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LOCATION GUIDE

TUCSON + PHOENIX, ARIZONA



are you LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT PHOTO OPP BACKDROP?

As a photographer, I know a thing or two about the best photo spots! The following locations are some of my *favorite* places in the Tucson and Phoenix areas for photo sessions. These spots are great for couples, engagements, seniors, families, maternity, pets, etc.

If you are interested in some secret spots outside of the Tucson or Phoenix area, please let me know. I have a ton of other options with unique views and incredible scenery if you're up for a short road trip!

TUCSON, AZ

GATES PASS

Located in the western part of Tucson's Saguaro National Park, Gates pass offers a classic Arizona desert landscape.

With the best golden light at sunset, this makes for a great evening location. Gates Pass does draw quite the crowd, so weekdays are a recommended.





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Olives, rust, creams, denim, blush tones, and maroon. Layered denim and other textured outfits like corduroy really pop in this location. Formal outfits also make for dramatic and dreamy photos here.

There is very uneven ground so heels are *not* recommended. If you will be wearing heels, a pair of walking shoes is recommended for the small hike to the shooting location.

DIRECTIONS

If you type in “Gates Pass Trailhead” your maps service will give you the correct directions. Parking fills quickly so keep an eye out for empty spots!

TUCSON, AZ

SANCTUARY COVE

Nestled between Tucson and Marana, this location offers a stunning desert landscape with warm golden light at sunset. This location is best for an evening sunset session, but can also work for a sunrise session.

Sanctuary Cove is a popular hiking spot in town, so it can get busy. Arriving a few minutes early is recommended just in case you have to wait for parking (there is a \$25 permit fee as well).





OUTFIT ADVICE

Anything neutral works here! Olives, rust, creams, dark and light blues, blush tones, and maroon. Layering and accessories will add visual interest and help make you stand out.

There is uneven ground so heels are *not* recommended. If you will be wearing heels, a pair of walking shoes is recommended for the small hike to the shooting location.

DIRECTIONS

Starting on N. Silverbell Road, Turn left onto Continental Reserve Loop, in 0.5 miles Turn right onto W Pima Farms Rd. Turn left onto N Scenic Dr after 0.8 miles. Continue on this road for 0.4 miles, then turn left on W Staggs Dr. Stay on W. Staggs Drive for 0.2 miles, and Sanctuary cove will be on the left hand side.

TUCSON, AZ

SABINO CANYON

Sabino Canyon has one of Tucson's most iconic desert landscapes, offering lush desert greenery and a breathtaking golden hour. With the Catalina Mountains in the background, this location is best for an evening session when the sun just makes the cacti glow.

This location is fairly isolated, so it isn't ideal for a session with multiple locations. Sabino Canyon has an \$8 parking fee as well.





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Olives, rust, creams, charcoal, denim, blush, and maroon. Layered denim and other textured outfits like corduroy really pop in this location.

Heels are possible here, but there is a little uneven ground in some spots. If you're wearing heels, a chunky heel is best.

DIRECTIONS

Search "Sabino Canyon Recreation Area" in your map service, and it will give you the correct directions! Heading north on Wilmot Road, follow it as it turns onto Tanque Verde Blvd. From there, take a left on Sabino Canyon Road. In 2 miles take a right to stay on Sabino Canyon Road. The entrance will be on the right in 2 miles.

TUCSON, AZ

BROADWAY TRAILHEAD

Broadway Trailhead is located just outside of Saguaro National Park East. This location offers a lush desert landscape with the Rincon mountains in the background and tons of desert flora like wildflowers, cacti, and juniper trees.

Broadway Trailhead is gorgeous at sunrise and sunset, though I am partial to sunrise sessions here. It's quiet and magical.





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Olive, rust, mustard, creams, denim, and blush tones. Layered denim and other textured outfits like corduroy really pop in this location.

Heels are possible here, but it may limit where we can go for your portraits.

DIRECTIONS

If you type "Broadway Trail Head" into your maps service will give you the correct directions. Parking will be on the left in a dirt lot in between the road.

