

# ARIZONA

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## A Brief Update of News Around Arizona

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The **Arizona Office of Tourism** is pleased to provide this monthly update of new and noteworthy items regarding Arizona's tourism industry. For more information, contact Becky Blaine at [bblaine@tourism.az.gov](mailto:bblaine@tourism.az.gov), Kim Todd at [ktodd@tourism.az.gov](mailto:ktodd@tourism.az.gov) or Marjorie Magnusson at [mmagnusson@tourism.az.gov](mailto:mmagnusson@tourism.az.gov).

### Culinary

#### **Across The Pond Craft Cocktail Bar in Central Phoenix Now Open**

[Across The Pond](#), a craft cocktail bar from Born & Raised Hospitality is now open in Central Phoenix. The new bar is located inside the old Central Wine space just across the walkway from the Clever Koi's Phoenix location. Across The Pond offers a compact, ever-changing menu of eight different cocktails, plus an extensive selection of Japanese whisky served in the traditional Japanese style, craft beer and wine, all paired with a menu of fresh hand-rolled sushi. Specializing in traditional Japanese sushi, Across The Pond will serve up an omakase (or chef's choice) menu of nigiri and sashimi dishes. The bar is open Wednesday through Saturday from 4:00 pm to midnight.



Across The Pond

## Nobu Restaurant Coming to Scottsdale Fashion Square

[Scottsdale Fashion Square](#), part of the Macerich portfolio, announced that [Nobu](#) will open its first-ever Arizona restaurant at the retail destination. The new Nobu Scottsdale will be located just outside Scottsdale Fashion Square's set-apart luxury wing anchored by Neiman Marcus. Nobu will feature signatures such as black cod with miso, yellowtail sashimi with jalapeño and inventive new dishes created especially for the Scottsdale location. The opening date and design details will be announce soon.



Nobu

## Wilhelm Family Vineyards New Tasting Room in Tucson Now Open

The new [Wilhelm Family Vineyards](#) tasting room – [Tasting & Tapas at Ventana](#) is now open. The new tasting room is located at 5425 North Kolb Road at the intersection of North Kolb and Sunrise in North Tucson – Ventana Plaza. Hours of operation are Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and Thursday – Saturday 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. The Wilhelm Family estate vineyard located in the Sonoita/Elgin area in Southern Arizona, is home to many Spanish and French varietals. It's high density planting of near 1200 vines per acre is home to Tempranillo, Garnacha, Verdejo, Graciano, Tannat, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon. Tours and tastings at the Sonoita Tasting Room are available by reservation for \$45 per person.



Wilhelm Family Vineyards

## **Hotel News**

### **New Cambria Hotel Opening in Downtown Phoenix in 2019**

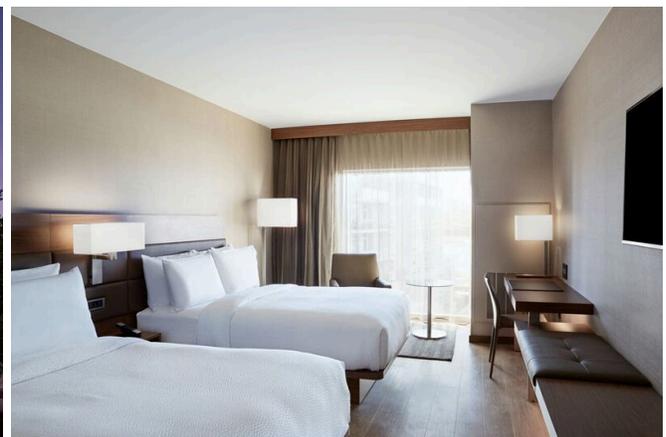
A brand-new [Cambria hotel](#) will open in downtown Phoenix’s Roosevelt Row Arts District. The seven-story building will include 127 rooms, a rooftop pool and bar, along with a restaurant and meeting space. The hotel, part of the Choice Hotel chain, is scheduled to open in 2019 near Margaret T. Hance Park at the corner of Portland and Third Street. In addition to the ground floor café and restaurant, the property will also incorporate art to reflect the surrounding arts district, including outdoor murals and sculptures.



Cambria Hotel – Downtown Phoenix

### **AC Hotel Phoenix Biltmore Now Open**

Located in the upscale Biltmore area, the 160-room [AC Hotel Phoenix Biltmore](#) is now open. The new hotel, part of AC Hotels by Marriott®, a design-led European lifestyle hotel brand from Marriott International, is situated in the heart of the Camelback Corridor, the premier office, retail and entertainment destination in Metropolitan Phoenix. AC Hotel Phoenix Biltmore is within walking distance to Biltmore Fashion Park Shopping Center, the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Golf Course and Camelback Mountain. The Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is within a 15-minute drive. Complimentary perks for guests include overnight parking, Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and in-room smart TVs with Chromecast® streaming, access to Netflix®, YouTube®, Pandora®, and other top programming. Guests will also enjoy mobile check-in/check-out and key entry via their personal device. The pet-friendly hotel also features an expansive fitness center featuring views of the hotel’s outdoor swimming pool and lounge area.



