

# TUCSON

*Desert Beauty, History & Art*  
*March 9-14, 2014*

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



SAGINAW VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY

*This trip is offered in conjunction  
with Road Scholar*

## Experience Tucson, Arizona

In a high-desert valley surrounded by four mountain ranges, Tucson has emerged from a landscape inhabited by Native Americans 12,000 years ago to become a cosmopolitan city of half-a-million. Its culture has been shaped by Spanish influence, Mexican jurisdiction, Old West settlers and the founding of a major university in 1885. On this trip, you will learn about this area's archaeology, desert landscapes, arts and music, sumptuous local cuisine and more.

Trip highlights will include a field trip to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum where you will explore a world-class zoo, natural history museum and botanic garden. We'll visit Ted DeGrazia's unique art gallery which sits on 10 isolated acres of foothills, take a tram tour in Sabino Canyon, tour Mission San Xavier del Bac, and explore the quaint art community of Tubac. You will also experience the scenic, vibrant White Stallion Ranch, a working cattle ranch and favorite destination for city slickers intent on riding, roping and resting.

Prior to our departure, we will offer a pre-trip dinner in mid-February at SVSU which will feature traditional southwest food. This will be an opportunity to meet the other travelers, learn more about the itinerary, and have your questions answered.

## This Six-Day Trip to Tucson Includes:

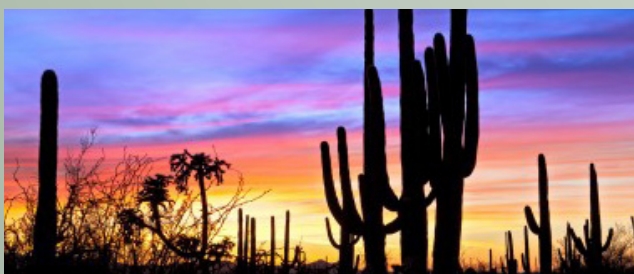
- Air from Detroit to Phoenix and ground transportation from SVSU to Detroit and from Phoenix to Tucson.
- Five nights lodging at the Radisson Suites Tucson which features balconies, spacious living rooms, oversized pool and an ideal location.
- Eleven meals - five breakfasts, four lunches and three dinners.
- All admission fees and instructors as outlined on the itinerary.
- Some free time to explore Tucson on your own.
- Road Scholar's Travel Assistance Plan.
- Southwestern pre-trip dinner at SVSU.
- All gratuities.

## About Our Lodging

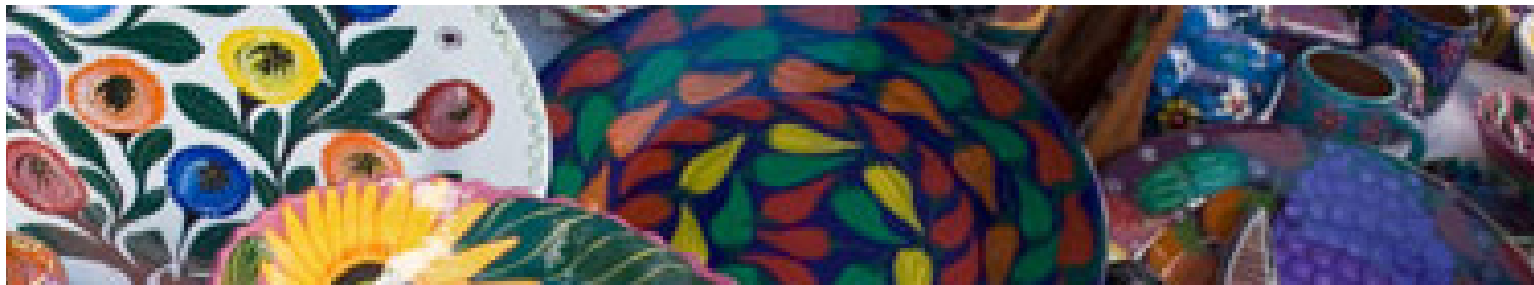
Nestled in an upscale midtown neighborhood, the Radisson Suites Tucson is an all-suite hotel which offers rooms with separate living and sleeping areas, and an extra-large bathroom with two vanities. Private balconies offer a view of the famed mountain scenery of the Southwest. The hotel features an oversized pool with hydro-spa, on-site fitness center, courtyard-style garden setting, an on-site restaurant and lounge, and complimentary shuttle service within a three-mile radius. Rooms offer complimentary wireless Internet, microwaves, refrigerators, coffee makers and hair dryers. The hotel has access to over 50 restaurants along the famed Restaurant Row and a nearby world-class golf course.

