



Sunglow Ranch provides a unique and picturesque base from which to explore the Chiricahua Mountains and all of southeastern Arizona. Follow in the footsteps of the legends that once called this region home, and explore the very heart of the Old West in the colorful and resolute communities of Tombstone and Bisbee.

This is an area where you will feel a true closeness to nature, along with a richness of history. Here, great struggles occurred among Native American, Mexican and later American cultures. Today, agriculture and a rapidly growing viticultural area predominate between the Dragoon and Chiricahua Mountains creating a scenic backdrop for life in Cochise County.

The following are **suggested travel itineraries** that are easily modifiable to suit your personal interests. Let us know if you'd like us to create a customized program with additional recommendations especially for you! Please note that some advance notice is required for nature and birding guides, massage therapy, and horseback trail rides.

SUNGLOW RANCH RELAXATION ITINERARY BIRDING HOT TUB STAR-GAZING WINE

Desperate for relaxation and peaceful moments? Or in need of de-toxifying and some much-needed R & R to give balance to your high-stressful life style? Even if you prefer a take-it-easy interlude in southeastern Arizona, Sunglow Ranch offers the following program to restore the sparkle in your eye, put you back in touch with Nature, helping you to re-focus your internal spirit.

2 Night Stay, Day 1

PM As you approach Sunglow Ranch from Tucson, or heading west on I-10 from New Mexico, plan a leisurely stop at the [Amerind Foundation](#), just off Route 10, Exit 318. Founded in 1937, **Amerind** is a private museum dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Native American culture and history. Located in spectacular Texas Canyon in the Little Dragoon Mountains, Amerind houses one of the finest private collections of Native American art and artifacts in the country.

After your stop at Amerind, continue on to Sunglow Ranch (via Dragoon Road, right on 191, left on 181 to Turkey Creek Road.) Welcome to Sunglow Ranch and the Cottonwood Canyon area.

Stop by the Café for a cocktail or a glass of wine. Once settled, use Sunglow binoculars to begin spotting the many species of birds at the feeders. The red-headed Acorn Woodpecker's will make you feel right at home.

After dinner, the hot tub makes a perfect place to lean back for some incredible stargazing from our 5,500 foot elevation. Pretty relaxing already, isn't it?

2 Night Stay, Day 2

AM After a leisurely breakfast, take an equally leisurely stroll around the **Sunglow Nature Trail**. This nearly 3 mile loop (with little elevation gain) will take you past our lower and upper ponds, a viewing area above Cottonwood Creek, out through the forest of mesquite and emory oak trees and back around the paddock and barn to the Ranch.

An optional detour to the **Sunset Hills** leads to some spectacular views above and beyond Sunglow. Allow 1 to 2 hours for your walk. Hiking shoes suggested. The horses always appreciate treats (let us know if we can provide you with some!) and you'll pass the variety of chickens in our pen that produce all of Sunglow Ranch's eggs each day.

PM Order a Sunglow Ranch lunch to enjoy poolside today. While away the afternoon hours with a good book, or your knitting, or let us know ahead of time if we can make arrangements for you to visit one of the many local wineries.

Our friends and neighbors, Curt and Peggy from [Lawrence Dunham Vineyard](#) are a 10 minute drive from Sunglow. Here you can savor the true essence of southeastern Arizona's up and coming viticultural area.

Try one of the many local wines from our menu as you dine this evening in Sunglow's Café.

2 Night Stay, Day 3

AM (If departing today,) Bring Sunglow Ranch Picnic lunches with you, and head for the [Cochise Stronghold](#) wheel-chair accessible Interpretive Trail or Nature Trail. Or consider lunch (weekends only) at Patsy Nyberg's [Taza's Hideaway](#) (just north of Ironwood Road on the right) and be sure to stop by the [Produce Wagon](#) next store. It's an interesting market with some very unique local products available. Say hello to owners Delbert and Julie!

Incidentally, the village of Sunsites offers the nearest golf course to Sunglow Ranch and if you'd like to play, stop in at the 18 hole [Shadow Mountain Golf Course](#).

On your way back to Sunglow, take the short detour through the **Ghost Town** of Pearce, Arizona. **Pearce** is named for Cornishman James Pearce, miner and cattleman, who discovered gold nearby at what became the Commonwealth Mine in 1894. By 1919, Pearce had a population of 1,500. The town declined in the 1930s, and became almost a ghost in the late 1940s, when the mine closed for the last time.

The **Commonwealth Mine** here became one of Arizona's major silver producers. Over 1,000,000 tons of ore were produced from 1895 to 1942. There are about 20 miles of underground workings. The mine produced about \$8 million worth of silver and \$2.5 million in gold at a time when silver was priced around 50 cents an ounce, and gold was \$20 an ounce.

3 Night Stay, Day 3

PM Ready to saddle up? Head out on a guided Sunset ride with Bucky, of Blue Sky Ranches. Thinking of relaxation? Stretch out under the umbrella pool-side, and we'll bring the drinks to you.

3 Night Stay, Day 4

AM If checking out, set out after breakfast for a visit to the nearby [Chiricahua National Monument](#). Stop in at the Visitor's Center to inquire as to the next guided tour of the Far Away Ranch, and begin an exhilarating ascent by car, up Bonita Canyon Drive to Echo Canyon to an elevation of 6,776' at the top. Enjoy an easy walk at the top to Inspiration Point or Massai Point. Back at the bottom; take the guided tour at CNM's [Far Away Ranch](#), once the homestead farm and ranch home of Neil and Emma Erickson. Learn the story of these Swedish immigrants and how they first came to the area in 1887.

4 Night Stay, Day 4

PM Your relaxing adventure today involves a drive to [Cave Creek Canyon](#). Most who come here do at least a little birdwatching. This is one of the best places in the southwest to see the extremely elusive **Elegant Trogon**. Among the two hundred plus species that have been sighted here, there are many notable ones, such as the rose-breasted becard, olive warbler, red-faced warbler, magnificent hummingbird and blue-throated hummingbird.

Here you'll also find spectacular scenery, world-class birdwatching, and a riparian area teeming with unique wildlife. On this drive, you'll get a good picture of what's in store for you even before you enter the Forest. The soaring cliffs of Cave Creek Canyon, pocked with caves and punctuated with pinnacles, come into view well before you arrive. A short distance inside the Forest boundary, there is a Visitor Information Center to provide you with more information.

Consider stopping at the **Portal Store and Café** for Lunch, before making your way back to Sunglow. Round trip approximately 100 miles!

4 Night Stay, Day 5

AM On a beautiful morning to complete your stay, we suggest you end your relaxation itinerary comfortably on the porch of the Sunglow Ranch. Pour yourself a steaming cup of coffee or tea, and watch the wide variety of bird species from the porch. Sunglow binoculars are available for your use. We hope your stay at Sunglow Ranch has been relaxing and restorative!

Suggestion: if you're headed back in the direction of Tucson today, we recommend a visit to the [Singing Wind Book Shop](#) a few miles north of Benson.