

Pima Air & Space Museum
6000 E Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ
<http://www.pimaair.org/>

HOURS

Open 7 Days a Week
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admission at 3 p.m.)
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas day

The Pima Air & Space Museum is a private non-profit museum. It is not part of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and it does not receive operational funding from any governmental entity. The museum is funded by admission fees, tour fees and museum-store sales.

MUSEUM AIRCRAFT LIST: <http://www.pimaair.org/visit/new-aircraft-list>

RESTAURANT

The Pima Air & Space Museum's restaurant, Flight Grill, is a beautiful quick-service grill that features an exposed kitchen and floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking our Navy and Air Force fighters. From our beautiful patio, you can enjoy the mountain views, our outdoor collection and even watch as aircraft take-off and land just across the street at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. The indoor dining room is just steps away from the covered tram-waiting area.

At Flight Grill, you can enjoy USDA Prime hand-pressed burgers, fresh salads and Sonoran cuisine plus seasonal specials. Stop by for a hand-scooped ice cream cone or a caramel latte from our espresso bar.
Open daily from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days.

ACCESSIBILITY

All of the museum buildings are accessible (but the museum does not provide wheelchair or scooter rentals). The floors are poured cement. Accessible parking spaces (handicapped permit required) are located near the entrance to the museum. A paved walkway connects the Main Hangar, Hangar 3 and Hangar 4 while the remainder of the outdoor acreage is generally hard-packed dirt. It can be difficult for a thin-wheeled vehicle to move easily in the areas with loose sand when viewing the 150 aircraft outdoors.

Both the "Boneyard"/AMARG Bus Tour and the Tram Tour of the Pima Air & Space Museum's grounds are available with accessible seating however we need advanced notification: 3 business days for the "Boneyard"/AMARG bus, 30 minutes for the Tram.

We have limited accessible exhibits for children. Currently only the Lunar Landing Simulator in the Dorothy Finley Space Gallery can be accessed from a standard-height wheelchair (there is no paved path to the Space Gallery.)

TOURS

WORLD WAR II TOUR

Pima Air & Space Museum is known for its World War II collection. This 50-minute guided tour in Hangar 3 highlights the contributions of airplanes, heroes and advances in aviation technology during the early to mid 1940s in the European and Pacific theaters. This daily tour is FREE with admission.

"BONEYARD"/AMARG TOUR

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Through a special Support Agreement, the Pima Air & Space Museum is the exclusive operator of the "Boneyard" Tour aka the 309TH Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) Facility on the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. We offer climate-controlled motorcoaches with an experienced, friendly docent on board to narrate the tour of the 4,000+ aircraft from the U.S. Air Force, Navy-Marine Corps, Army, Coast Guard, and several federal agencies including NASA in varying degrees of storage, being regenerated or recycled. All nationalities are welcome on the tour.

Advanced reservations are now required for this tour. As of November 1, 2017, all guests interested in taking this tour must have made a reservation and received a security clearance in advance. The security clearance will be given by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base from information collected at the time of reservation. Reservations must be made in advance of the desired tour date.

"Boneyard"/AMARG tours are only operated Monday through Friday and are not operated on federal holidays.

"Boneyard"/AMARG Tours are subject to cancellation due to restrictions levied on us by the Davis Monthan Air Force Base.

At time of reservation all individuals age 16 & older, interested in taking the tour must provide the following: First and Last Name, Social Security Number, U.S. Government Issued Photo Identification Number (Passport # for Foreign Citizens) and Date of Birth. This information will be provided to Davis Monthan Air Force Base 10 days prior to the tour date to perform a background check and grant security clearance. Day of tour, all individuals age 16 & older will need to present at the Pima Air & Space Museum Admissions counter the U.S. Government Issued Photo Identification (Passport for Foreign Citizens) used to make their reservation. The bus begins loading approximately 15 minutes before the tour departure time. To load on the bus you need to have your U.S. Government Issued Photo Identification (Passport for Foreign Citizens) and a Boarding Pass.

Security measures for the U.S. base are in effect. The U.S. Air Force prohibits the carrying of firearms, weapons, illegal substances, backpacks, camera cases, and other non-essential items on the "Boneyard"/AMARG tour. Please leave these items in your car. Carry-on items may include a small camera without the case and a small purse or fanny/belt pack. All items will be visually inspected before boarding the bus.

This tour is handicap accessible, please notify us at time of reservation so we can make the proper arrangements.

TRAM TOUR

1-hour Tram Tours take passengers through our 80 acres on a 1.5 mile circuit to view more than 150 planes in our collection. Tram Tours are narrated by experienced, friendly docents who describe highlights of our collection, a plane's significance and often times share their personal stories of service with many of the aircraft on display.