## About Our Program Provider

Our program provider for this trip is Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 to provide lifelong learning opportunities for adults. Their mission is to empower adults to explore the world's places, people, cultures, and ideas, and in so doing to discover more about themselves. They offer nearly 8,000 educational adventures a year in more than 90 countries. Road Scholar was also our travel provider on our New York City, New Orleans and San Antonio trips which received rave reviews. We have also added many upgrades on this trip that are not typically included on the public Tucson trip as an added value for our charter group.



**ROAD SCHOLAR**



## Trip Itinerary

### Day One: Sunday, March 9

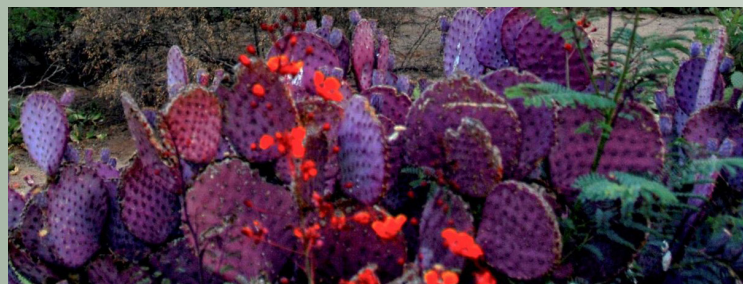
We'll depart SVSU via motorcoach for a flight from Detroit to Phoenix. Enjoy the mountain views as we transfer by motorcoach from Phoenix to Tucson for an afternoon arrival at our hotel. After checking in, we'll enjoy dinner at the hotel followed by an orientation session. (D)

### Day Two: Monday, March 10

Our day begins with breakfast in the hotel followed by a lecture on the fascinating development of what is now modern-day Tucson. In mid-morning we will leave the hotel for a guided city tour before heading about 45 minutes south to Tubac, Southern Arizona's growing artist colony and the perfect shoppers' paradise. Upon arrival in Tubac, we'll enjoy lunch at Elvira's, a new location for this legendary Mexican restaurant which was established in Nogales in 1927. After lunch, you'll have free time to visit the eighty art galleries and shops that feature hand-crafted items, sculpture, paintings, clothing and some of Southern Arizona's best import shops. Dinner will be on your own this evening. Following dinner, there will be a lecture at the hotel on famous movies which were filmed in the region. (B/L)

### Day Three: Tuesday, March 11

After breakfast, you'll enjoy a lecture at the hotel on the wild west and the Tucson area from the 1500s to the present. At 10:30 we board the bus for a trip to the popular White Stallion Dude Ranch, one of only two remaining guest ranches in the area. A family-owned working cattle ranch, you'll marvel over the beautiful 3,000-acre setting and landscaping. We will learn about the programs they offer for people of all ages and also about the ranch's history. Lunch at the ranch will feature some excellent cowboy food. After lunch, we will embark on a guided bus tour of the Tucson area as we head back to the hotel. Dinner will be served at the hotel tonight and after dinner you'll be treated to a performance by a country/western guitarist/vocalist at the hotel. (B/L/D)



