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Spring Training Guide



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WHETHER YOU'RE CHEERING FOR THE CUBS OR THE ATHLETICS, you can enjoy top-notch dining, outdoor adventures and family-friendly fun. Follow this guide to make the most of your time in Mesa before, during and after the game.

A NOTE FROM OUR MAYOR

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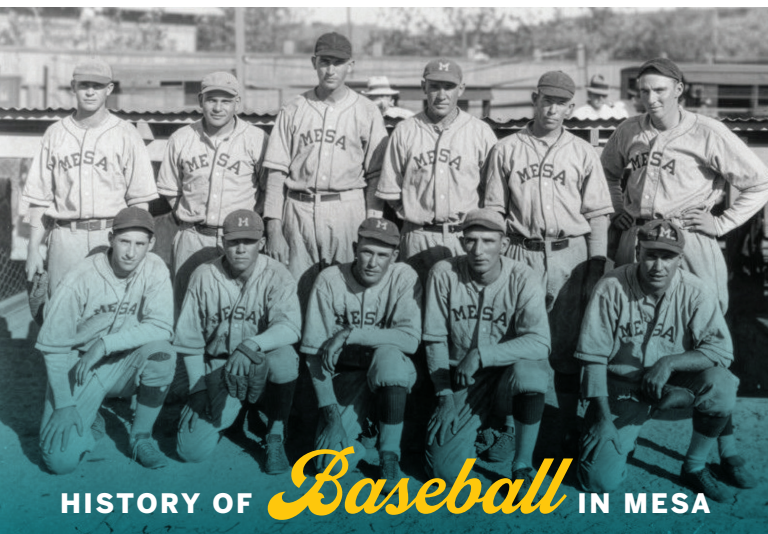
We're excited to host you for Spring Training and hope your visit is filled with great baseball and warm Arizona hospitality. After the final pitch, we encourage you to continue exploring all that Mesa has to offer.



Mark Freeman

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Mayor of Mesa

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HISTORY OF *Baseball* IN MESA

MESA'S BASEBALL STORY STRETCHES NEARLY A CENTURY, INTERTWINING COMMUNITY PRIDE WITH AMERICA'S PASTIME.

Efforts to bring Spring Training to Arizona began in the 1920s, but momentum truly took hold in 1947 when baseball innovator Bill Veeck brought the Cleveland Indians to train in Tucson. His bold move set the stage for what would become one of the country's most beloved Spring Training traditions.

As interest grew, other teams began looking to the desert for warm weather and dependable sunshine, and Mesa quickly rose to prominence. Since then, generations of fans have filled local ballparks to watch icons such as Willie Mays, Ron Santo, Ernie Banks and Fergie Jenkins take the field. Today, the Chicago Cubs welcome fans to **Sloan Park**, while the A's train at historic **Hohokam Stadium**, carrying forward a legacy built on sunshine, loyalty and unforgettable baseball moments in Mesa.

Opening in spring 2026, Mesa will be home to the new **Arizona Baseball Museum** at the **Mesa Historical Museum**. The museum will showcase more than 4,000 square feet of exhibits highlighting Arizona's rich baseball roots, including stories that span the state's earliest territorial teams, the rise of Spring Training, unforgettable Cactus League moments, and the players, fans and communities who helped shape the game in Arizona.



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Chicago Cubs

HOME GAME 2026 SCHEDULE

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Home Game



MLB Spring Breakout Game



Athletics

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Home Game



MLB Spring Breakout Game

KNOW

BEFORE YOU GO

WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST SPRING TRAINING TRIP OR YOUR ANNUAL TRADITION, a little preparation will go a long way. Spend game day smooth and stress-free with a few pro tips:

WHAT TO PACK

SUNSCREEN, SUNGLASSES AND HATS

The desert sun is no joke.



FACTORY-SEALED WATER BOTTLES

are allowed at both stadiums.

LIGHT BLANKETS

for lawn seating.



