

Sedona Sunset
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Beautiful...Mystical Sedona.

Sedona, Arizona has an unusual reputation. Considered sacred ground by Native Americans this unique corner of Arizona still draws visitors like a magnet...literally. Some people say it's the area's location, situated on one of the world's magnetic energy vortexes, which explains why Sedona draws so many new-age practitioners. But others, myself included, love the simple, stark beauty, the incredible contrasts of green pines and Sedona's majestic red rocks. When I first visited Sedona, I knew I needed to create a story as unique and beautiful as the area. I think ***Sedona Sunset*** reaches the mark.

Besides the incredible natural beauty Sedona has to offer, there are also some pretty spectacular man-made things to do while visiting. Here are just a few examples:

1. Oak Creek Canyon—The canyon, of course, is one of God's creations, but the 14-mile road driving from the Mogollon Rim down to Sedona is man's creation. Rand McNally rates the winding trip, which descends 4,500 feet as one of the top 5 Scenic Drives in America.
2. Jeep Tours—Yes, you can tour the area in a pink jeep, or if pink is too vivid for you, one of the other regular-looking tour vehicles. You can explore the rugged high plateaus, spectacular views or the cave dwellings of the Sinaqua Indians carved into the limestone cliffs. You can also run the shallow rapids of the Verde River and enjoy the wildlife along the banks.
3. Tlaquepaque Arts and Craft Village—Spanish/Pueblo architecture, complete with a large, tiled fountain, add Sedona's special flair to this unique shopping experience. Visit stores featuring paintings in various mediums, bronze sculptures, ceramics, weaving and glass. Clothing stores carry trademark Southwest designs and specialty shops offer those one-of-a-kind gifts to take home. Enjoy fine dining with Mexican cuisine, French dining and an on-site brewery.
4. Resorts and Spas—Although, Sedona has nightlife, it's not considered a club destination. Sedona's spectacular surroundings lend itself to relaxation. Resorts and spas abound...from golf courses to high-end spa retreats. Sedona offers some of the finest accommodations in the country with a multitude of environments. Choose from Spanish tiled rooftops and courtyards or ultra-modern buildings tucked into hidden canyons. All promise to deliver a unique experience.