



Around & about: a quick look at Yuma

Nature, history – and the river that made them. That’s what Yuma is all about.

Our geography shaped the Southwest. Because the Yuma Crossing was the safest spot to ford the Colorado, all roads led here for travelers from Spanish explorers to Okies fleeing the Dust Bowl.

That rich heritage is showcased at two state historic parks (**Yuma Territorial Prison** and the **Quartermaster Depot**). You can also learn about Yuma’s early days and its first residents at local and tribal museums.

A trip to **Castle Dome Mines Museum**, an authentic “ghost town” on a remote mining claim, will take you back to the days of the Old West. Or learn the story of General George S. Patton’s World War II desert training center – and modern testing technology – at the **Heritage Center** at Yuma Proving Ground.

If you want **outdoor adventure**, Yuma’s the perfect jumping-off spot to hundreds of square miles of wilderness in the **Imperial, Kofa and Cibola national wildlife refuges**, and the gateway to the Imperial Sand Dunes – a hot spot for off-roaders and movie-makers alike.

With the Colorado River running through it, Yuma offers lots of wet fun all year round, from a quiet paddle to waterskiing. **Yuma River Tubing** can even get you afloat right in town.

With so much to see, you’ll want to stick around – good thing we have **23,000 RV park spots** and **4,000 hotel rooms** to choose from, not to mention sixteen golf courses, three modern casinos, a fabulous art center and a wide array of shopping and dining. Browse our Visitors Guide at www.VisitYuma.com.

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