ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

Dude ranches in Arizona

Riding among the saguaros in winter: Wickenburg, Tucson and the red rocks of Sedona.

Length	13 days, 12 nights
Distance	1,490 km, 6 driving days
Behind the wheel	18 h 50 min
Travellers	2, 1 room, 1 car
Hotels	Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars)
Flights	Amsterdam – Las Vegas (LAS), Las Vegas (LAS) – Amsterdam

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Day by day

DAY	DATE	NIGHT	KM	DRIVE	°C
1		Las Vegas	20	50 min	
2		Wickenburg	370	4 h 40 min	
3		Wickenburg			
4		Wickenburg			
5		Wickenburg			
6		Tucson	280	3 h 20 min	
7		Tucson			
8		Tucson			
9		Tucson			
10		Sedona	370	4 h 10 min	
11		Sedona			
12		Kingman	280	3 h 20 min	
13		Flight home from LAS	170	2 h 40 min	

1,490 km · 18 h 50 min behind the wheel · on average 250 km a driving day

Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.

The route



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ON THE ROAD

Day 1	Land at Las Vegas (LAS), drive to Las Vegas · About 20 km (10 mi), 50 min
Day 2	Las Vegas, drive to Wickenburg · About 370 km (230 mi), 4 h 40 min
Day 6	Wickenburg, drive to Tucson · About 280 km (170 mi), 3 h 20 min
Day 10	Tucson, drive to Sedona · About 370 km (230 mi), 4 h 10 min
Day 12	Sedona, drive to Kingman · About 280 km (170 mi), 3 h 20 min
Day 13	Kingman to Las Vegas airport (LAS), fly home to Amsterdam · About 170 km (110 mi), 2 h 40 min

Well prepared

ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

Customs

Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

DON'T FORGET

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DAY 1

Las Vegas NV

Arrive

Land at Las Vegas (LAS), drive to Las Vegas: about 20 km (10 mi), 50 min

1 night

LAS VEGAS · DAY 1

HOTEL

- [ ] South Point Hotel, Casino, and Spa · 3★ — roughly €60
  9777 Las Vegas Blvd S
- [ ] Hilton Vacation Club Desert Retreat Las Vegas · 3★ — roughly €240
  5165 S Decatur Blvd
- [ ] Silverton Casino Lodge · 3★ — roughly €100
  3333 Blue Diamond Rd
- [ ] Home2 Suites By Hilton Las Vegas Northwest · 3★ — roughly €130
  8906 W Deer Springs Way
- [ ] Hilton Grand Vacations Club Paradise Las Vegas · 3★ — roughly €70
  455 Karen Avenue

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DAYS 2–5

Wickenburg AZ

The dude ranch capital of the world

Las Vegas, drive to Wickenburg: about 370 km (230 mi), 4 h 40 min

4 nights

WICKENBURG · DAYS 2–5

EXCURSIONS

- [ ] Riding and a cattle drive — roughly €200 a person

HOTEL

- [ ] Best Western Rancho Grande · 3★ — roughly €130
  293 E Wickenburg Way
- [ ] Patio & Mtn Views: Wickenburg 'trail Head House' · 3★
- [ ] Backyard Oasis & Hot Tub: Mtn-view Wickenburg Home · 3★
- [ ] Charming Wickenburg Villa w/ Casita & Private Pool · 3★
  851 Ocotillo Dr
- [ ] Cozy Wickenburg Abode: Explore the Wild West! · 3★
  59 N Adams St

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DAYS 6–9

Tucson AZ

A ranch on the edge of Saguaro National Park

Wickenburg, drive to Tucson: about 280 km (170 mi), 3 h 20 min

4 nights

EXCURSIONS

- [ ] Sunset trail ride — roughly €110 a person

HOTEL

- [ ] Wyndham Tucson Airport Hotel & Conference Center · 3★ — roughly €60
  6801 S Tucson Blvd
- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Tucson Marana · 3★ — roughly €140
  6300 W Marana Center Blvd
- [ ] Tanque Verde Guest Ranch · 3★
  14301 East Speedway
- [ ] Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort · 3★ — roughly €340
  5501 N Hacienda Del Sol Rd
- [ ] Candlewood Suites Tucson by IHG · 3★ — roughly €90
  1995 West River Rd and North Lacholla Rd

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DAYS 10–11

Sedona AZ

On horseback among the red rocks

Tucson, drive to Sedona: about 370 km (230 mi), 4 h 10 min

2 nights

SEDONA · DAYS 10–11

EXCURSIONS

- [ ] Sedona trail ride — roughly €120 a person

HOTEL

- [ ] The Inn Above Oak Creek · 3★
  556 Hwy 179
- [ ] Mountain View 1 Bedroom Apartment, Unit B, Private Entrance · 3★
  95 Meadowlark Lane
- [ ] Red Agave Resort · 3★
  120 Canyon Circle Dr
- [ ] Las Posadas of Sedona · 3★ — roughly €110
  26 Avenida de Piedras
- [ ] Lantern Light Inn - Romantic Getaway · 3★ — roughly €660
  3085 West State Route 89A

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DAY 12

Kingman AZ

Route 66 on the way back

Sedona, drive to Kingman: about 280 km (170 mi), 3 h 20 min

1 night

KINGMAN · DAY 12

HOTEL

- [ ] Kid-friendly Kingman Home Near Parks & Dining · 3★
  2524 Chambers Ave
- [ ] Best Western Plus A Wayfarer's Inn & Suites · 3★ — roughly €100
  2815 E Andy Devine Ave
- [ ] La Quinta by Wyndham Kingman · 3★ — roughly €100
  3419 Hotel Way
- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Kingman · 3★ — roughly €100
  1791 Sycamore Ave
- [ ] Wingate by Wyndham Kingman · 3★ — roughly €100
  1149 E Sunrise Ave Building 1 & Building 2

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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Las Vegas	€160	–	€60	**€220**
2	Wickenburg	€160	–	€60	**€220**
3	Wickenburg	€160	–	€60	**€220**
4	Wickenburg	€160	–	€60	**€220**
5	Wickenburg	€160	–	€60	**€220**
6	Tucson	€160	–	€60	**€220**
7	Tucson	€160	–	€60	**€220**
8	Tucson	€160	–	€60	**€220**
9	Tucson	€160	–	€60	**€220**
10	Sedona	€160	–	€60	**€220**
11	Sedona	€160	–	€60	**€220**
12	Kingman	€160	–	€60	**€220**
13	Flight home from LAS	–	–	€60	**€60**

Flights	€1,700
Hotels	€1,920
Excursions	€0
Car hire	€780
Total	**€4,400**
	€2,200 a person

An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.

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About this booklet

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