



*Fun!*  
**THINGS TO DO  
IN TUCSON**

**Eat at a local Tucson Original Restaurant (Like Ghini's ☺)**

Experience what our local produce, meats, and talented local Chefs have to offer. Local, independently operated restaurants provide the soul and distinctive flavours of food that help define a sense of place. They create unique menu items that are original to Tucson and southern Arizona.

They are your neighbors and truly a part of this wonderful community. They are quick to donate their time, facilities, food and staff to help local fundraising projects. They work to keep Tucson's local economy strong and reinvest for the future. Think Globally Eat Locally!

[www.TucsonOriginals.com](http://www.TucsonOriginals.com)

**Visit Main Gate Square**

Looking for UofA gear? There are lots of shops to fill those wishes. Along with restaurants, and walking distance to museums, sports facilities, banking, tanning beds, electric bikes, and many attractions on campus. On University Blvd. between Park and Euclid Ave.

**Experience the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum**

Wandering through the living museum, it's like taking an enchanted walk through the desert. Every newcomer should get a chance to see the desert in all of its splendor. Trained museum docents give live animal demonstrations and seasonal guided tours.

[www.DesertMuseum.org](http://www.DesertMuseum.org)

**Stroll Fourth Avenue**

Called Tucson's "most eclectic" shopping district. The avenue has numerous boutiques, galleries, restaurants, cafes, jewelry stores, furniture stores and more. The historic shopping and dining district offers free entertainment at various stops along the avenue, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Spring and Winter, don't miss the 4th Avenue Street Fair, with over 400 artisans, food and live entertainment.

[www.FourthAvenue.org](http://www.FourthAvenue.org)

**Bowling anyone?**

When the sun is ablaze, as it tends to be in the height of Summer, we look for indoor activities. Here is a sampling of Tucson's bowling alleys. Golden Pin Lanes 520-888-4272 offers Kosmic Bowling Mon-Sat. Bedroxx 520-744-ROLL has lots of arcade games & fun for the whole family. Lucky Strike Bowl 520-327-4926 offers

(Cyberbowl a disco-like atmosphere. Tucson Bowl 520-747-1363. Santa Cruz Lanes 520-622-2186. Fiesta Lanes 520-887-2695.

**Tubac & Tumacacori**

Situated 45 miles south of Tucson off I-19, Tubac was once the site of a Spanish presidio. Today it's where "Art and History Meet", offering prints, pottery, jewelry, batiks, paintings, restaurants, lodging, golf and more. Drive south to Tumacacori or hike the 4.5 mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. Tubac visitor center 520-398-0007. Tumacacori National Historical Park 520-398-2341

## World Class Spas

Some of the nations premier spa getaways are right here in the Old Pueblo. Canyon Ranch Health Resort 520-749-9000, and Miraval 520-825-4000 are multiyear winners of Conde Nast travelers "Best Spa" award. Westward look's Sonoran Spa 520-917-2467 and the spa at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort provide programs to meet individual guest's needs.

## Caves & Caverns

Cave explorers of all ages and abilities can have a field day in Arizona. Kartchner Caverns State Park 520-586-CAVE, [www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com) (reservations recommended) has been described as an underground nature preserve. An amazing living cave that also features a 58 foot tall stone column dubbed "Kubla Khan". Colossal Cave Mountain Park 520-647-7275 is a cave that has earned its name, one of the largest dry, or dormant caves in the country in the 1880's outlaws sought refuge in the secret exits. Coronado Cave 520-366-5515 near the Mexican border and part of Coronado national memorial, is a more primitive cave but worth the effort to enjoy the cool temperature and calcite formations.

## Movie Madness

At Cinema La Placita 520-326-5282 [www.cinemataplacita.com](http://www.cinemataplacita.com). Located in downtown Tucson, come view the "Classics on the big screen outdoors, and under the stars. Bring a blanket, your favorite snuggle bunny, and your favorite movie munchies. Loews Ventana Canyon offers poolside Movies on selected evenings 520-299-2020

## Casino Fun

You can bet Tucson has its fair share of casinos. Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel 520-294-7777 [www.desertdiamondcasino.com](http://www.desertdiamondcasino.com) a blackjack, slots, bingo and poker. Casino of the Sun & Casino del Sol 800-344-9435 [www.solcasinos.com](http://www.solcasinos.com). Must be 21 to enter.

