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3 Days in... Wickenburg, Arizona

Kick up your boot heels (or just kick back and relax) at this historic town known for its authentic Western attractions and charm.



Plan It

► **The Hotel**
Located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert just outside of town, the **Wickenburg Inn** is the perfect place to lodge for a cowboy getaway. Children under the age of 12 stay for free, and many Old West horseback adventures are found nearby. 928-684-5461, wickenburginn.net

► **Day 1:** Enjoy a hearty Western breakfast of steak and eggs at the **Cowboy Café**, where you can often spot horses hitched to a post outside. When you're finished eating, head over to the **Desert Caballeros Western Museum**. The museum has a top-notch collection of Western artwork and artifacts, and recently finished an expansion that houses an authentic Flying E stagecoach. Next, explore the **Hassayampa River Preserve**, just outside of town. This is some of the most beautiful and unspoiled Western landscapes that Arizona has to offer. The tasty Mexican cuisine at **Anita's Cocina** makes this a great stop for lunch or dinner.

► **Day 2:** Another rib-sticking, down-home breakfast awaits you at the **Country Kitchen**. Once you've had your fill, take some time to experience Wickenburg's rich mining history. **Robson's Mining World** is an Old-West ghost town with a lot to see, and you can swing on by the Vulture Mine for a self-guided tour. You're not done with historical fun in this town, however. Take a walk down historic **Frontier Street** and make a visit to **Massacre Monument**, a memorial to the victims of an 1871 attack by Apache and Mojave warriors. After you've worked up an appetite, get yourself a nice steak at **Qorri's**, open daily for dinner.

► **Day 3:** Get up early and grab breakfast at your hotel, then take an hour and a half drive along the scenic **Carefree Highway** to historic **Cave Creek**. Nestled in beautiful desert scenery below Black Mountain, this is a unique town where horses and Harley-Davidsons naturally coexist. **El Encanto** offers Mexican fare beside a pond with live waterfowl. For American cuisine, the **Horny Toad** is a great spot for delicious ribs, burgers, and chicken. Off-road vehicle tours and horseback riding are plentiful in the area, and offered by friendly local companies like **Cave Creek Trail Rides**. **Harold's** and the **Buffalo Chip Saloon and Steakhouse** both offer delicious cowboy grub with dancing and live country music. —*Kyle Glazier*