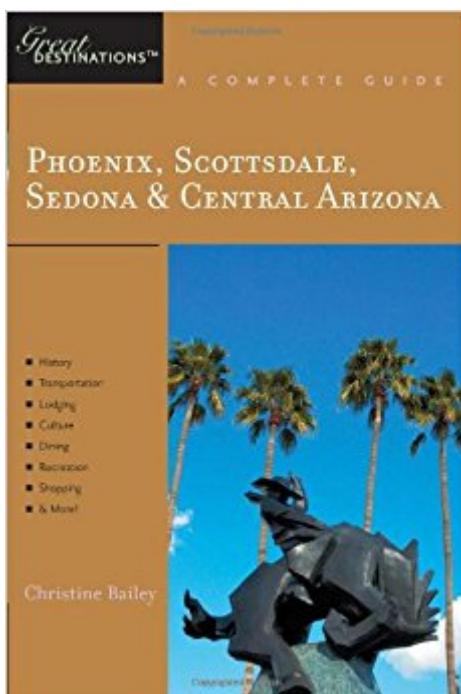


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# Phoenix, Scottsdale, Sedona & Central Arizona: Great Destinations: A Complete Guide (Explorer's Great Destinations)



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Discover the art galleries, museums, outdoor adventures, world-class resorts, shopping, cuisine and stunning vistas that help make sunny Phoenix, Scottsdale and Sedona such hot destinations.

Bailey's fully-revised, updated, and full-color second edition is packed with helpful new information--including details about little-known gems, sidebars by local experts on topics like family-friendly Phoenix and Arizona's wine country, up-to-date maps including the Phoenix light rail

and tips on how to use valuable online resources. Travelers, Arizona residents, and newcomers alike will find this engaging, enlightening book to be a priceless resource. Let it help make your Arizona experience a memorable one. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Adventure is waiting for you in Central Arizona... --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This explorers guide has just been updated to reflect a number of realities of the central Arizona area. It will give the reader a quick snapshot of the key features and attributes of broader Phoenix and its tourist attractions and/or communities within easy driving range. For those who seek detailed narratives and data, this book may disappoint but it has enough of both to give any reader a sense of the variety and qualities of each featured site. For those who seek a good mix of photos along with to-the-point narrative, this guide should please. We are moving to the Scottsdale area within the next year and found the book's descriptions enticing but informative in a balanced manner.

Nice travel book that was very helpful in planning our trip.

Maps were a little hard to navigate...otherwise helpful

Helpful

If you are interested in places to eat and stay, (spas) this is for you. If you are interested in sights and things to do in Phoenix this is NOT for you.

I bought the book because that's my son's photo on the front but it is a very informative book.

This book was vague and boring. The pictures were all black and white which is a shame because Arizona is such beautiful country. Overall the book read like a high school essay and gave little information on specific places.

Christine Bailey's "Phoenix, Scottsdale, Sedona & Central Arizona: Great Destinations: A Complete Guide" is an unusual entry in the world of modern visitor guides. Although it includes the standard reference material found in any good guide, this book is actually meant to be read by the traveler. Its

conversational tone reflects the author's living experience in "the Valley of the Sun" as well as the necessary research. Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the country, and one of Bailey's challenges is to do justice to a cityscape and metropolitan area spread over a couple of thousand square miles of high desert central Arizona. It turns out there is a lot to see and do beyond enjoying the warm, dry climate: everything from golf to professional sports. Bailey succeeds in providing a honest sense of history and character in detailing the recreational and touristing opportunities. Her narrative includes a broad swath of recommendations for places to eat, sleep, and shop. This reviewer's one complaint is a shortage of detailed maps that could tie together a geospatial sense of a sprawling metropolitan area. A supplemental map of Phoenix is recommended to go along with this guide, itself highly recommended as an introduction to Phoenix and central Arizona.

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