TEAM GEAR

like jerseys, caps or anything that screams your Cubs or Athletics pride!

CLEAR BAGS

or bags under 16" x 16" x 8".

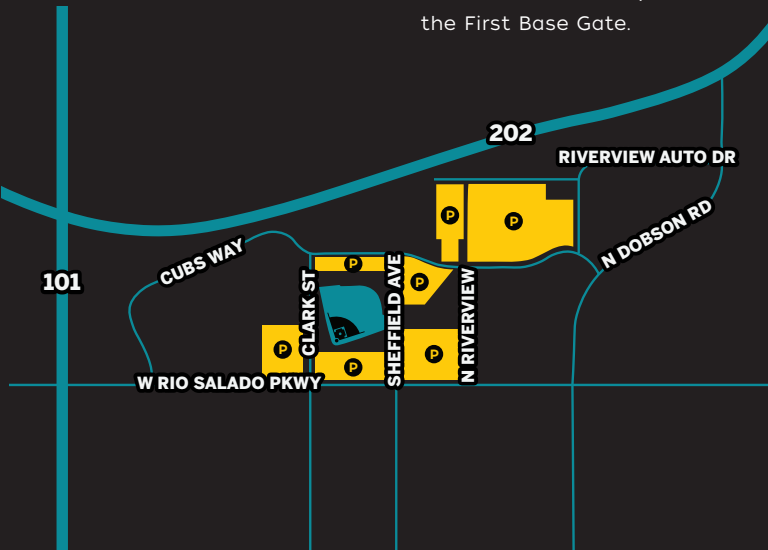


SLOAN PARK

2330 W RIO SALADO PKWY

Game day information:
mlb.com/cubs/sloan-park

- The park is fully cashless.
- Park at Mesa Riverview for a free shuttle directly to the First Base Gate.

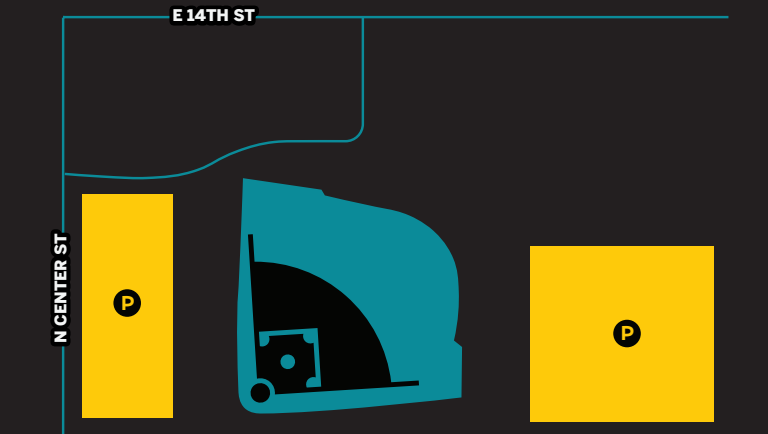


HOHOKAM STADIUM

1235 N CENTER ST

Game day information:
mlb.com/athletics/spring-training/ballpark

- Cash-only for parking; concessions accept cards.
- On-site parking available for a small fee.



PRE-GAME

EATS

WHETHER YOU FUEL UP BEFORE FIRST PITCH or keep the fun going after the last out, Mesa's culinary and entertainment scene hits it out of the park.



For over 43 years, **Gabby's Sports Bar & Grill** has served Mesa's classic sports-bar vibe with big screens, bold flavors, wings and homemade sauces, half-pound burgers and bar bites. Upbeat karaoke, music and a huge, covered patio keep fans gathering.

In Downtown Mesa, **Main Burgers** elevates the classic American burger with creative combinations and quality ingredients crafted by award-winning culinary talent. Craving heat? Try the savory Sonora burger paired with crispy, hand-cut fries.



