

Cottonwood / Sedona Info Package

May 29 – June 1, 2009

Zip	City	State	Area Code	County	Latitude	Longitude
86326	Cottonwood	AZ	928	Yavapai	34.7N	112.0W

*** Best Western Cottonwood Inn ***

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Welcome to Best Western Cottonwood Inn!

A short distance to the Red Rocks of Sedona, Best Western Cottonwood Inn is in the heart of the Verde Valley and conveniently located near many attractions!

The Best Western Cottonwood Inn offers VIP treatment at economical prices. Our friendly staff is here to make your stay a memorable one. Hotel amenities include a deluxe breakfast featuring homemade Belgium waffles, fruits, boiled eggs, and cereals; use of the outdoor pool and whirl pool; in-room coffee makers, hairdryers, full-sized iron and ironing boards.

While staying with us, visit the famous Red Rocks of Sedona, just minutes away or the historic Jerome known for its ghost town atmosphere. Popular tourist destinations include the local

Verde Canyon Railroad train excursion, Blazin' M Ranch dinner/show, and Out of Africa Wildlife Preserve. Cottonwood also offers nearby hiking, fishing and camping.

Travelers come to the Sedona region for Jazz on the Rocks, bicycle tours, road tours, motorcycle rallies and the Festival of Lights often choose the Best Western Cottonwood Inn for its location and great lodging value.

With upscale furniture and spacious sunny rooms, Best Western Cottonwood Inn is the only hotel in Cottonwood with a **3-Diamond AAA rating**.

Hotel Amenities:

- Complimentary continental breakfast features Homemade Belgium Waffles, fruits, boiled eggs, cereals
- Outdoor pool Heated March 1st through October 31st
- 24-hour front desk friendly, professional service
- Meeting facilities small groups up to 25 people.
- Banquet facilities small groups up to 25 people.
- Free parking
- Exterior corridor
- Hot tub next to pool.
- Concierge knowledgeable dual-hat staff
- Multilingual staff available by scheduled workday.
- Express check in possible--based on daily circumstances.
- Express check out notify front desk staff
- Late check out possible--based on daily analysis/circumstances.
- Safe deposit box at front desk. No charge.
- Business center Computer for I-Net Accessibility Only
- Fax services In- and out-going fees apply
- Computer available
- Photocopy, nominal fee
- Mail services to front desk before 11 am same day mailing.
- Conference facilities small groups up to 25 people.
- 24-hour Assistant Available
- Air-conditioning
- Physically challenged facilities property ramps, grab bars & roll-in showers
- Parking for the physically challenged Next to room entrance
- Ice/vending machines 24-hour availability
- Outdoor parking
- Truck/RV parking guests only
- Higher rates may apply for holidays/special events
- Upscale furniture.
- Honored with the Director's Award for cleanliness.
- High-speed Internet access, hard wired
- Number of rooms: 77
- Number of floors: 2
- Laundry service
- Bar/lounge
- Room service
- Coffee in lobby
- Restaurant(s) in hotel

Guest Room Amenities:

- Cable satellite television with ESPN and CNN
- AM/FM alarm clock
- Coffee/tea maker Coffee (regular & decaf) & tea.
- Hairdryer
- Iron, ironing board Full-sized
- Additional in-room toiletries available
- Free local calls up to 30 minutes
- Long distance access
- Air-conditioning Guest Controlled
- Voice mail
- King- or Queen-size beds available
- Rollaway beds, fee applies
- Cribs, fee applies
- Private Patios available
- Refrigerator available
- Desk/work area
- High-speed Internet access
- Wake-up calls Upon Request
- Easy chair available Casita Deluxe King Rooms
- Adjoining rooms available
- Mountain view Mingus Mountain
- Red Rock Views
- Coffee Bar available
- Family Room Available (2 rooms w/3 queen beds)

Area Information:

Local Attractions:	Nearby Cities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 mile(s) from Tuzigoot National Monument, Remains of dwellings of the 12th century Sinagua Indians are preserved.• 6 mile(s) from Blazin' M Ranch, Western Chuckwagon Dinner & Cowboy Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 miles to Sedona• 44 miles to Prescott• 67 miles to Flagstaff• 102 miles to Phoenix• 151 miles to Grand Canyon

We are currently holding **35** Rooms for booking.

