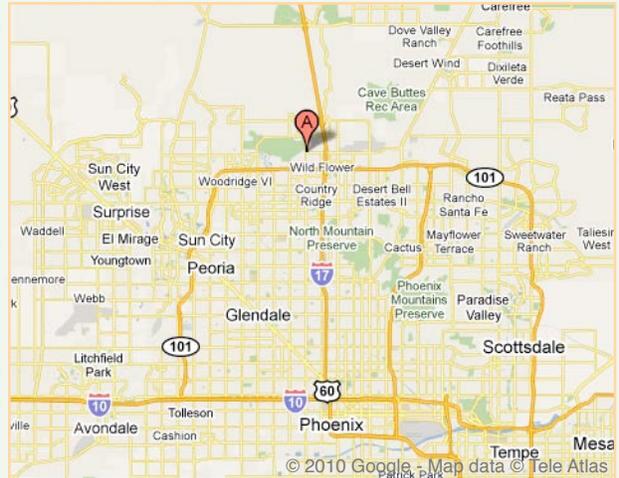


# Welcome to Play Ball Country.



This trip takes visitors to an area rich in both American tradition, as well as America's Favorite Pastime - baseball. Located just 20 miles north of downtown Phoenix, Deer Valley boasts year round sun, fun and spectacular views. This desert retreat presents a plethora of activities to connect with nature, or simply savor several quaint Southwest attractions.



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Welcome to Play Ball Country, home to 13 major league baseball spring training facilities. Whether you savor the smell of hot dogs wafting through the stands of area ballparks, or simply enjoy the scents of freshly baked chocolate cookies as you walk through the lobby of your hotel, there are aromas aplenty throughout suburban Phoenix. Get outside and climb a mountain at Estrella Mountain Regional Park, stroll the bountiful beauty of desert gardens at Tovrea Castle, or stay inside and develop an appreciation for Native American art at the Deer Valley Rock Art Center. At the end of your day, return to Country Inns & Suites By Carlson and snuggle up by the fireplace to keep warm on a cool Arizona night.

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Spring Training Baseball	Family Choice** Take yourself out to a ballgame. With nearly 13 major league baseball franchises hosting spring training within a 90-minute drive of Deer Valley, there's a good chance you can get your kids close to the action at a fraction of the cost of a regular season ticket.	<a href="http://mlb.com/cactusleague">mlb.com/cactusleague</a>
Deer Valley Rock Art Center	Mom's Choice** Embracing the beauty and splendor of Native American art and tradition, the Deer Valley Rock Art Center showcases timeless works of art. Additionally, walk away the day while exploring Petroglyph Trail - with ancient carvings and symbols that were created thousands of years ago.	<a href="http://dvrac.asu.edu">dvrac.asu.edu</a>
Rawhide Wild West Town	The West may not have been won in one day, but you'll see what life was like in less time than that. Catch the bad guy as wily bandits engage in simulated gun fights, or keep your boots clean by hopping aboard a stagecoach. Admission is free, but unlimited usage passes are available for \$15.	<a href="http://rawhide.com">rawhide.com</a>
Phoenix Art Museum	Featuring an eclectic collection representative of the diverse cultures found throughout Arizona, the Phoenix Art Museum offers more than 18,000 works of art from nearly every genre. General admission is \$4 for kids under 17, \$10 for adults.	<a href="http://phxart.org">phxart.org</a>

Estrella Mountain Regional Park	A rare combination of wetlands and desert make this regional park a gem tucked just outside city limits. With more than 19,000 acres to explore, Estrella Mountain Regional Park was the first of its kind in Maricopa County. Enjoy hiking, biking, horseback riding by day, or stunning star gazing at night. Springtime will be full of color, as the desert blooms come to life. Admission is \$6 per vehicle.	<a href="http://maricopa.gov/parks/estrella">maricopa.gov/parks/estrella</a>
Hot Air Expeditions	If fresh air is what you crave, it doesn't get much purer than 400 feet above the desert. Deer Valley's Hot Air Expeditions offers families an amazing 360-degree panorama of Monument Valley. Reservations can be handled online; dinner or champagne flights are available.	<a href="http://hotairexpeditions.com">hotairexpeditions.com</a>
La Parilla Suiza	This local cantina has some of the best southwest-style cooking in all of Phoenix. Try the #1 Especial (tortilla soup with avocado and sour cream) or #32 Pechuga Suiza (chicken breast and cheese between two flour tortillas). Choose from three locations around the Phoenix metro area. Prices range from \$8-\$20/plate.	<a href="http://laparrillasuiza.com">laparrillasuiza.com</a>
Hall of Flame Fire Museum	If you really want to turn up the temps on your visit to the Phoenix area, the Hall of Flame Fire Museum is just the place for your family. With restored fire equipment from as early as 1725, this interactive museum features gear from all over the world. Be sure to tour the "safety house" and help your kids learn about fire hazards, and even slide down a fire pole. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$1.50-\$4 for children and \$5 for seniors	<a href="http://hallofflame.org">hallofflame.org</a>
Downtown Scottsdale	With more than a trunkful worth of shops, galleries and businesses to visit, Downtown Scottsdale offers window shopping galore! The kids will love roaming the aisles of Cactus Carlos' General Store.	<a href="http://scottsdaleowntown.com">scottsdaleowntown.com</a>
Desert Botanical Garden	Actually allow yourself to stop and smell the roses - the Desert Botanical Gardens features more than 130 threatened and endangered plant species. Visit the website to find exhibit updates. Adults pay \$15, students \$7.50 and kids 3-12, \$5.	<a href="http://dbg.org">dbg.org</a>

<p>Cerreta Candy Company</p>	<p>Living the sweet life has never tasted better than a stop at Cerreta Candy Company in Glendale. For more than four decades, this family-run chocolatier has been creating delicious delicacies by hand and offers 30-minute tours of their factory. Enjoy a slice of chocolate pizza, or sample a mint chocolate truffle.</p>	<p><a href="http://cerreta.com">cerreta.com</a></p>
<p>Camelback Mountain Urban Hiking</p>	<p>See central Arizona from a new perspective - atop a mountain! Climb 2,700 feet up to find breathtaking views of Phoenix, Scottsdale and Paradise Valley. Four different trails offer climbers the ability to scale the summit, regardless of ability level. Admission is free and the views are priceless!</p>	<p><a href="http://phoenixsap.com/camelback-mountain.html">phoenixsap.com/camelback-mountain.html</a></p>

\*\* Family Choice and Mom's Choice designation based on fun for all ages, cost and Mom's approval.