A beloved local stop, **Pied Piper Bakery** serves sweet and savory pies baked fresh each day. Classic fruit slices, hearty pot pies, french silk, banana cream, key lime, cheesecake and seasonal specialties are perfect to fuel you before or after the game. With fresh ingredients and gluten-friendly, no-sugar-added and keto options, it's an easy place for every visitor to indulge.

For something fast, flavorful and a little different than standard ballpark fare, **Pacific Rim and Bento** dishes up fresh island cuisine with vibrant ingredients and generous portions. It's an easy go-to for visitors looking for quick, satisfying eats before first pitch.

POST-GAME

FUN

After the ballpark, **AZ Dingers** is a great place to keep the energy going in temperature-controlled batting cages with everything you need including pitching machines for both baseball and softball plus a HitTrax simulator that tracks speed, distance and trajectory. It's fun for families, team outings, date nights or anyone ready for friendly competition.



Just steps from Sloan Park, **Dink & Dine** brings together 13 premium courts, lawn games, jumbo-screens and a chef-driven menu built for post-game cravings. This lively space is the perfect spot to rally, refuel and kick back.

For those looking to extend the fun, **FatCats Entertainment Center** offers bowling, arcade play, glow mini-golf and a reclining theater, creating an all-in-one spot to unwind after the game.

Retro gamers will love **Level 1 Arcade Bar**, where vintage pinball machines and craft cocktails create a relaxed, playful vibe. It's an easy place to challenge friends or wind down after a sunny day at the stadium.

Don't leave Mesa with just a ticket stub, leave with art made from you. **Sol Iris Photography** transforms a close-up of your iris into artwork that captures color, detail and soul. Book a session for a keepsake as unforgettable as Spring Training.



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TURF & SURF

ADVENTURES

FROM DESERT TRAILS TO SPARKLING LAKES, Mesa has the perfect adventure to pair with your Spring Training plans.



Exploring the Sonoran Desert with **Detours Arizona** offers a closer look at Mesa's iconic landscapes, from stretches of the historic Apache Trail to mountain views, desert lakes and dramatic rock formations. Guides share geology, history and local insight, creating a meaningful experience for nature lovers.

Offering guided rock climbing for beginners and seasoned adventurers alike, **Arizona Mountain Guides** deliver a thrilling way to explore Mesa's area canyons and rock formations. Friendly experts and standout scenery make this an unforgettable outing between games.

A relaxed way to take in the scenery, guided horseback riding leads guests along trails lined with saguaros, wildflowers and wide-open views while sharing stories about the desert's past. It's an especially peaceful option for families during the season.

For those who want fresh air and movement, Mesa's trail network provides scenic routes for both hiking and mountain biking at **Usery Mountain, Desert Trails Park** and the **Hawes Trail System**. Sunshine and epic views make these trails a refreshing complement to a day at the ballpark.



In the Valley, there's nothing quite like a sunrise flight with **Hot Air Expeditions**, where wide views of vistas and glowing horizons unfold beneath the basket. With mountain peaks in the distance and a celebratory post-flight treat, it's a beautiful way to start a day in Mesa.



Riverbound Sports

Paddle Co. gives visitors an easy way to explore Arizona's lakes and rivers with high-quality paddleboard and kayak rentals, guided outings and friendly local expertise. With well-maintained gear, scenic routes and occasional wildlife sightings, it's a memorable way to enjoy time on the water during Spring Training.

Desert Belle Cruises offers narrated journeys across Saguaro Lake, gliding past canyon walls, wildlife and calm blue water. It's an easygoing way to take in the surrounding landscape without leaving the comfort of the boat.

A classic paddle-wheeler, **Dolly Steamboat** brings scenic excursions to Canyon Lake with narrated tours, wildlife sightings and dramatic cliffside views. The peaceful ride offers a relaxing look at Arizona's desert beauty from the water.

Bringing ocean-style waves to the desert, **Revel Surf at Cannon Beach** delivers a world-class surf lagoon designed for every skill level. Visitors can book sessions, take lessons or relax on the sand with cocktails and curated dishes. It's an unexpected and exciting way to cool off during a Mesa getaway.