These rooms will go fast so don't delay booking.

PLEASE PHONE THE HOTEL FOR RESEVATIONS
877-377-6413

Tell them you are with Biggs HOG Chapter

PLEASE READ THE FINE PRINT:

In order to receive discount, Credit card guarantee needed at the time of booking. Each individual may cancel by 3-day prior to arrival without charges. Rate is based on per night for accommodations in traditional room w/coffee & deluxe continual breakfast. Each room per night is \$89.95 + tax \$11.9 = \$101.08 x 3 nights = \$ 303.24. 1-2 people only. Room block will be held for individual booking until 4/29/09. If not reserved by this date, room block will be released & reservation requests thereafter will be processed on case-by-case basis & based on time of booking discount, if any.

Room Rates have already been established and are as follows;

\$ 89.99 plus tax of \$11.09 = \$ 101.08 per night; x3 nights = \$ 303.24

IMPORTANT: Upon Booking, please email me the following information:

Name/s	Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email

We need to keep track of whose going so that we can get information out. Information will be forward to you about the ride and things to do.

Any questions, concerns or if you have any trouble booking; Please email or call me at one of the contacts below.

Contact: **Bill Eldridge**
Cell: 760-535-4316 **Home:** **Email:** billeldridge@cox.net

Room Share Coordinator: If you would like to go on this trip but are going solo and would possibly like to share a room / cost with other person in the club, just make that know to me and I will tell you of others wishing to share a room. You then make plans between you two.

** This Ride ends officially upon arrival at the **Best Western Cottonwood Inn.**
May 29, 2009*

Overview of Trip:

Friday, May 29, 2009

- The ride to Cottonwood. This will be about 410 miles.

Saturday, May 30, 2009

- Group ride to some destination
- Saturday evening group dinner.

Sunday, May 31, 2009

- Free Day, You choose your riding partners and your destination.
- 3 destinations of high interest will be provided as a guide.

Monday, June 1, 2009

- The Ride Home
- Breaking into smaller groups, departing at different times based on peoples needs.

Come out and spend a weekend with us, you'll never make better friends.

Long Distance Trips for 2009

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1: Santa Maria, CA | Mar. 27, 28, 29 & 30 |
| 2: Cottonwood / Sedona AZ | May. 29, 30, 31 & Jun. 1 |
| 3: Jamestown, CA | Jul. 24, 25, 26, 27 |
| 4: Carson City, NV | Sep. 18, 19, 20 & 21 |
| 5: Laughlin, NV, 2 nd . Annual | Nov. 7, 8, 9, & 10 |



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Places of Interest

Clarkdale

Just two miles north of the Town of Cottonwood, Clarkdale was named after William Clark who created a mining empire in the early 1900s and claimed the town as his home. The tree lined streets and brick homes give visitors a sense of the past.

Cottonwood, Sedona and the Verde Valley Area

A prospering and rapidly growing area of Arizona, the Verde Valley is located ninety minutes north of Phoenix and two hours south of the Grand Canyon. It includes Cottonwood, Sedona, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, and Jerome.

This high desert region boasts 1200 square miles of majestic scenery encompassing virtually every type of terrain and an almost unlimited selection of activities and attractions.

The Verde Canyon Railroad

Located in Clarkdale. The Verde Canyon Railroad is a renovated New York Metro Line train. It carries passengers on a 40-mile round trip through cottonwood forests and around the base of a desert mesa. The area's sheltered ecosystem is home to bald eagles, great blue herons, deer and javelina. 928-638-0010 or 800-293-RAIL.