The Tram Tour schedule changes throughout the year, please call 520-574-0462 for current tour times. November 1 – May 31, the tour is offered at 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3pm

Tram Tours depart from outside the northern-most western door of the Main Hangar/Flight Central (near Flight Grill restaurant).

All special and regular Tram Tours and tour times are subject to change/cancellation due to weather/mechanical/personnel/late arrivals or other conditions beyond PASM control.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AVIATION

A 50-minute guided tour, detailing the history of aviation and highlighting key components of our collection in the Main Hangar, is offered daily. This tour is led by experienced, friendly docents, and is FREE with admission.

WALKING TOUR SELF-GUIDED: TOOLS

Feel free to stroll our 6 hangars (including the 390th Memorial Museum) and 80 acres on your own. Experienced docents are available inside the hangars to answer questions or to provide an impromptu mini tour. Please note the 390th Memorial Museum's hours are 10:00am to 4:30pm. Hangars 3, 4 and 5, as well as the Space Gallery begin closing at 4:30 pm to allow sufficient time for you to exit by our closing time (5:00pm). Thanks for your cooperation.

For smartphone/iPad users, we offer additional tools: QR codes. Most of our outdoors planes' information signs offer QR codes. Simply download a free app such as QR Reader and point your camera, shoot the black and white bitmapped square and voila: a direct link to that plane's museum webpage.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SEE EVERYTHING?

Allow a **minimum** of 3-4 hours to visit all 5 hangars and 80 acres of exhibits. See the [PLAN YOUR VISIT](#) for more details. You can easily spend all day here!

HOW LONG DOES THE "BONEYARD"/AMARG TOUR TAKE?

The "Boneyard"/AMARG bus tour lasts approximately 2-3 hours.

WHEN ARE THE TOURS?

Docent-guided walking tours are daily at 10:30am in the Main Hangar and 11:30am in Hangar 3. From December through May additional walking tours are at 1:30pm (Main Hangar/General Aviation) and 2:30pm (Hangar 3/WWII). Tram Tours operate daily at 10:00am, 11:30am and 1:30pm. From November through May an additional 3:00pm Tram tour is generally offered. "Boneyard"/AMARG tours require an advanced reservation and times vary by day based on historical attendance.

IS PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITTED AT THE MUSEUM OR ON THE "BONEYARD"/AMARG TOUR?

Yes. You may take unlimited photos or video for your personal use. For commercial purposes you must obtain prior permission from the Director of Communications via [email](#) or phone 520 618-4800.

The "Boneyard"/AMARG bus does stop for photo opportunities however photos are taken through the bus windows (large and clean). No one is allowed off the bus on the base. The doors and windows remain closed.

WHEN AND HOW CAN I GET INSIDE AN AIRCRAFT?

In the Main Hangar visitors are able to get into a Quail kit plane, an actual Boeing 720 cockpit simulator that was used to train airline pilots, and a helicopter cockpit simulator. In Hangar 4, there is an aircraft cockpit section made by the museum's restoration staff/volunteers that resembles a North American T-6 Texan trainer from World War II. Three of the World War II bombers in the museum have their bomb-bay doors open allowing a view up into the interior of the aircraft, however people are not allowed into the aircraft. These are the B-24 Liberator in Hangar 3, the Boeing B-29 in Hangar 4, and the Boeing B-17 in the 390th Memorial Museum.

During special events, including Night Wings (our cool summer evening family program, the 4th Saturday of June, July and August), we open up at least 1 cockpit and allow people inside either the Electric Lightning or the T-33 Shooting Star.

The Arizona Aerospace Foundation mission focuses on air- and spacecraft preservation. Getting in and out of an aircraft puts stressful wear and tear on the craft. In addition, a major portion of the Pima Air & Space Museum collection is on loan from other entities and the loan agreements stipulate no visitor access to the inside of the craft.

WHY IS IT DARK IN THE SPACE GALLERY?

Please allow a few moments upon entering the Space Gallery to allow your eyes to adjust. The collection contains artifacts that are required to have minimal exposure to ultra-violet light. Thank you for your understanding.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

First of all, wear comfortable walking shoes. Please also dress in layers for the forecasted weather as 50% of our extensive collection is located out of doors. Tucson is known for its wonderful weather and sunny days. In addition, although the hangars are climate controlled in the warmer months, they are too large to be effectively heated in winter. Desert nights generally are 30 degrees cooler than daytime highs; this is especially evident in the early morning. Admissions, the Flight Grill restaurant, the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame and the Museum Store are climate controlled (air-conditioned during the warmer months and heated in the cooler months).