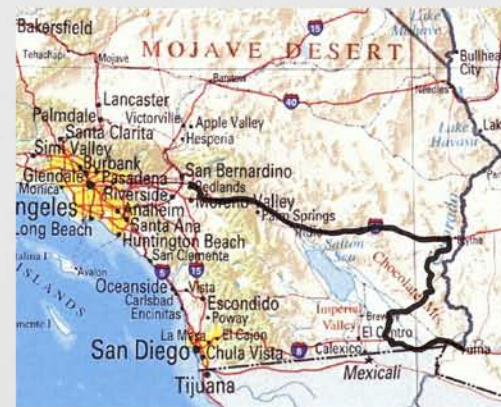


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Imperial San Dunes east of El Centro



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Chocolate Mountains



Abandoned homestead



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State Highway 78 south to Yuma

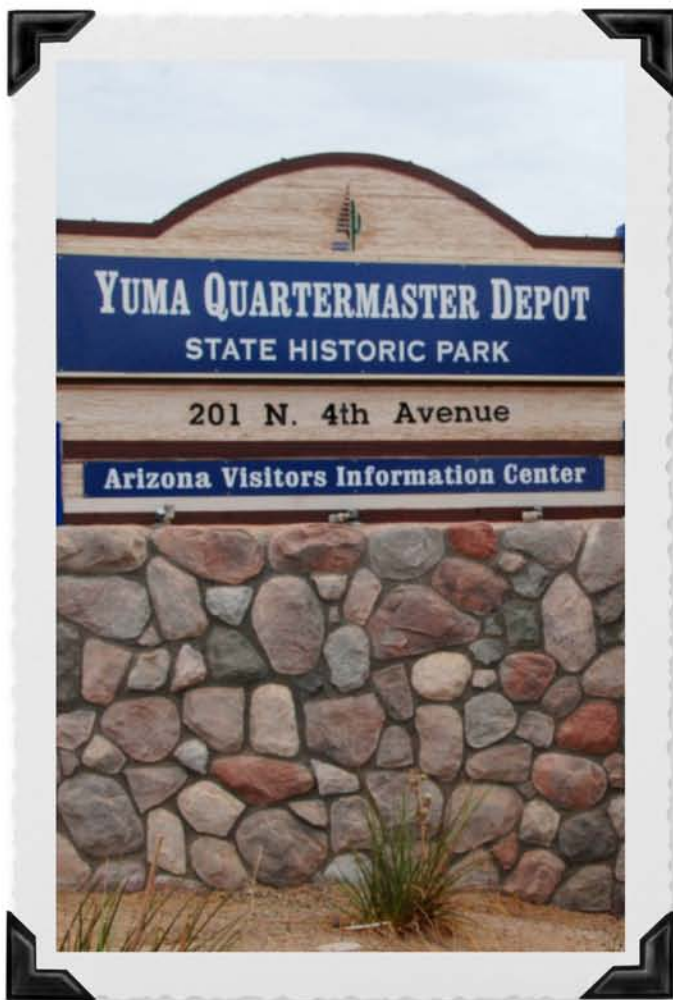


Union Pacific RR main line



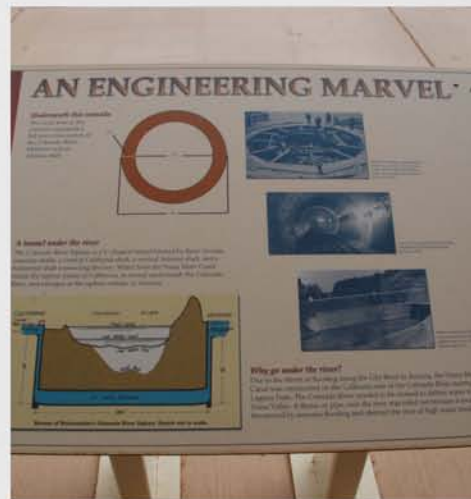
Holtville Court House

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Inverted siphon -
Colorado River



Outlet of the inverted siphon



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US Army
uniforms - 1860



US Army Insignia of each Branch

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Quartermaster's Office



Yuma Quartermaster Depot - Railroad Station

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Mule drawn US Army supply wagon - 1867





Ford Model-T on a section of the original "plank road"




1932 Ford with family possessions from Oklahoma

A WOODEN PLANK ROAD

Just west of the Yuma Crossing in California lay the Algodones Dunes, a great sand tract stretching more than 40 miles. Throughout history, travel of any nature was severely inhibited by these great shifting sand dunes. With the building of the Ocean to Ocean highway and bridge through Yuma in 1915, a way had to be found for automobiles to cross the dunes. That way was the wooden plank road.

The dunes were probably produced by wind, which blew sand ashore from the beaches of a lake located within the Colorado Basin up until roughly 300 years ago. The Colorado Basin includes the Imperial and Coachella Valleys.