Coach class features comfortable climate-controlled Pullman cars, with high-backed, cushioned seats that can be flipped for face to face travel. Each coach car holds approximately 75 people, and features a snack bar where refreshments may be purchased.

Product Name	Description	Class	Start Time	End Time	Price Each
1pm Coach	Adult	Coach	01:00 PM	05:00 PM	\$54.95

Blazin' M Ranch – Chuckwagon Supper & Live Western Stage Show

<http://www.blazinm.com/index.shtml>

Complement your day's activities with a delicious, all-you-can-eat chuckwagon supper on the banks of the Verde River. After supper, sit back and let the Blazin' M Cowboys entertain you with their "rip-roaring" family-oriented Western stage show. Come early so you can visit their Old West town that includes unique gift shops and Western activities. Don't forget the Wild West Wooden Gallery.

Travelers are invited to tantalize their taste buds, tickle their funny bones and satisfy the need for a knee-slapping, wholesome, good time at the nearby Blazin' M Ranch for their Chuckwagon-style **Dinner and Show**.

Before dining, guests are encouraged to meander through an Old West courtyard laden with events that also entertained early settlers. Visitors may indulge themselves in a lively game of horseshoes, try their skill in the shooting gallery, learn to rope with a mechanical horse and steer, converse with living history characters, or grin at family or friends from behind the bars of the local jailhouse.

A clatter of footsteps can be heard on the wooden boardwalk that connects the five Western shops that line the courtyard. Suited in a fancy saloon ensemble, deadeye gunslinger garb or lacey Victorian regalia, one may immortalize his or her frontier experience at the Olde Time photo studio. The only one-of-its-kind-in-the-world "Wood 'N' West" Museum is a must during the Blazin' M Ranch visit. The miniature, movable Old West scenes, created by a master woodcarver, are sure to add another smile.

When the dinner bell rings, guests need to be prepared to feast in rustic splendor using tin plates and cups; just as real cowboys did over a century ago while moving cattle across the great American prairies. After an all-you-can-eat supper (beware of flying biscuits), dinner guests sit back, relax and enjoy the harmony of the Blazin' M Cowboys. These fellas continue to entertain audiences with their authentic cowboy music, tall-tales, tomfoolery and other side-splitting surprises!

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Blazin M Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner Show	Adult	Barn	05:00 PM	08:30 PM	\$34.95

Our Dinner Menu

ALL YOU CAN EAT - Sliced Beef or Chicken Breast (simmered in BBQ sauce)

- Foil-Wrapped Russet Potato
- Cowboy Beans
- Homemade Biscuits with Butter and Honey
- Chunky Applesauce
- Spice Cake w/ whipped topping
- Lemonade, Iced Tea or Coffee
- Coffee
- Vegetarian Meal available upon [reservation request](#).

[Out of Africa Park](#)

Out of Africa Park is the newest and most unique attraction in Northern Arizona. At Out of Africa Park, you will see and interact with animals from around the world that live in natural,

spacious habitats and share a unique and special relationship with their caregivers. The park is a fun, interactive, and educational experience for visitors of all ages.

Arizona Outdoor Adventures (ATV Tours)

Drive an ATV on a guided 40 mile off-road adventure through the West Sedona Valley between Sedona and Cottonwood. Bring your camera - you'll be awestruck by the 800 foot high view from atop Skeleton Bone Mountain. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

The Adventure Company (Jeep Tours)

The Adventure Company offers fantastic guided Jeep tours, as well as, Sedona's only Tag Along Jeep Tours, where you get to drive! The best prices on Sedona's famous Broken Arrow Jeep tour. See the Red Rock country in first class Jeeps and with Sedona's most experienced guides.

