

# 48 Hours IN PHOENIX

## FOR THE CULTURAL ESCAPE

### **Museum of the West** | 3.1 miles, 7 minute drive

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West is a premier cultural institution situated in Old Town Scottsdale, Arizona. With a sprawling two-story layout encompassing 43,000 square feet, the museum showcases the art, culture, and rich history spanning 19 states in the American West, Western Canada, and Mexico. Former Scottsdale mayor Herb Drinkwater (1936-97), who served from 1980-1996, envisioned the museum, which became a reality through the City of Scottsdale's ownership and the dedicated operation by The Scottsdale Museum of the West, a non-profit organization established in 2007.

### **Scottsdale Art Walk** | 3 miles, 8 minute drive

The SGA's Gold Palette ArtWalks are offered throughout the year in addition to the SGA's weekly Thursday evening ArtWalks and feature extended gallery hours, special activities and experiences for attendees such as complimentary wine tasting and/or small bites, and live music and entertainment that align with each event's theme.

### **Cosanti** | 7.1 miles, 15 minute drive

The otherworldly structures and dwellings that comprise Cosanti are recognizable to the many thousands of people who have visited this cultural treasure in Paradise Valley. Arrestingly imaginative, these original structures date back to the late 1950s and early 1960s and have earned Cosanti a place on the Arizona Registry of Historic Places. Cosanti was built by Paolo Soleri (1919-2013), an Italian-born architect, urban designer, and philosopher. Including Cosanti, less than ten of his projects have survived.

### **Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art** | 3.7 miles, 10 minute drive

Opened in 1999, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) has established itself as a leader in the arts, presenting innovative exhibitions and educational programs. Designed by award-winning architect Will Bruder, SMoCA's minimalist building (an ingenious transformation of a former movie theater) has five galleries for rotating exhibitions and works from the Museum's growing permanent collection, along with a sixth multiuse area called \_\_\_\_\_ space (blank space).

### **Scottsdale Rodeo Museum** | 3.4 miles, 9 minute drive

See a collection of priceless artifacts from Arizona's rodeo history at the Old Town Scottsdale Parada del Sol Rodeo Museum! The museum boasts rodeo artifacts going back to the 1950s, including saddles ridden by famous rodeo champions like Jake Barnes. Inside you will also see bull ropes, saddles, photographs, and original Parada Del Sol posters of artwork by Kenneth M. Freeman. (*Open October - May*)

### **Museum of Illusions** | 8.9 miles, 19 minute drive

Enter the wonderful world of illusions where you can truly experience the impossible! Illusions challenge us to see things differently and how the brain interprets reality. We invite you to visit us, where nothing is quite as it seems!

### **Wonderspaces** | 2.3 miles, 5 minute drive

Immersive & Interactive Art – Visit now to see over a dozen immersive, interactive, and conversation-provoking artworks. Experience 13 artworks. Extensive health and cleanliness protocols for visitors and team.

### **Desert Botanical Garden** | 4.8 miles, 10 minute drive

The Garden's commitment to the community is to advance excellence in education, research, exhibition and conservation of desert plants of the world with emphasis on the Sonoran Desert. We will ensure that the Garden is always a compelling attraction that brings to life the many wonders of the desert.