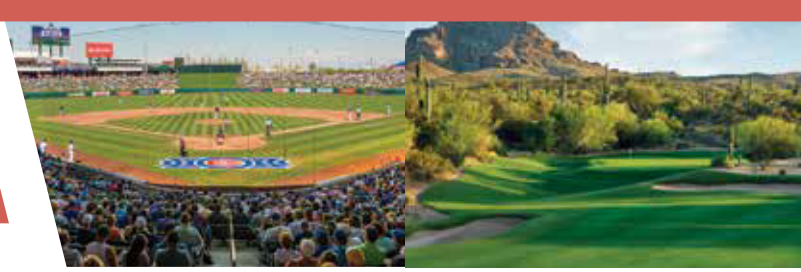


# SPORTS ENTHUSIAST



Mesa is the city of sports! Mesa is the Major League Baseball spring training home of the Chicago Cubs and Oakland A's and thousands of visitors head here every March to cheer on their favorite team. Mesa has more than 40 golf courses and hosts numerous collegiate and professional sporting events including WAC Baseball, NCAA & NJCAA National Championships, and USA Swimming international events just to name a few. There are many ways to sweat in Mesa, too! Head out on a Harley Davidson chopper or a guided off-road adventure through the Sonoran Desert. Hike and bike through the mysterious Superstition Mountains and into the foothills of the Tonto National Forest - the fifth largest forest in the United States.

## Day 1 - A City For Great Sports

### WRIGLEYVILLE WEST: TOUR CHICAGO CUBS' SLOAN PARK - 2 hours

Between the 15,000-seat ballpark and 7 practice fields, Chicago Cubs fans will be closer than ever to the Spring Training action in Mesa. Located on what was once a golf course, recycled sod and replanted trees were used throughout the 140-acre complex. Visitors can enjoy the new Mesa Riverview Park and the new Sheraton Mesa Hotel with great dining inside for all baseball fans.

### TEE OFF AT 40+ GOLF COURSES

Whether you're a pro or just learning how to perfect your swing, hit the links in Mesa for some of the best golf in the Southwest. Mesa is home to world-renowned golf featuring breathtaking views of sweeping vistas set against the natural beauty of rugged mountains and blue western skies. And, with near perfect weather it's possible to enjoy the sport year-round. More than 40 golf courses are within a half-hour drive of downtown offering a variety of options from challenging desert golf to traditional links play.

### HORSEBACK RIDING AT FORT MCDOWELL ADVENTURES - 2 hours

This guided tour horseback ride leads visitors along the Verde River, a preservation site for bald eagles, wild mustangs and other Arizona wildlife. Cattle drive adventures are also available.

### TAKE YOUR SWING AT TOPGOLF - 2 hours

In neighboring Gilbert, TopGolf is the latest experience for fans. This 65,000-square-foot facility features target-style golf on three different levels with climate-controlled hitting bays and a multi-color lighted golf range. Players will enjoy incredible food and signature cocktails paired with more than 230 high-definition flat-screen TVs, pool tables, video games and more.

### QUEEN CREEK HORSESHOE PARK & EQUESTRIAN CENTER - 2 hours

This state-of-the-art equestrian facility serves as a venue for incredible equestrian events year-round such as Western and English riding competitions, car shows, concerts and festivals. Horseback riding is available along the Sonoqui Wash trail featuring lush Sonoran Desert landscapes and scenery. Visitors love the annual Roots N' Boots rodeo and family festival every March. Professional ropers and riders show off their skills at this long-standing rodeo.

### TEAM UP AND GET LOCKED UP - 1 1/2 hours

At Escape Adventure, plan for surprises and suspense as guests get locked into a reality-based escape game. Using hidden objects, clues, codes, riddles and puzzles, the shared experience is centered on a one-of-a-kind challenge - to get out before you run out of time!

# DINING & NIGHTLIFE



### TQLA TEQUILA TASTING EXPERIENCE - 1 hour

TQLA Agave Bar Features 80 varieties of tequila with several premium tequilas on tap, "hyper-cooled" to 5 degrees Fahrenheit. Tasting includes a tequila or mescal flight many of which are featured in their handcrafted margaritas. Master Mixologists can also create specialty cocktails featuring premium infused tequilas. The food here is a fusion of Mexican and Southwestern cuisine with full-bodied flavor.

### BLUE ADOBE SANTA FE GRILL - 1 1/2 hours

The spicy flavor of red and green chilis from New Mexico combine with traditional Southwestern style cooking. Specialties include the spicy Carne Adovada, consisting of pork simmered in red chili and served in a flour tortilla.

### ORGAN STOP PIZZA - 1 1/2 hours, Kid-Friendly Dining

Featuring the world's largest Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ, one of the largest and finest theater organs in the world today. The organ has almost 6,000 pipes, numerous percussions, and countless traps that are masterfully presented by the Musical Staff who are world-class musicians. Kids will be mesmerized by the sounds of the show and they play all their favorite songs.

### CASINO FUN & ENTERTAINMENT - Evening, 2+ hours

Our tribal partners at Fort McDowell Yavapai Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community offer a great nightlife experience at their casinos. These playful environments feature live music, dining, and gambling fun. Concerts and special casino events take place throughout the year.

### MOTORCYCLES ON MAIN STREET - 2 hours

On the first Friday of every month, Downtown Mesa hosts Motorcycles on Main Street. Motorcycle fans and owners come out to enjoy live music and events from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### CRAFT BEERS & BREWERY TOURS - 2 hours

Hop aboard an Arizona Brewery Tour and get a behind-the-scenes look at the Mesa area's best craft breweries. The two-hour experience features a private custom tour with tastings, food pairings, safe and fun transportation between breweries and a knowledgeable beer guide and take-home souvenir. Visit Arizona Wilderness Brewery, rated the World's Best Beer and go behind the scenes at Mesa's own Desert Eagle Brewery on Main Street. Another standout includes the brand-new Beer Research Institute.

### DENIM & DIAMONDS: WESTERN NIGHTLIFE - 3+ hours

A great place to show off your boot scootin' skills is on the dance floor at Denim & Diamonds. This country bar and night club has free country dance lessons each week and daily drink specials and special event seating for large groups.

### A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER AT THE IMPROV - 2 hours

Laughter is the best medicine and Jester'Z Improv Comedy promises to keep you in stitches. The troupe is located at Mesa Riverview and comprised of rotating professional actors, comedians, and stand-up comics. Shows take place every Friday and Saturday, all year long, with two performances to choose from at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. All performances are family-friendly.