

**October 25, 2010**                      **[The Heard Museum](#)**

**Depart: 9:00 a.m. Return: 1:00 p.m.**

**\*lunch is not included with \$25.00 fee, but dining options are affordable and on-site**

**\*Tour may be cancelled if less than 10 participants**

The award winning Heard Museum has successfully captured the past and present times of the heritage and culture of the Native American people. The museum, an adobe building, originally the home of Dwight and Marie Heard, is nestled on a tree-lined street in the heart of Phoenix. Opened in 1929 as a “Museum of Primitive Art,” it has become one of the premier showcases of the Southwestern Indian culture. Native American artisans may be found throughout the museum demonstrating beadwork, weaving, sculptures and carvings giving visitors the opportunity to talk with them while they work.

For more information visit [www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org)

**October 26, 2010**                      **[The Desert Botanical Gardens](#)**

**Depart: 9:00 a.m. Return: 1:00 p.m.**

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The Desert Botanical Garden is home to over 10,000 plants from deserts around the world, including more than half of the world’s total number of cacti species. The Garden is a natural environment located on 145 acres within the beauty of Papago Park and is home to jackrabbits, squirrels, desert tortoises and other small animals. For bird watchers, there are dozens of species of native and migratory birds, from hummingbirds to the desert hawks. Desert succulents found throughout the garden included Agave, Barrel, Prickly Pear, Aloe Vera, Ocotillo, Saguaro, and literally hundreds of others.

**October 27, 2010**                      **[The Phoenix Art Museum](#)**

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The Phoenix Art Museum opened in 1959 and is a private, non-profit educational institution. In 1996, the Museum celebrated the completion of a \$25 million expansion and renovation project, doubling its space to 160,000 square feet. It is now the largest visual art museum between Denver and Los Angeles. Nearly 16,000 works make up the museum’s collection emphasizing American, European, Asian, Modern and Contemporary, Latin American, and Western American art, and Fashion Design. Throughout the Museum’s galleries, treasures are arranged thematically to put the art in context and to create an easier understanding of their meaning and value.