



# Arizona NEWS

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## ARIZONA CULTURAL TOURS

### Art Culture

Meet some of the Southwest's nationally known and emerging local and regional artists on a personal tour of their studios. Become acquainted with the artists as you talk with them in their homes and studios about their art styles and lifestyles. Learn how they are influenced by the desert and Southwestern culture whether it is glass making, pottery, mosaics, oil, water colors or printmaking, to name a few. This is an excellent chance to collect their work. This small group tour is conducive to individual, personal interaction with each artist.



### Native American Culture

Get a first-hand glimpse into the lives of the Yavapai people at Fort McDowell Reservation. This cultural tour starts with stories from tribal members about the history and heritage of the community. Continuing the exploration is a nature walk depicting how the Yavapai members' lives are connected with the Sonoran Desert, and authentic food tastings with dishes including cabbage stew and fry bread also a part of the experience.



### Culinary Culture



Scottsdale is a foodie's dream destination. With hundreds of restaurants in a small radius the possibilities are endless. Let us show you some of the hidden gems that Scottsdale has to offer. You will enjoy demonstrations, first hand tales and of course great food samples from some of the specialty shops that make Old Town Scottsdale so delectably unique.

Explore winding side streets, old saloons, high end shopping districts and great restaurants all set within a beautiful Arizona desert backdrop. This three-hour tour will let you see "the west's most western town" in a whole new light. Get an insiders look at the can't-miss eateries and restaurants that only the locals are lucky enough to know about-until now.

## SHOPPING, DINING AND MORE...

Scottsdale Fashion Square, located in downtown Scottsdale, recently completed its \$130 million dollar expansion project. The renovation includes 25 new shops including Ilori, Armani Exchange, Bottega, Veneta and Bulgari, Jimmy Choo, Marciano and Puma. The new shopping hub also welcomes the state's first Microsoft store, Oakley and Buckle - not to mention Barney's New York, the grandest of all department stores. The expansion includes the opening of Modern Steak which features a menu with a range of price points and smaller portions as well as a trendy, modern design. Diners also will enjoy an onsite concierge to assist with all Scottsdale travel needs, a public art piece designed by a local artist that emulates a tree-like canopy with fire elements, and Modern Burger, a "walk-up" menu and window for on-the-go shoppers who want a taste of the restaurant without the sit-down experience.

