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EXPLORE THE ANZA TRAIL FROM TUBAC GOLF RESORT

(Tubac, Ariz.) -- Tubac dubs itself as the place "Where Art and History Meet." Nowhere is that more evident than the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, located within walking distance from the Tubac Golf Resort and the many artisan workshops and art galleries that grace modern-day Tubac.

The trail marks the route that the Spanish explorer blazed in 1775, when he led a group of about 240 pioneering settlers, soldiers, their families and about 1,000 head of cattle to establish a military fortress and mission on the San Francisco Bay. The arduous, 1,800-mile expedition, which created an all-important overland supply route from Sonora, Mexico to northern California, resulted in the founding of San Francisco in 1776.

Congress acknowledged the significance of the expeditions in 1990 by establishing the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is one of a network of National Park Service trails throughout the nation that commemorate the footsteps of pioneers.

Today, the Anza Trail provides ample opportunities for historical appreciation and modern-day recreation in one of the most beautiful spots in Southern Arizona. Visitors can easily access 4.5 miles of it that lie between Presidio State Historic Park, and Tumacácori National Historical Park. A trail from the Tubac Golf Resort leads you to both parks which have trailheads that lead to the path.

The Anza trail is a gentle hike that can be traveled at a leisurely pace. It is also open to mountain bikes, horses and non-motorized vehicles. The trail flanks the Santa Cruz River, and its cottonwoods and riparian area is a prime birding area. Many species of birds -- ranging from Arizona Flycatchers to Yellow Billed Cuckoos -- have been sighted along the trail. Guided birding tours can be arranged for resort guests.

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In some places, the trail is wide enough to accommodate several people walking abreast. In others, it narrows to path that requires visitors to walk single file. In spots where the trail crosses the Santa Cruz River, footbridges keep visitors' toes dry.

For many thousands of years, the area was home to prehistoric peoples and elephant-like mammoths. Later came the Pima and Tohono O'odham Indians, who greeted the Spanish explorers. Since its inception as the first European settlement in Arizona during the mid-1700s, Tubac has been claimed by several governments, including those of Spain, Mexico, the U.S. Confederacy, and the United States.

Each October, the trail becomes the focus of a spirited, two-day festival that celebrates Juan Bautista and the heritage of Tubac:

Anza Days

October

[Tubac Presidio State Historic Park](#)

(Accessible from Interstate 19 near the community of Tubac and by walking trail from the Tubac Golf Resort)

Historical re-enactments, military demonstrations, folklorico dancers, ethnic music, food.

Information: Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, (520) 398-2252

Tumacácori's Historic High Mass

Held in conjunction with Anza Days

At Tumacácori Mission, in Tumacácori National Historical Park

A traditional Catholic Mass, sung in Latin, Spanish and Piman. Reservations for the High Mass are required, and participants must dress in period costume.

Information and reservations: Tumacácori National Historical Park at (520) 398-2341.

For more information on the Anza Trail, visit <http://www.nps.gov/tuma/Anzatrail.htm>.

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