### Day Four: Wednesday, March 12

After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun. This impressive art gallery features works by the late Ted DeGrazia. Ted and his wife Marion bought 10 acres in the foothills of the Santa Catalina in 1947 to build a chapel, home and a gallery. On our tour, we will learn about the life, history and philosophy of DeGrazia, as well as art mediums and techniques, Native American legends and ceremonies, desert flora and fauna, and the recycling of objects to create art. Lunch today will be at El Charro Café. Established in 1922, it is the nation's oldest Mexican Restaurant in continuous operation by the same family. It features traditional Sonoran-style and innovative Tuscan-style Mexican food. After lunch, we'll head to Sabino Canyon. Located on the edge of Tucson, it provides a close encounter with the Sonoran Desert and the fascinating variety of plants and animals that make it their home. We'll enjoy a 45 minute tram ride followed by time for personal exploration. Dinner will be on your own tonight. (B/L)

### Day Five: Thursday, March 13

After breakfast at the hotel, there will be a lecture in the hotel's meeting room about the flora and fauna of the Sonora Desert and how plants and animals have adapted to the climate. Around 9:30 we'll depart for a field trip to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, which includes a world-renowned zoo and a natural history museum and botanical garden. You will find yourself looking into the eyes of mountain lions, prairie dogs, Gila monsters and more! The park includes two miles of paths and 21 acres of beautiful desert. Lunch is included in the park at the Terraces Restaurant. After lunch, we travel to Mission San Xavier del Bac. Construction of the current church began in 1783 and was completed in 1797. It is the oldest intact European structure in Arizona and its interior is filled with marvelous original statuary and mural paintings. We return to the hotel with time to freshen up before we head to our delicious farewell dinner at Wildflower American Cuisine, the flagship restaurant of Fox Restaurant Concepts which now offers eleven unique dining experiences in the region. (B/L/D)

### Day Six: Friday, March 14

After breakfast at the hotel, you will have time to pack and check out before our mid-morning departure for the Phoenix airport. After landing in the Detroit airport, we will head to SVSU via motorcoach and arrive back in town in the evening. (B)



## General Information

### Information & Reservations:

Call the SVSU-OLLI office at 989-964-4475. The office is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Reservation Deadline:

There is no specific reservation deadline, however this trip will likely be popular, so early registration is encouraged.

### Activity Level:

Road Scholar rates this a MODERATE activity level trip, meaning participants should feel comfortable walking up to one mile over uneven terrain and be able to stand for up to one hour.

### Weather Projections:

Our weather should be comfortable in early March with average highs in the low 70s and lows around 50.

### Trip Insurance:

It is highly recommended that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. You will be sent insurance information upon receipt of your initial deposit, or you may purchase insurance on your own. Our package does include Road Scholar's Travel Assistance Plan, which includes AIF Travel Assist and guarantees that you will be taken care of in the unlikely case of a medical emergency.

### Trip Sponsor:

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). OLLI was established in 2001 as an educational resource of Mid-Michigan adults who are 50 years of age or better. The Institute offers classes, educational excursions, and social opportunities. For more information about membership call 989-964-4475 or visit our website: [www.svsu.edu/olli](http://www.svsu.edu/olli).

# TUCSON, ARIZONA

March 9 - 14, 2014

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(*exactly as it appears on driver's license*)

Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(*exactly as it appears on driver's license*)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Trip Costs

\$1,998 OLLI Members (double occupancy)

\$2,058 Non-Members (double occupancy)

\$319 Single Supplement

*(Non-member fee includes OLLI membership for 2013-14)*

Please note, there may be an additional charge for airline imposed tax & fuel surcharges.

### Deposit & Payment Schedule

\$500 will hold your spot; the final balance is due December 1, 2013. Your deposit is refundable until November 1, less a \$20 processing fee. After November 1, the cancellation policies of Road Scholar and our airline will need to be considered.

### Payment Method

Check (payable to SVSU) Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Three Ways to Register:

■ Call (989)964-4475

■ Fax the registration form to (989)-964-2656

■ Mail form with payment to:

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