446km) long, up to 18 miles (29km) wide, and a mile (1.6km) deep. 142 miles from Cornville – beautiful drive!!

[Verde Valley Wine Trail](#) ~ Visit up to 4 Wineries and 2 Tasting Rooms ~ Alcantara Vineyards, (the next 3 are on Page Springs Road) Page Springs Cellars, Oak Creek Vineyards, Javelina Leap Vineyards, the Tasting Rooms (both in Jerome) Caduceus Cellars, Jerome Winery.

[Jerome](#) ~ America's Most Vertical City and Largest Ghost Town in America. Fun place to walk around and shop. or <http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/az/jerome.html>. House Tour every May. [First Saturday Art Walk](#)

[Gold King Mine Museum & Ghost Town](#) ~ A quirky collection of mining artifacts, old cars and collectibles, housed in over 15 buildings. Located about 1 mile outside of Jerome. Feed Pedro the mule or even get a kiss.

**Vortex Tours** ~ Experience the energy and receive energetic balancing at a vortex. Vortex sites are natural energetic power points. At a vortex site, energy can be felt and experienced. The energy of a vortex: -Helps realign your energy. -Enhances meditation and contemplation. -Helps heal wounds from your past. - Connects you with your life's purpose.

[Star Gazing](#) ~ Enjoy an evening on the patio gazing at the clear Arizona sky

[Sedona](#) ~ Red Rock Country – amazing views and many quaint shops in the uptown area and at [Hillside Sedona](#). More [First Friday Art Walk](#)

[Tlaquepaque](#) ~ The most distinctive shopping experience in AZ. Located in Sedona. Unique shops and galleries. Has many special events & festivals during the year. First Friday of the month Art Walk

[Chapel of the Holy Cross](#) ~ Gorgeous views and a cool place to check out. There is a ½ hour Singing (Taize) Prayer Service at 5:00 pm every Monday.

[Geocaching](#) and [Letterboxing](#)

## **Activity Ideas:**

**Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride** ~ Rise and shine before the crack of dawn and enjoy a peaceful ride in a hot air balloon above the Verde Valley, great views, great company (google search)

**Red Rock Jeep Tours** google search, select your favorite

**Hiking** ~ A variety of trails ranging from very easy to kick your ass, remember to bring water - it's a desert out there. Choose difficulty, length, location

**Golf** ~ Get in a quick 18 holes on the Verde Santa Fe Golf Course, with a personal professional cart driver. Cornville. Reminder, the golf course is privately owned and walking you or your dog on the course or its path are prohibited.

**Disc Golf (Frolfing)** ~ Throw a few discs at a chain basket and get more laughs than exercise in this enjoyable sport while walking in the Verde River Riparian area, Cottonwood

**Cliff Castle Casino** ~ a touch of gambling or perhaps a game of live bowling, Middle Verde

**Fish Hatchery** ~ look at the fishes in different stages of their development, Page Springs

**Walking tour of Old Town Cottonwood**

Learn about the **Yavapai Apache Nation**

**Cottonwood Chocolate Walk**, first Saturday in December (late afternoon)

Cottonwood Christmas Parade, first Saturday in December (morning)

**Cornville Easter Egg Hunt** (children up through 7 years old), Chili Cook-Off, Merchant Showcase, and Community Pot Luck