## Summerhaven

Another beautiful way to beat the heat, Just below Mt. Lemmon's summit at 9157 ft. Summerhaven offers cool mountain air, a great place for a hike, a nice picnic spot, stop by the little town and grab some great pie, fudge, ride the ski lift enjoying the beautiful mountain views. <http://www.azcentral.com/travel/arizona/features/articles/0804summerhaven0804.html>

## Splish Splash

Tucson has lots of great watering holes, for you to get yourself soaked and beat the heat. Breakers Water Park 520-682-2530 [www.breakerswaterpark.com](http://www.breakerswaterpark.com). Where you can enjoy inner tube slides, they also four 400ft double loop slides and a speed slide. Splash park at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park 520-877-6211 features a large concrete pad with squirting fountains, dumping water buckets, water hoses and other water fun.

## Stargazing

Southern Arizona is an astronomer's delight and home to the most prestigious observatories in the world. Kitt Peak National Observatory 520-318-8726 [www.noao.edu](http://www.noao.edu) has the world's largest onsite collection of optical telescopes. Starizona 520-292-5010 [www.starizona.com](http://www.starizona.com) an astronomy focused store that hosts

free star parties 4 night a week. Mt Lemmon's Sky Center Sky Nights 520-626-8122 [www.skycenter.arizona.edu](http://www.skycenter.arizona.edu) provides public viewings through a high tech, 24" reflecting telescope on the summit of Mt. Lemmon.

## Desert Splendor

Sabino Canyon 520-749-2861 Narrated tours through the historically rich and beautiful desert. Trams run daily with multiple stops including one at the trailhead of a lovely 2.6-mile one-way hike to seven falls. Evening shuttles run "by reservation" just before each full moon, April to June, and September to November. One of Tucson's most visited and easily reached destinations.

## Museums

There are so many amazing museums to visit in Tucson, so many that the list is too great, however this link will take to a wonderful list to chose from or take on one by one <http://www.tucsonmuseums.org/members/> There is even one for the kids, the Tucson Children's Museum 520-792-9985 [www.tucsonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.tucsonchildrensmuseum.org)

As many "regulars" will attest to, Chef Ghini is famous for her award winning breakfasts and lunches that include such favorites as Eggs Provencale, Fresh Strawberry Crepes and Omelette du Soleil. Lunch at Ghini's is equally tempting featuring daily specials, soups & salads like; Blackened Ahi Tuna Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu sandwich, Croque Monsieur and Chicken Basil & Cream Pasta. Friday Night Dinner & Happy Hour is another spectacular menu including the Best Mussels in Town, Buttery Escargot, Blackened Ahi Sliders, Triple Cream Brie and Grapes & incredible house made Drink Specials all served in a casual atmosphere at moderate prices. Ghini's is truly a beautiful taste of Southern France in Tucson. We serve Breakfast, lunch, and Friday Dinner & Happy Hour, and offer a variety of fine French boutique wines & full bar. We're Open; Tuesday through Saturday 6:30 am-3:00pm Sunday 8:00am-2:00pm & Fabulous Friday Dinner, Drinks & Happy Hour 3:00pm-8:00pm

I was born in Marseille, France and came to the United States very young. My first love for the culinary arts occurred at the age of two, in France, where I helped my mother and grandmother in the kitchen. My career began at the age of fourteen as a pantry chef at a well known Tucson restaurant. A few years later I worked at a private dinner club in Vermont. I studied under the acclaimed Chef Piro, of Marseille, to perfect my culinary skills. Now I share all of my love and appreciation for the art of French cuisine with you at Ghini's French Caffe. "My philosophy of Ghini's is to emphasize freshness & simplicity. We only use whole & locally grown foods, creating dishes that taste amazing and are good for you...Mind, Body & Soul"

I look forward to your company,  
- Chef Ghini

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