Historic Old Town - Cottonwood

A quaint old town is in downtown Cottonwood, Historic Old Town allows visitors to experience the atmosphere of an old western downtown street, including high sidewalks and false-fronted buildings. Contact the Old Town Association for more information. 928-634-9468

Jerome <http://www.azjerome.com/>

Located near Clarkdale, on the slopes of the Cleopatra Hill, the town of Jerome once boasted a roaring mining camp. The discovery of copper, silver and gold lured fortune seekers, exploding the population to nearly 15,000. Following the pattern of many western mining towns, Jerome became a virtual ghost town almost overnight. Today visitors can explore winding cobblestone streets and stairways, visit gift shops, eateries and an art and wine museum. Call the Jerome Chamber of Commerce for more information at 928-634-2900.

Jerome State Historic Park

Located in Jerome, the Mansion displays the complete mining history of Jerome and the Verde Valley.

Sedona

Sedona, 14 miles from Cottonwood, is situated in a unique geological area that has mesmerized tourists for decades. Indeed, this picturesque city is surrounded by beloved red-rock monoliths named Coffeepot, Cathedral and Bell even Snoopy because their massive shapes resemble these distinctive objects. Also, the site of this memorable city marks the mouth of unbelievably beautiful Oak Creek Canyon, a breathtaking chasm that even today, is wildly wonderful.

Tlaquepaque

A Sedona landmark since the 1970's, Tlaquepaque treats visitors and local residents alike to a very exceptional collection of Sedona galleries, shops and fine restaurants.

Tuzigoot National Monument

Located 20 miles east of Cottonwood. Hilltop Pueblos occupied by prehistoric Indians are safeguarded within this National Monument. The 100-room pueblo housed 250 people between the 12th and 15th centuries. 928-634-5564

[Camp Verde/Fort Verde State Historic Park](#)

East of Cottonwood, Camp Verde was established in 1865 to protect the settlers from Apache raids. Fort Verde State Park features numerous military artifacts, Indian relics and articles used by the early settlers. Includes Live Reinactments. For more information about the State Park, call 928-567-3275.

[Montezuma Castle](#) and [Montezuma Well National Monuments](#)

Just north of Camp Verde and 15 miles southeast of Cottonwood. Known as some of the best preserved cliff dwellings in the United States. Montezuma Castle is a five-story cliff dwelling built high into the face of a rock cliff and overlooks Beaver Creek. It was inhabited by the Sinagua Indians in 1250 A.D. The Sinagua mysteriously disappeared sometime during the 15th century. The monument's museum displays artifacts and exhibits describing the area's original inhabitants. Just northeast of the ruins is Montezuma Well National Monument. The natural limestone sink well is a cup-shaped depression 1750 feet in diameter and fed by natural springs. For more information about Montezuma Castle, call 928-567-3322.

[Dead Horse Ranch State Park](#)

Located just north of Clarkdale. The park has a stocked pond and is the perfect place for a day of fishing with the kids. Great for picnics, Birding, and on of Arizona's largest Kiparian areas. 928-634-5283.

[Page Springs Fish Hatchery](#) / **[Oak Creek Canyon](#) / **[Slide Rock State Park](#)****

Located to the northeast of Cottonwood on Oak Creek, Page Springs is one of Arizona's fish cultural stations. Further north, past Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon is "red rock country" and home to Slide Rock State Park (7 miles north of Sedona) which boasts a natural rock waterslide. For park information, call 928-282-3034.

Camp Verde, Arizona

"Gateway to the Verde Valley"

Camp Verde, located in the geographical center of Arizona, is an interesting and economical stop when planning your next trip or considering relocation. Camp Verde, the oldest settlement in the Verde Valley, settled in February 1865 and is the home of a historic military post, Fort Verde State Park. August 1865, Fort Verde was built as protection for the settlers against Indian raids.

Still a rural farming and western ranching community, you will find our town friendly and relaxed.

