Among the Tucson attractions are:

**Saguaro National Park** – Bordering Tucson on the east and west, where the saguaro cactus reigns supreme, sometimes towering to heights of 50 feet, the park is not to be missed.

**Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum** – The word “museum” is almost a misnomer as the 98 acres are a combination of a zoo, aquarium, botanical garden and art museum. There are 230 animal species displayed in their natural habitat surrounded by 1,200 types of plants.

**Mission San Xavier del Bac** – This Catholic mission was built in 1783 about ten miles south of downtown Tucson. It is generally considered the best example of Spanish Colonial architecture in the U.S. The interior and exterior are both breathtaking.

**Pima Air and Space Museum** – With a collection of over 300 aircraft with examples throughout the history of flight, this is one of the world’s largest aerospace museums.
Sabino Canyon – Located in the Coronado National Forest, Sabino Canyon is close to the city. The Catalina Mountains rise before you and rocky gorges and canyons are accessible. A tram is available to take visitors into the canyon and riders can get off at any stop to access trailheads, pools and picnic areas.

Kit Peak National Observatory – Tucson has laws and regulations in place to keep its night skies as dark as possible. This observatory is 55 miles from Tucson and has 26 telescopes. There are daily tours and a nighttime program where visitors can watch the sunset and take in the stars.

Old Tucson – In the heart of the Tucson mountains, movie history was made at Old Tucson, starting with the 1939 film “Arizona” and continuing with a long stream of western movies.

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