DAY TRIPS

Make Tubac Your Home Base While Exploring southern Arizona

Tumacacori National Historic Park
Located 3.3 miles south of Tubac Golf Resort & Spa on the East Frontage Road, the Tumacacori National Historical Park is not to be missed. The main unit of the park preserves the remains of the Spanish mission church San Jose de Tumacacori and the associated cemetery, mortuary chapel and portions of the convent. An adobe visitor center and museum displays exhibits. Open everyday 8 AM to 5 PM, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. For information call (520) 398-2341 or visit https://www.nps.gov/tuma/index.htm

Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory (30 minutes northeast of Tubac)
Located 19.3 miles northeast of the Tubac Golf Resort & Spa. The Observatory offers tours and popular evening programs. The Visitors Center, located in Amado at the base of Mount Hopkins in the Santa Rita Mountains, features display’s and exhibits on astronomy and astrophysics, natural science, and cultural history. Public access to the telescope arrays atop Mount Hopkins is limited to guided tours via a shuttle bus from the Visitor Center. These daytime tours are seasonal reservations must be made in advance. For reservations please call 520-670-5707, or visit https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/flwo

Anza Trail – A section of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail lies along the Santa Cruz River between Tubac and Tumacacori. The trail, just east of the Golf Shop, commemorates the route followed by Spanish explorer Juan Bautista de Anza who led a group of soldiers and settlers from Tubac to the Pacific coast in 1775 where they founded an outpost that later became San Francisco. The trek from the Tubac Golf Resort & Resort to the Tumacacori Mission is a 5 mile trek and takes the hiker through a rare and vibrant desert riparian region. The trail is mostly level with a few traverses across the Santa Cruz River that occasionally result in a wet foot. There is no shuttle service between the two parks, so bring two cars if you want to make it a one-way hike.

Paul Bond Boots (20 minutes south)
Since 1946, Paul Bond Boots has been handcrafting fine, American made custom cowboy boots. Utilizing only the highest quality boot leathers, our boots are individually made by artisans who have been in the business for generations. After 70 years in the industry, we are proud to say that we are still family owned and operated with the new General Manager and Paul’s granddaughter, Alex Bloodworth, taking the company reins. The commitment to Paul Bond’s mission of quality, design, and customer satisfaction is still evident in every pair of custom boots that leaves our doors. www.PaulBond.com
Birding
Tubac rests along the Santa Cruz River where high desert scenery mixes with a lush riparian cottonwood forest. The results make this location an exceptional one for birders seeking many of Southern Arizona’s lesser observed birds. Of special interest for birders is the Anza Trail, which winds a leisurely pace from the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park through the cottonwoods on its way to the Tumacacori National Historic Park, just three miles south. Nearby Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains with easy access from Green Valley is a world-renowned area for birding. Just a short drive from Tubac is the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve along Sonoita Creek, one of the few remaining permanent streams and the richest riparian habitat in the region. Ramsey Canyon Preserve near Sierra Vista is a short and scenic day trip from Tubac.

Southern Arizona Wine Country (1:45 hours s/e from resort)

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