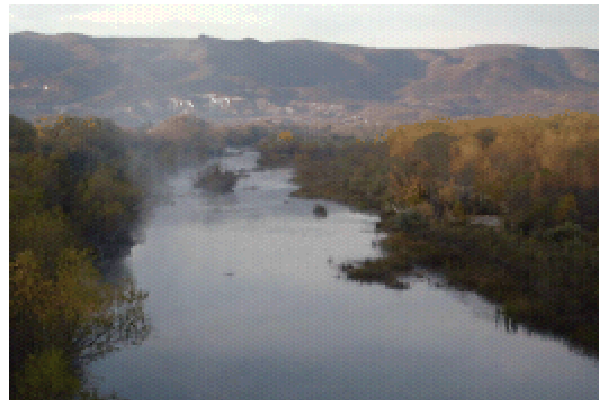


Our weather is beautifully unique, being at 3147 feet elevation and surrounded by mountains. The mountains shelter us and the summer rains make our valley green and lush. In fact, verde is the Spanish name for green. While you are here, you can enjoy our many outdoor activities, such as horseback riding, van tours, fishing, canoeing, hiking and camping. A complete calendar of events is available upon request.

Camp Verde has a wide variety of clubs, civic organizations, churches, and a very active senior center. Within our town limits are three Indian Reservations and an Indian owned Casino and Visitor Center. We have lodging accommodations including motels, RV parks and genuine pitch-a-tent camping. A wide variety of restaurants serve up choices including country cooking, Mexican and Chinese food, and traditional western fare.

Incorporated in 1986, Camp Verde covers approximately 46 square miles and is the southernmost town in the Verde Valley. Other towns and settlements in the Valley include Clarkdale, Cornville, Cottonwood, Jerome, Lake Montezuma, McGuireville, Page Springs and Rimrock. Located just north of Verde Valley is Oak Creek Canyon, home of Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek.

Camp Verde is located in the Verde Valley in northern Arizona only about 100 miles north of Phoenix, Arizona. It is about 40 miles from Flagstaff, 26 miles from [Jerome](#), 50 miles from [Prescott](#), 20 miles from [Cottonwood](#), 20 miles from [Sedona](#) and about 24 miles from [Clarkdale](#). You can even make a day trip to the [Grand Canyon](#) from here.



Cottonwood, Arizona

"The Old Town City"

"In 1874 soldiers from Camp Verde were stationed at an adobe house, but at that time there was no name for the present Cottonwood (where the house existed). As settlers moved in and the community developed, it took its name from a circle of sixteen large cottonwoods growing about one-quarter of a miles away from the Verde River. The place was unhealthful. Malaria and dysentery were severe problems as mosquitos rose in thick clouds from stagnant pools left by receding floods. Such quinine as was available sold at \$4.00 an ounce and could be bought only when it was in surplus at Camp Verde. Nevertheless, by 1879, several families had settled there, including the Nichols, Van Deerens, Hawkins, and Strahans. It is a curious fact that each family had nine children. The adobe building formerly used by soldiers became a school house. Today Cottonwood is a thriving community. P.O. est March 6, 1879, William H. Michael pm".

Cottonwood was founded in 1879. Charles D. Willard settled in the area, bringing with him a mechanic by the name of Neff. As other settlers came in, the area became a farming settlement until World War I. They found a market for their crops, hay and grain in Camp Verde and later in Jerome. Most farm operations included running some cattle.

Cottonwood and the Verde river area was overgrown with native grasses, cacti, mesquite, juniper and rabbit bush, furnishing excellent hunting for rabbits and quail. Between 1915-1917 Cottonwood began building their town. By March of 1917 Cottonwood began booming.

Cottonwood appealed to the more venturesome, those who wanted their own home and business. There was a certain reputation for lawlessness. Some who settled in Cottonwood were run out of the nearby company towns. Heavy bootlegging was abound, therefore attracting other non law abiding citizens as well as law abiding from other towns.

