

# Tucson, Arizona

March 2-5, 2012

Location	High Temp	Low Temp	March Rain	Elevation	Population
Tucson, AZ	72°	47°	0.81"	2,643 ft	520,116



## Welcome to Comfort Inn & Suites hotel located in Tucson, AZ

8425 N. Cracker Barrel Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743

**1-520-579-1099**

Welcome to the Comfort Inn® and Suites in Tucson, Arizona. Come explore the wild west of Arizona with the many sites to see around this hotel. Within easy distance of this hotel is the **Old Tucson Studios** where many of your favorite western movies were filmed. Step back in time when Spain ruled Arizona in the **Mission San Xavier**. See what daily life was for a missionary in this 17th century church. Wonders of the Sonora Desert are minutes away from this Comfort Inn with attractions like **Saguaro National Park** and the **Arizona Sonora Desert Museum**. See one of the largest non-government funded air fields in the world at the **Pima Air and Space Museum**.

While staying at this Comfort Inn and Suites, the following amenities are provided for your convenience:

- **Free hot breakfast**
- **Free high-speed wireless Internet access**
- **Free weekly newspaper**
- **Outdoor seasonal pool and hot tub**
- **Across the street from Cracker Barrel and Texas Roadhouse**

**Free local calls** and a state-of-the-art **exercise room** are open to all guests. All of our premium rooms include a **flat-screen plasma television** with **cable/satellite services**, **pillow top mattresses**, **microwave** and **refrigerator**. **Connecting rooms** and **sofa beds** are available in some rooms. This hotel has a **non-smoking premise**.

**PLEASE PHONE THE HOTEL FOR RESEVATIONS**

**1-520-579-1099**

**Tell them you are with:**

**“Jim Terry of Biggs HOG Chapter”**

We are currently holding **40** Rooms for booking. These rooms will go fast so don't delay booking.

The nightly room rate has already been established and is as follows:

One King \$81.00 + Tax  
Two Queens \$85.00 + Tax

**IMPORTANT:**

**Upon Booking, please send an email to:**

**[hawgtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:hawgtravel@hotmail.com) with the following information:**

**Name(s), Cell Phone, Home Phone & Email**

We need to keep track of who is going so that we can coordinate groups and get details out to those who are interested. Information will be forward to you about the ride and things to do in the area so that you can plan your adventure.

### **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 another person in the chapter, please make that known to me and I will tell you of others wishing to share a room. You then make plans between you two.

Please let me know when you reserve a room at the following email address:

**Contact:** Jim Terry      **Cell:** 858-472-6991      **Email:** hawgtravel@hotmail.com

### **READ THE FINE PRINT:**

**Booking Cutoff:** In order to take advantage of this special negotiated rate, you must book by: **February 20, 2012**  
All booking after this date will be at hotel pricing discretion.

**Deposits:** Reservation will be held via your credit card upon you making your reservation.

**Cancelations:** If you need to cancel – you need to cancel 24 hours in advance to avoid a one night charge to your credit card.

**If you need to CANCEL, call me before you do  
that another chapter member may get the room.**

## ***Overview of Trip:***

### **Friday, March 2, 2012**

Depart Shell Station on El Norte for Tucson. This day includes stops for breakfast, lunch and shopping at Tucson Harley Davidson.

### **Saturday, March 3, 2012**

Join a group that is taking a route you like and ride.

Texas Roadhouse for a casual dinner!

### **Sunday, March 4, 2012**

Join a group that is taking a route you like and ride.

Cracker Barrel for a casual dinner!

### **Monday, March 5, 2012**

Form groups and depart for home.

## **Tucson, Arizona**

The Old Pueblo, as Tucson is affectionately known, is built upon a deep Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and Old West foundation. Arizona's second-largest city is both a bustling center of business and a relaxed university and resort town. Metropolitan Tucson has more than 850,000 residents, including thousands of snowbirds, who flee colder climates to enjoy the sun that shines on the city more than 340 days out of 365.

## Major attractions

### **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**      <http://www.desertmuseum.org/>

The name "museum" is a bit misleading, since this delightful site is actually a beautifully planned zoo and botanical garden featuring the animals and plants of the Sonoran Desert. Hummingbirds, cactus wrens, rattlesnakes, scorpions, bighorn sheep, and prairie dogs all busy themselves in ingeniously designed habitats.

