



VALLEY OF THE SUN

This is the Valley of the Sun: Phoenix, Glendale, Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa, and Gilbert among others. This is one of the most vibrant and growing regions in the United States. When Jack Swilling settled here in the 1860's he suggested naming the city Phoenix as they were rising from the ruins of the Hohokam people who had lived there for millennia before. It now ranks as the 6th largest city in the United States, maybe #4 by 2020. No wonder, with teams for all professional sports, a vigorous arts and entertainment community, and incredible history, it is a magnet for good living—if you don't mind occasional 110-degree days. Take an air-conditioned tour of the Valley of the Sun with Eric.

1. "Red Sparky" ASU Sun Devils Mascot
2. ASU Tower Center
3. Old Saint Mary's Church—oldest church in the valley
4. Mona Plummer Aquatic Center
5. Sun Devil Stadium
6. Floating the Salt River—AWESOME!
7. There are 9 visitors hidden in the piece. Can you find them? (see #27)
8. Orange Groves used to cover the valley.
9. Line of cars headed to the Barrett Jackson Auto Auction.
10. "A" Mountain
11. Beautiful Golf Courses are everywhere.
12. Chase Bank Stadium—Den of Diamondbacks
13. Phoenix Zoo
14. Cowboys riding in the hills.
15. The valley is home of MLB's Cactus League.
16. Indian Village Souvenir Shop
17. The L.D.S. Mesa Temple—an early Mormon colony.
18. Taliesin West—Frank Lloyd Wright's desert retreat.
19. Famous Scottsdale Stallions Statue—The Yearlings.
20. Saint Mary's Basilica—since 1914
21. Phoenix Civic Plaza
22. U.S. Airways Arena—Where the Suns set.
23. Arizona State Capitol
24. Hyatt Regency Phoenix
25. University of Phoenix Stadium—Home of the football Cardinals.
26. Chase Tower
27. Infamous "Phoenix Lights" (see #7.)
28. "120 degrees in the shade is sorta hot but you don't have to shovel it off your driveway."—Unknown
29. Winnebago from "Breaking" T.V. show.
30. Camelback Mountain
31. The Phoenix Open—one of the PGA's majors.
32. Fountainhill Park fountain—over 550' high.
33. Beautiful state flag of Arizona.