Cottonwood was known to have the best bootlegging booze within hundreds of miles, attracting citizens from Los Angeles, Phoenix and closer-to-home folks. According to statistics compiled for the State Directory in the late teens, Cottonwood was represented by 64 businessmen who operated 4 general mercantile stores, 5 stores handling dry goods, 3 restaurants, 1 barbershop, 1 movie picture theater, 1 amusement hall, 1 drugstore, bakery, confectionery, lumber yard, 2 garages, 2 blacksmiths, butcher shop, furniture store, 2 shoe shops, 7 pool halls, service station, ice plant, jewelry shop, 2 hotels, cleaning shop, root beer stand, novelty store and ice cream parlor. The AZ power had a temporary office. Cottonwood proper had 300 residents.

By 1920's ~ There is not another town in the US that can boast of so many business houses for a population of about 1000. Cottonwood was called the 'Biggest Little Town in Arizona'. Merchants were doing a fine business and being busy all the time. .

Today, Cottonwood, Arizona is the place to go if you're looking for something different. Located in Yavapai County, between Prescott and Sedona, Cottonwood is surrounded by jagged mountains on the south, east and west, and to the north by mesas and buttes. Named for the beautiful Cottonwood trees that grow along the Verde River, the town has grown from a small farming community to the Verde Valley's population center.

The small town of Cottonwood is a quiet community with convenient shopping, hotels, and restaurants, and a picturesque Historic Old Town, complete with high sidewalks and false fronted buildings that lend to the old west atmosphere. Situated in the center of the Verde Valley, Cottonwood is the ideal spot to stay while visiting other area attractions. You will find so much to do in this part of central Arizona, such as visiting ancient Indian ruins, historic parks and landmarks and ghost towns.

The beautiful Verde River runs through Cottonwood, and the town is near the spectacular Oak Creek Canyon area. Enjoy the hiking trails, golfing, or camping as you watch the changing colors of the desert at twilight. It's all here, and so much more, in Cottonwood, Arizona!



Cottonwood is an ideal place to base your travels to terrific attractions and outdoor spots. It is a small town that began as a farming town. Today Cottonwood has a population of 5,900. The town sits at an elevation of 3,314 feet. The climate is mild all year round. The low temperature in the winter is 30 degrees and the high temperature in the summer is 97 degrees. Cottonwood receives approximately 11 inches of rain a year and 4 inches of snow. Cottonwood is a trading center for the Verde Valley. There are numerous services and manufacturing facilities in town, along with a quaint Historic Old Town area. It is a pleasant, quiet little community serving a rich agricultural, livestock and mining district. There are some terrific attractions near Cottonwood. The Verde Canyon Railroad is a wonderful

experience. Visitors will travel down the railroad lines viewing scenic spots and wildlife. This is a very popular attraction. Tuzigoot National Monument is an old Indian dwelling. There are two hiking trails that give visitors an up close look at the culture from long ago. The Clemenceau Heritage Museum is a neat place to visit to see a room of working model trains and to discover more about the Verde Valley's past. Cottonwood has so many outdoor activities. Dead Horse Ranch State Park is so close to town. This park has a variety of things to offer its visitors. The park has camping, picnicking, fishing and horseback riding. The Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Area is a 26-mile canyon perfect for hiking. This canyon is one of the most breathtaking spots in the area.

Cottonwood is located in northern Arizona only 130 miles from Phoenix, 40 miles from Flagstaff, 8 miles from [Jerome](#), 50 miles from [Prescott](#), 20 miles from [Camp Verde](#), 16 miles from [Sedona](#) and about 2 miles from [Clarkdale](#). You can even make a day trip to the [Grand Canyon](#) from here.

Once in Cottonwood, there are many things to see and do. Why not check out the many unique [shops](#) in old town, or relax and have a bit to eat at one of our many [restaurants](#), listen to some great music, explore the red rocks, hike, swim or just relax .

Once you have spent enough time shopping and relaxing in Cottonwood, why not check out one of the communities close to us to see what they have to offer. There is just about everything one could desire in the vicinity of Cottonwood, Arizona.