TUCSON, AZ

WINDY POINT

Windy Point is easily my *favorite* location in Tucson. It offers sunsets like nothing you've ever seen! Windy Point is an impressive lookout on Mount Lemmon that has views over the Catalina Mountains. Weekends tend to be VERY crowded so weekdays are recommended.

This location is great for late spring and summer, since it often has cooler temperatures. Though, Windy Point is gorgeous year round!





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Olive, black, mustard, creams, navy, and blush tones. Great for dramatic and formal outfits. Long, flowy dresses with lots of movement make for great photos here.

Heels and uncomfortable shoes are not recommended here due to very uneven ground.

DIRECTIONS

If you type “Windy Point Vista” into your maps service will give you the correct directions. There is parking on both sides of the road, but can fill quickly, as a lot of people come here to watch the sunset.

PHOENIX, AZ

BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM

A botanical garden located in Superior Arizona (east of Phoenix, headed towards Globe). Boyce Thompson offers lush trees and plants from around the world. Picket Post Mountain can be seen in the background of some spots here.

This location has season hours that change so a day time location usually between 8am and 3PM is best. Please note that you are responsible for paying the \$15 per adult entrance fee unless you have a membership.





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Olives, rust, creams, denim, blush tones, and grey. Layered denim and other textured outfits really pop in this location. Formal outfits also make for dreamy and romantic photos here.

There is some uneven ground and we will likely be doing a decent amount of walking so heels are not recommended. If you will be wearing heels, a pair of walking shoes is recommended.

DIRECTIONS

If you type “Boyce Thompson Arboretum” into your maps service will give you the correct directions. There is tons of parking, but I recommend parking closer to the front of the entrance (a grey building with a blue cylinder roof accent).

PHOENIX, AZ

WHITE TANK MOUNTAINS

The White Tank Mountains are located West of Phoenix, close to Surprise, AZ. This location has a dreamy sunset with a haze that is almost ethereal.

The White Tanks have that classic desert landscape with countless cholla and saguaros that is perfect for any session type. Please note that you are responsible for paying the \$7 per vehicle entrance fee unless you have an annual pass.





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Mustard, Olives, rust, creams, denim, blush tones, black, and grey. Layers and accessories are great for adding texture to your outfit. Formal outfits also make for romantic photos here.

There is uneven ground and we will likely be doing a decent amount of walking so heels are not the best option. If you will be wearing heels, a pair of walking shoes is recommended for the walk.

DIRECTIONS

We will meet at the White Tanks Mountains Library and I'll have you follow me into the park. If you type "White Tanks Mountains Library" Into your maps service, it will give you the correct directions.

PHOENIX, AZ

RIPARIAN PRESERVE

A hidden gem! Located in Gilbert, The riparian Preserve at Water Ranch is a unique location in the sense that is actually a water and ecosystem preservation project.

The location offers a desert landscape with many different views. Sunsets here are glorious and highly sought after for photos. This is a great location for a session with multiple outfits because of how diverse the scenery is.





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Olive, rust, mustard, creams, denim, and blush tones. Layered denim and other textured outfits like corduroy really pop in this location.

Heels are possible here, but it may limit where we can go for your portraits.

DIRECTIONS

If you type “Riparian Preserve” into your maps service, it will give you the correct directions. Parking can be scarce here, but there is overflow parking available at the library just west of the location.

PHOENIX, AZ

AGRITOPIA FARM

Located in the Agritopia neighborhood in Gilbert, Agritopia Farm is perfect for a more casual photo session!

There are a number of diverse location options at Agritopia from the orchards, to the house, the vide arch, and even some green grass with trees. There is even a restaurant and coffee shop in case we need a snack or a coffee after our session!





OUTFIT ADVICE

Recommended colors: Olive, black, mustard, creams, navy, and blush tones. Casual outfits. Long, flown dresses with lots of movement make for great photos here as well.

Heels are possible here, but there is a little uneven ground in some spots. If you're wearing heels, a chunky heel is best.

DIRECTIONS

If you type "Agritopia Farm" into your maps service will give you the correct directions. There is limited parking in front of the coffee shop, but it can fill up fast. The west lot has a lot more space and often isn't too full., but can fill quickly, as a lot of people come here to have lunch/ dinner or just hang out/relax.