



OFF-SITE TOURS

The following off-site events will be available to registrants of the 2019 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions in Phoenix, AZ. You may order tickets for these events when registering for the Convention by marking the appropriate box(es) on the registration form. Make the most of your visit to the DC area by signing up for one or more tours. Ticket prices include motorcoach transportation to and from destination and a qualified staff person in attendance.

If you have any questions concerning these excursions, please call the ACOI office at 1 800 327-5183.

Thursday, Oct 31 • Horseback Riding • 8:30 am - 11:00 am • \$145/person

This hour and a half horseback ride allows guests to experience Arizona's wide open spaces, a natural panorama of desert scenery and wildlife, the old fashioned way on horseback! Guests see the Valley of the Sun's most spectacular views while riding the trails of the Cave Creek Recreation Area, rich in history of Arizona's early beginnings. Guides lead the caravan down the winding trails passing by abandoned mine shafts along old routes created by miners in the late 1800's. Riders will have a horse personally selected to complement their personality and skill level.

Thursday, Oct 31 • Aquarium Tour • 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm • \$110/person

Step out of the desert and under the sea at the newest attraction in Scottsdale! OdySea Aquarium boasts over 200,000 square feet and 2,000,000 gallons of water in exhibits to explore. Guests are invited to tour this facility to learn about the amazing creatures that call the oceans of the world home. Get up close and personal with sharks, penguins, and otters, and even reach into the touch pool to experience an anemone or starfish for yourself. Enhancement: After their tour, guests will suit up with a specially designed underwater helmet for an experience like no other! The weighted helmets provide a flow of oxygen and allow guests to 'walk' underwater as they take an inside look at one of the exhibits. No scuba experience is required, and the helmet ensures that your hair will stay picture perfect!

Friday, Nov 1 • Hot Air Ballooning • 7:00 am - 11:00 am • \$325/person

Ballooning is an exhilarating experience for everyone, especially over the beautiful Sonoran Desert. During the flight, guests will have an unobstructed 360 degree scenic view and experience the sights and sounds of desert life. Balloonists commonly point out jackrabbits, quail, roadrunners and coyotes, while your pilot will point out exotic desert plant life below and descend to within inches of trees and cacti. Upon landing, guests are greeted with flutes.

Friday, Nov 1 • Music to My Ears • 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm • \$100/person

The Musical Instrument Museum celebrates both the similarities and differences of the world's culture as expressed through music. The museum has a permanent collection comprised of as many as 5,000 indigenous and popular instruments. During a guided tour, guests of all ages will experience a full range of musical instruments from all over the world. The instruments have both historic and artistic merit and many are more than fifty years old. The museum's goal is to acquire instruments that have been used for folk and tribal occasions wherever possible.

Saturday, Nov 2 • Art and Architecture Tour • 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon • \$115/person

Step into Frank Lloyd Wright's "Taliesin West", a desert masterpiece constructed by hand of natural desert elements. This original "sustainable" and "green" architectural design embraces the desert environment. Cool river rocks, naturally tumbled flagstones and the desert breeze embrace us as we stroll through time and imagine Mr. Wright in his favorite "camp retreat" and modern working school of architecture during our private guided tour. Our second attraction features the studio of Paolo Soleri, a former apprentice of Mr. Wright who created distinctive designs of earthformed concrete. This eclectic foundry produces his famous Soleri windbells from molded bronze dipped in acid baths to produce one-of-a-kind artworks in shades of greens and aquas.

Saturday, Nov 2 • Shopping in Scottsdale • 1:00 - 4:00 pm • \$60/person

Discover "Old Town" Fifth Avenue, Scottsdale's open air shopping mecca. The area consists of 6 blocks full of Southwestern flavor, and offers many shops with a variety of authentic Southwestern jewelry, crafts and clothing. Lush gardens and spectacular architecture provide the backdrop for Fifth Avenue's impressive collection of renowned art galleries, popular eateries and one of a kind shops.

TOUR TICKET RESALE ON-SITE: It is our policy that no refunds or exchanges of tour tickets can be made on-site. If you wish to sell a ticket for an event you cannot attend, however, please see the ACOI Convention staff. You will be asked to fill out a ticket resale form and leave your ticket with the desk for **possible** resale. There is no guarantee unwanted tickets will be resold. You must check back with the staff to learn if your ticket has been sold and to receive a refund. Any funds from resold tickets not collected by 8:00 am Sunday, November 3, 2019 become the property of the College.

NOTE: The ACOI uses a destination management company and does not make a profit on off-site tours. Guests may be able to arrange similar excursions on their own at lesser prices. Check with the Hotel Concierge if you wish to arrange your own off-site activities.