Clarkdale, Arizona

"Former Company Town"

Located at the base of Cleopatra Hill, Clarkdale, Arizona is a former company town located in the Verde Valley. Founded by William A. Clark, the owner of one of Jerome, Arizona's largest copper mines, Clarkdale was one of the country's best "company" towns. The Town of Clarkdale is situated in the Verde Valley, located in the North Central part of Arizona. The Town was founded in 1912 and was the first planned community in the State of Arizona. Clarkdale was a "company town" owned by the United Verde Copper Company and provided housing and services for its employees who worked in the nearby smelter. Mining operations were discontinued in 1953 and Clarkdale was incorporated in 1957

Today the old smelter lies quiet and Clarkdale is best described as a bedroom community, it's downtown now occupied by antique shops and restaurants rather than grocery and hardware stores and meat markets.

Clarkdale's bungalow homes are unique to view, they were built when William Clark owned the town and today stand as a testament to Clark's vision.



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Jerome, Arizona

"America's Most Vertical City" and "Largest Ghost Town in America".



Located high on top of Cleopatra Hill (5,200 feet) between Prescott and Flagstaff is the historic copper mining town of Jerome, Arizona. Once known as the wickedest town in the west, Jerome was a copper mining camp, growing from a settlement of tents to a roaring mining community. Four disastrous fires destroyed large sections of the town during its early history, resulting in the incorporation of the City of Jerome in 1899.

Founded in 1876, **Jerome was once the fourth largest city in the Arizona Territory.** The population peaked at 15,000 in the 1920's. The Depression of the 1930's slowed the mining operation and the claim went to Phelps Dodge, who holds the claim today. World War II brought increased demand for copper, but after the war, demand slowed. Dependant on the copper market, Phelps Dodge Mine closed in 1953. The remaining 50 to 100 hardy souls promoted the town as a historic ghost town. In 1967 Jerome was designated a National Historic District by the federal government. Today Jerome is a thriving tourist and artist community with a population of about 450.

Jerome sits above what was the largest copper mine in Arizona and produced an astonishing 3 million pounds of copper per month. Men and women from all over the world made their way to Arizona to find work and maybe a new way of life. Today the mines are silent, and Jerome has become the largest ghost town in America.

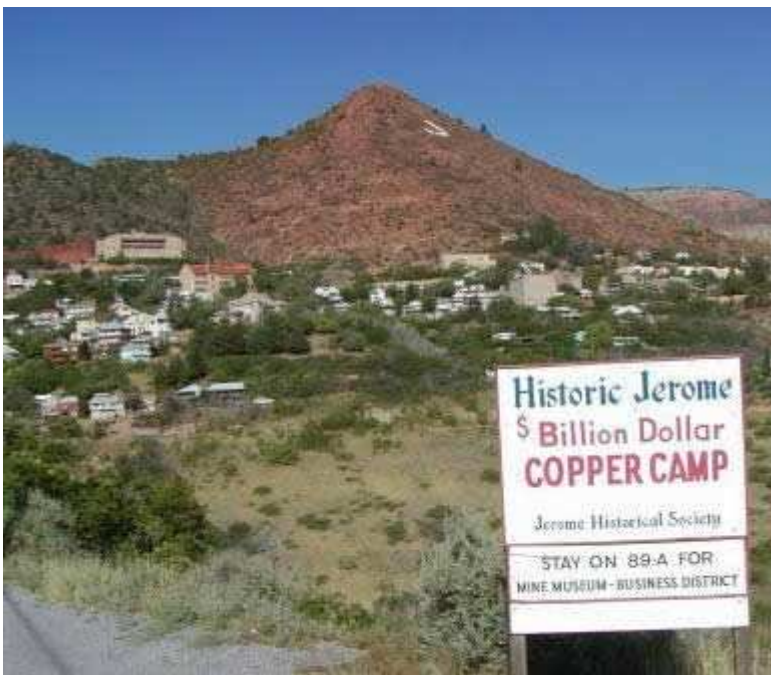
Jerome's personality has changed dramatically in the past 30 years. Once a thriving mining camp between the late-1880s and early 1950s, Jerome is now a bustling tourist magnet and artistic community with a population of about 450. It includes a modicum of artists, craft people, musicians, writers, hermits, bed and breakfast owners, museum caretakers, gift shop proprietors and fallen-down-building landlords.