AC Hotel Phoenix Biltmore

## General

### **Multi-brand Luxury Off-price Boutique Opens in Outlets at Anthem**

MadaLuxe Group announced the opening of its third [MadaLuxe Vault](#) multi-brand luxury off-price boutique in [Outlets at Anthem](#) in Phoenix, Arizona. The newest MadaLuxe Vault is approximately 3,500 square feet and is located at 4250 W Anthem Way, Suite 120. The boutique features a broad assortment of categories including



MadaLuxe Vault

handbags, footwear, accessories and timepieces from designers and top European luxury brands. It also includes a 700 square foot in-store MadaLuxe Vault Eyewear shop-in-shop experience, where customers can browse and try on a wide selection of luxury optical frames and sunglasses.

Located in Phoenix off the I-17, just 15 minutes north of the Loop 101, at Anthem Way, exit 229, Outlets at Anthem offers pedestrian and pet-friendly open-air shopping with top designer brands for men, women and children.

## Accolades

### **Sedona and Hermosa Inn Recognized with Condé Nast Traveler’s 2018 Readers’ Choice Awards**

Almost 50,000 travelers chose their favorite destinations, and only one Arizona community made the list:

[Sedona](#). Travelers ranked Sedona sixth among all U.S. small cities with less than 1 million residents for the [2018 Readers’ Choice Awards](#). According to Condé Nast Traveler, travelers are seeking a 'less is more' experience desiring first-class comfort in intimate locales that feature smaller resort properties and more 'self-care' opportunities. The AAA Four Diamond [Hermosa Inn](#), located in Paradise Valley, retained its top 10 ranking and moved up one slot to #8 of the 10 Best Hotels in the U.S., it also held its top spot for the second year in a row as #1 in the Top Hotels in the Southwest category. The Hermosa Inn resonates with guests due to its blend of rustic elegance and authentic southwestern charm. The Condé Nast Traveler’s Readers’ Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry and are commonly known as “the best of the best of travel.”



City of Sedona / The Hermosa Inn

## **Centennial Celebrations in 2019**

### **Grand Canyon Centennial, Grand Canyon National Park**

The [Grand Canyon](#) celebrates 100 years of its designation as a national park. The Centennial year will feature virtual and in-park events throughout 2019 at the South Rim, North Rim, Desert View, Inner Canyon, and surrounding gateway communities. The Grand Canyon's Founders Day celebration on February 26, 2019 will kick off with a concert by the Flagstaff and Grand Canyon school choirs, cultural demonstrators, and cake at the Historic Village, Visitor Center and Desert View. The visitor center will have a birthday card to sign and share favorite Grand Canyon memories. Following the park's birthday, special evening program speakers will talk about the important relationship between Grand Canyon and the park's 11 traditionally associated tribes.

The centennial summerfest and star party will take place on June 22-29, 2019. During the day, the centennial summerfest will bring together park partners to highlight Arizona. The star party, at night, will celebrate the Grand Canyon National Park designation as an International Dark Sky park. Visitors on the South Rim will learn about dark skies with the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association and on the North Rim with the Saguardo Astronomy Club of Phoenix.

### **Hotel Congress, Tucson**

The hotel was established in 1919, but while digging up historical facts about [Hotel Congress](#), the building was constructed in 1918 with a soft opening in November of that year. The celebrations will continue through 2019 with events toasting the hotel's dedication to serving the Tucson community.

## **Semicentennial Celebrations in 2019**

### **Lunar Legacy, Flagstaff**

On July 20th, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the moon. All astronauts who walked on the Moon—including Neil Armstrong, Alan Shepard, and Buzz Aldrin—completed their training in [Flagstaff](#), as well as at several other locations in northern Arizona. After 50 years, it's time to celebrate Flagstaff's scientific role in the Apollo Moon Missions of 1969.

### **Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Wickenburg**

In 2019, [The Desert Caballeros Western Museum \(DCWM\)](#) will celebrate 50 years since opening its doors to the public on May 9, 1969. Originally founded by members of the Wickenburg community to preserve the history of the town, five decades of continued support from locals and visitors alike has transformed the Museum into a nationally celebrated center for Western art and history.

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