Nestled beneath towering cliffs, **Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch** offers calm water experiences including kayaking, wildlife viewing and guided paddles along quiet stretches of the Salt River. Its serene backdrop creates a relaxing escape for visitors wanting a peaceful day outdoors.

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HIT THE

GREENS

WITH NEARLY YEAR-ROUND SUNSHINE

and breathtaking scenery in every direction, Mesa is a golfer's dream.

Augusta Ranch Golf Club offers an inviting layout ideal for beginners and casual players. Well-kept fairways and a relaxed atmosphere make it a great choice for visitors looking for an easygoing round during their stay.



A local favorite, **Dobson Ranch Golf Club** pairs mature landscaping with friendly staff and consistent course conditions. Its lighted driving range and welcoming vibe make it perfect for golfers who want to practice or play at any time of day.

Set in the foothills, **Las Sendas Golf Club** delivers dramatic elevation changes, sweeping desert vistas and a memorable layout carved into rugged terrain. Panoramic views and challenging greens make it a top pick for golfers seeking both scenery and a true test of skill.



Known for its thoughtful design and wide fairway views, **Longbow Golf Club** offers a beautifully crafted desert layout with strategic bunkers and award-winning conditions. Strong amenities and consistent playability create a polished experience for golfers of all abilities.

Just a short drive from Mesa, **We-Ko-Pa Golf Club** showcases two award-winning desert courses surrounded by untouched Sonoran landscape. With no homes lining the fairways, it's a pure, uninterrupted golf experience defined by dramatic scenery and standout design.



SHOPPING IN MESA

FROM GLOBAL FLAIR TO VINTAGE TREASURES, there's plenty to browse and explore between games.

A major highlight is **Mesa's Asian District** along Dobson Road, where hot pot, dim sum, boba, bakeries, specialty teas, groceries and gifts fill a vibrant cultural corridor anchored by Mekong Plaza.

Close to Sloan Park, **Mesa Riverview** brings together national retailers, casual dining and entertainment. It's ideal for grabbing fan gear, last-minute essentials or spending time before or after the game.



In the heart of the city, Downtown Mesa offers a lively stretch of indie boutiques, vintage finds and artisan goods. Visitors can browse favorites like **The Boutique** and **Just Because Gift Shop**, stop by **Mad Candy** for a treat, discover the new **Casa Copal** and unwind at coffee shops or local breweries along this walkable strip.



In Village Square at **Dana Park**, visitors can explore an upscale mix of fashion, home décor and dining in a relaxed outdoor setting lined with palms and fountains. Stylish boutiques and inviting restaurant patios make it an easy place to spend an afternoon or evening.

For treasure hunters, thrifting and antiquing in Mesa ranges from the massive **Mesa Market Place Swap Meet** and **Main Street Antique Mall** to curated vintage shops tucked throughout town, offering one-of-a-kind pieces and retro gems.

Whether you're chasing birdies or local treasures, Mesa has you covered.

SPRING 2026

SIGNATURE EVENTS

JANUARY

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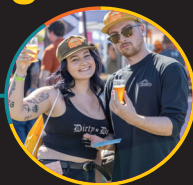
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ASIAN FESTIVAL

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FEBRUARY

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MONTH

ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

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MESA MARATHON

mesamarathon.com



MARCH

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CAT FEST AT THE MESA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

mesahistoricalmuseum.com

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BREAKAWAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

breakawayfestival.com



FOR A FULL LIST OF MESA'S TOP EVENTS
HAPPENING THIS SEASON, SCAN HERE.

SPRING TRAINING MAP



DESTINATION	SLOAN PARK	HOHOKAM STADIUM
Asian District	5 Minutes	10 Minutes
Downtown Mesa	10 Minutes	5 Minutes
Mesa Gateway Airport	30 Minutes	30 Minutes
Salt River	25 Minutes	25 Minutes
Superstition Mountains	30 Minutes	30 Minutes

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