What is the Town of Jerome like today? Is it worth your time to visit? The answer is a resounding yes! Jerome is an enchanting town, and a photographer's paradise. From its external appearances it hasn't changed much in nearly 100 years. Many of the buildings used by present-day business folks are those built after the fires of 1894 and 1899. A number of the buildings have been restored and more are planned for restoration. Due to the 30-degree incline of the mountainside, gravity has



pulled a number of buildings down the slope. To the delight of some, one of those buildings was the town's jail. Those buildings still standing make for interesting visiting and with a little research you can find their historical significance. One notable section is the "Cribs District." You will find this area across the street from the English Kitchen, in a back alley where all the buildings were are part of Jerome's ill-famed "prostitution row."

Make Jerome your destination for your next trip to Arizona. Being centrally located, a stay at one of Jerome's bed and breakfasts, inns or hotels is perfect for a home base to explore the entire northern Arizona region from. Drive from Jerome to Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Sedona, Prescott, Flagstaff and even the Grand Canyon and then return to Jerome to relax for the evening and dine at one of the fine restaurants in Jerome. Then just relax to the peaceful surroundings that no other city in Arizona can offer.



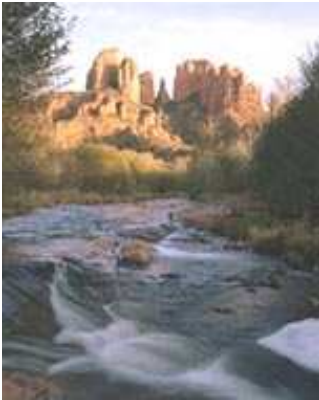
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Once in Jerome, there are many things to see and do. Why not check out the many unique [shops](#) in Jerome, or relax and have a bit to eat at one of our many [restaurants](#), listen to some great music at one of our saloons or sit and relax with a glass of wine at Jerome's own [Jerome Winery](#).

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Sedona, Arizona

"The Red Rock City"



Located at the base of Oak Creek Canyon Sedona is renowned for its stunning red buttes and monoliths, as well as its surrounding lush forests. Sedona is located in both Coconino and Yavapai Counties and is completely surrounded by the Coconino National Forest.

Sedona has become a center for traditional and contemporary arts and offers a variety of galleries, boutiques and specialty shops. It is an upscale retirement and tourism community, because it is the jumping off place for tours of the Red Rocks region.

Sedona began as a small, remote ranching and farming settlement in 1876 when the first permanent settler, John James Thompson, squatted in Oak Creek Canyon. By 1902, 20 families lived in the settlement and a postal station was petitioned for by Theodore Schnelbly. The petition was granted and Schnelbly named the new post office in honor of his wife, Sedona. The remote agricultural community was well-known for the quality of its fruit, especially the abundant apple orchards. But as the scenic wonders and sites of Sedona became known, tourism surpassed agriculture in economic importance. .

In 1950, surrealist painter Max Ernst moved to Sedona, and other famous artists followed. Many artists have been attracted to Sedona and its rugged beauty which is said to enhance their creativity. Over the years, an artist colony has developed in Sedona and many of the artists sell their work in local galleries and shops. It may have been more than the scenic red rocks that stimulated the creativity of artists. It is believed by many people that the region of Sedona contains a concentration of vortexes which are spots that release psychic energy or power from

the Earth. The four local points which are considered to be energy vortexes are Bell Rock, Table Top Mountain, Cathedral Rock and Boynton Canyon.



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Once you have spent enough time shopping and relaxing in Sedona, why not check out one of the communities close to us to see what they have to offer. There is just about everything one could desire in the vicinity of Sedona, Arizona.