### **Biosphere 2 Center**      <http://www.b2science.org/>

In the town of Oracle, about 30 minutes northwest of Tucson, this self-contained, closed ecosystem opened in 1991 as a facility to test nature technology and human interaction with it. The miniature world within Biosphere, now managed by the University of Arizona, includes tropical rain forest, savanna, desert, thorn scrub, marsh, ocean, and agricultural areas, including almost 3,000 plant and animal species.

### **Colossal Cave Mountain Park**      <http://www.colossalcave.com/>

This limestone grotto 20 miles east of Tucson is the largest dry cavern in the world. Guides discuss the fascinating crystal formations and relate the many romantic tales surrounding the cave, including the legend that an enormous sum of money stolen in a stagecoach robbery is hidden here.

### **Mission San Xavier del Bac**      <http://www.sanxaviermission.org/>

The oldest Catholic Church in the United States still serving the community for which it was built; San Xavier was founded in 1692 by Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, who established 22 missions in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. The current structure was made out of native materials by Franciscan missionaries between 1777 and 1797, and is owned by the Tohono O'odham tribe.

### **Mount Lemmon**

Part of the Santa Catalina range, Mount Lemmon—named for Sara Lemmon, the first woman to reach the peak of this mountain, in 1881—is the southernmost ski slope in the continental United States, but you don't have to be a skier to enjoy the area: in summer, it's a popular place for picnicking, and there are 150 miles of marked and well-maintained trails for hiking. The mountain's 9,157-foot elevation brings relief from summer heat.

### **Old Tucson Studios**      <http://www.oldtucson.com/>

This film studio-theme park, originally built for the 1940 motion picture *Arizona*, has been used to shoot countless movies, such as *Rio Bravo* (1959) and *The Quick and the Dead* (1994), and the TV shows *Gunsmoke*, *Bonanza*, and *Highway to Heaven*. Actors in western garb perform and roam the streets talking to visitors.

**Pima Air and Space Museum** <http://www.pimaair.org/>

This huge facility ranks among the largest private collections of aircraft in the world. More than 200 airplanes are on display in hangars and outside, including a presidential plane used by both John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, a full-scale replica of the Wright brothers' 1903 Wright Flyer; the SR-71 reconnaissance jet; and a mock-up of the X-15, the world's fastest aircraft. World War II planes are particularly well represented.

**Titan Missile Museum** <http://www.titanmissilemuseum.org>

Now a National Historic Landmark, the Titan Missile Museum makes for a sobering visit. During the cold war, Tucson was ringed by 18 of the 54 Titan II missiles maintained in the United States. After the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union was signed in 1979, this was the only missile-launch site left intact.

**Ft Huachuca Museum** <http://www.huachucamuseum.com/>

The Ft Huachuca Museum is a US Army owned and operated facility and resource that shares with soldiers and the public many aspects of the history of the US Army in the Southwest with additional emphasis on Black soldiers serving in this region. This website brings together narrative histories, biographies, essays, photographs, graphics, and artifact based exhibits.

**Kartchner Caverns State Park** <http://azstateparks.com/parks/kaca/>

Experience a stunning limestone cave in Southeastern Arizona that boasts world-class features. This "live" cave, discovered in 1974, is host to a wide variety of unique minerals and formations. Water percolates from the surface and calcite formations continue to grow, including stalactites dripping down like icicles and giant stalagmites reaching up from the ground. Tour guides will unveil this fascinating underground landscape during a memorable 1½ hour tour.

**Saguaro National Park** <http://www.nps.gov/sagu/index.htm>

Saguaro National Park, located in the state of Arizona, is part of the United States national park system. Saguaro National Park is divided into two sections, lying approximately 20 miles east and 15 miles west of the center of the city of Tucson, Arizona. Total area in 2009 was 91,440 acres of which 70,905 acres are designated wilderness. There is a visitor center in each section.

**International Wildlife Museum** <http://www.thewildlifemuseum.org/>

This museum is dedicated to increasing knowledge and appreciation of the diverse wildlife of the world as well as explaining the role of wildlife management in conservation. Founded in 1988, the museum highlights over 400 species of insects, mammals and birds from around the globe. Some of the collections are more than 100 years old and all the animals found at the museum were donated by various government agencies, wildlife rehabilitation centers, captive breeding programs, zoos and individuals.