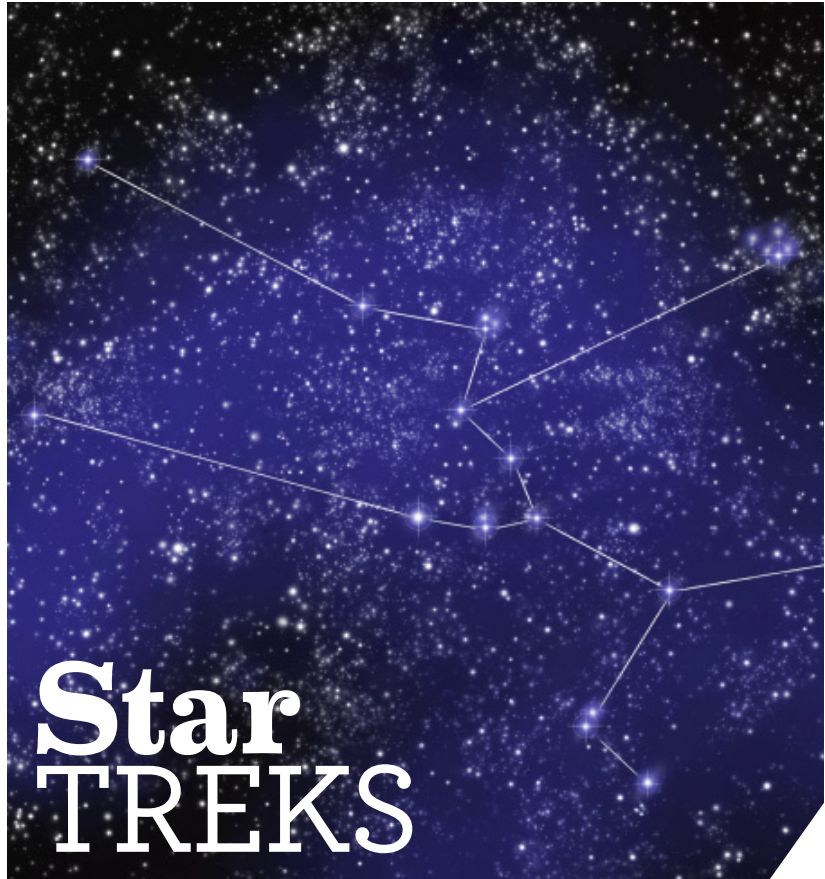


You'll see amazing night skies at these secluded, heavenly vacation spots.



Pearce, Arizona

Thanks to low light pollution and almost cloud-free weather, the Southwest is famous for its clear, starry nights.

★ **Star Struck** Set on 475 acres of desert about an hour and a half east of Tucson, Sunglow Guest Ranch Resort is a prime place to spot stars. Typically, owner (and avid amateur astronomer) Mitch Sayare hosts a stargazing dinner on the first five nights of the month; he'll point out nebulae, galaxies and planets over a three-course alfresco meal (free for ranch guests or \$40 for visitors). You can contemplate the cosmos on your own in the outdoor hot tub or around the fire pit with a cup of hot cocoa.

★ **Down to Earth** The reliably sunny weather makes the ranch perfect for daytime activities like hiking and mountain biking. Sunglow also attracts hundreds of species of birds—and, with them, bird-watchers—and has a pond and a canoe for fishing. Many guests also visit nearby attractions like Tombstone, Chiricahua National Monument and the tasting rooms of local wineries.

★ **Where to Stay** You'll spend the night at Sunglow in a casita—an adorable adobe-brick cottage replete with a private covered patio, original murals on the walls and fireplaces in double rooms. (Singles start from \$270, including breakfast and dinner; sunglowranch.com.)