The first plank road was constructed in 1915 and was rapidly replaced in 1916 with a second plank road. The second road was built in 8 foot by 12 foot sections comparable to what you see here in the visitor's center. In 1925 problems began to appear when traffic increased to 30 cars per day.

10 mph Speed Limit

"Announcement has been made that traffic control system will be installed beginning Sunday (March 14, 1926) on the plank road over the Imperial County sand hills, whereby the traffic will move in one direction for a length of time and then will be stopped for that direction while the flow travels in the other direction."

*Yuma Morning Sun
March 13, 1926*



After ten years of use, the road was falling apart, cars were driving off the road, and traffic jams were frequent when the right-of-way was disputed. On August 11, 1926, the opening of California State Route 80 (a two-lane, paved highway across the dunes) put an end to travel on the wooden plank road.

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Old Southern
Pacific coach

STEAMBOATS ON THE COLORADO

Two factors – the steam engine and the navigability of the Colorado River – provided an early solution to supplying desolate but strategic Fort Yuma and nearby settlements. However, it was the ability and perseverance of navigation entrepreneur George Alonzo Johnson that proved river traffic could be efficient and profitable.

The first steamboats up the river were side-wheelers like the *Uncle Sam* (65 feet long with 25 horsepower) and the *General Jesup*, (104 feet long with 50 horsepower). By 1854, the 240-mile round trip from the Colorado River estuary to Yuma Crossing was taking only four or five days, carrying fifty tons of cargo, and grossing \$4000 per trip. Soon ocean-going ships were bringing passengers as well as goods up the Gulf of California to Robinson's Landing, ten miles above the mouth of the river, for transfer to low-draught riverboats. By 1859, navigation of the Colorado and shorter trips up the Gila River to mining camps were routine.

Forming the Colorado Steam Navigation Company, George Johnson built docks and shipyards at Port Isabel at the head of the gulf, added an ocean steamer, barges, and large stern-wheelers like the *Colorado*, the *Explorer*, and the *Cocopah* to his fleet. He expanded upstream, beyond Fort Yuma to the Mormon settlements in Utah, as far as Callville, now under the waters of Lake Mead.

George Johnson and several of his early steamboat captains, Isaac A. Polhamus, David C. Robinson, and Jack A. Mellon, built homes on the Arizona side of the river.



Capstan from Colorado River Steamboat

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Yuma Quartermaster Depot Headquarters

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Yuma Fire Department Ladder Wagon - circa 1900

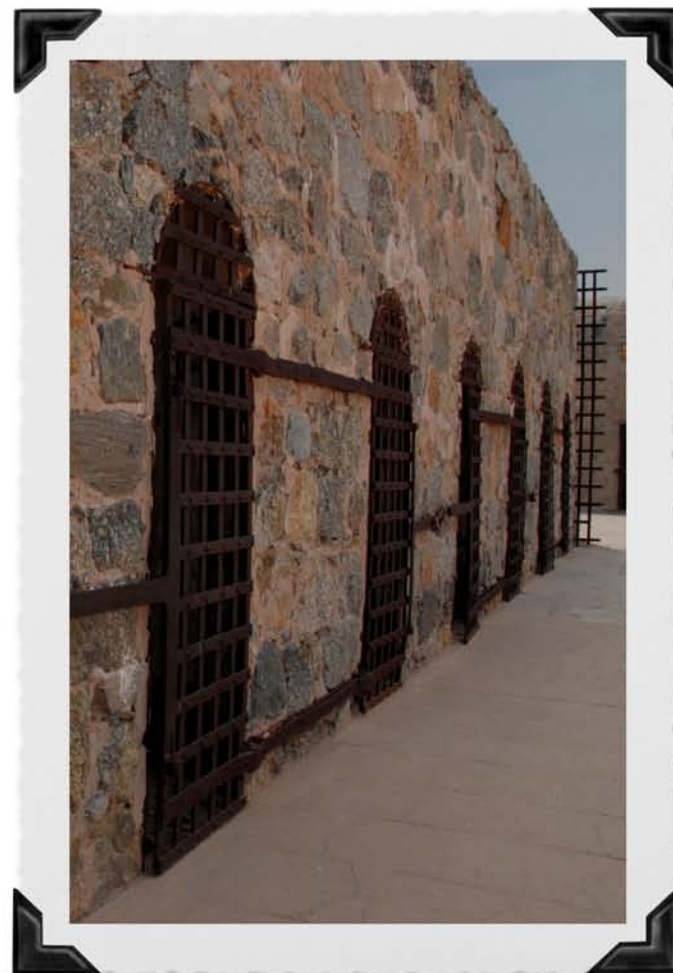


Typical of the original cells - 4 men to a cell

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Entrance to the prison



Original cell block

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Prison main gate



Original entrance to cell blocks - now a museum

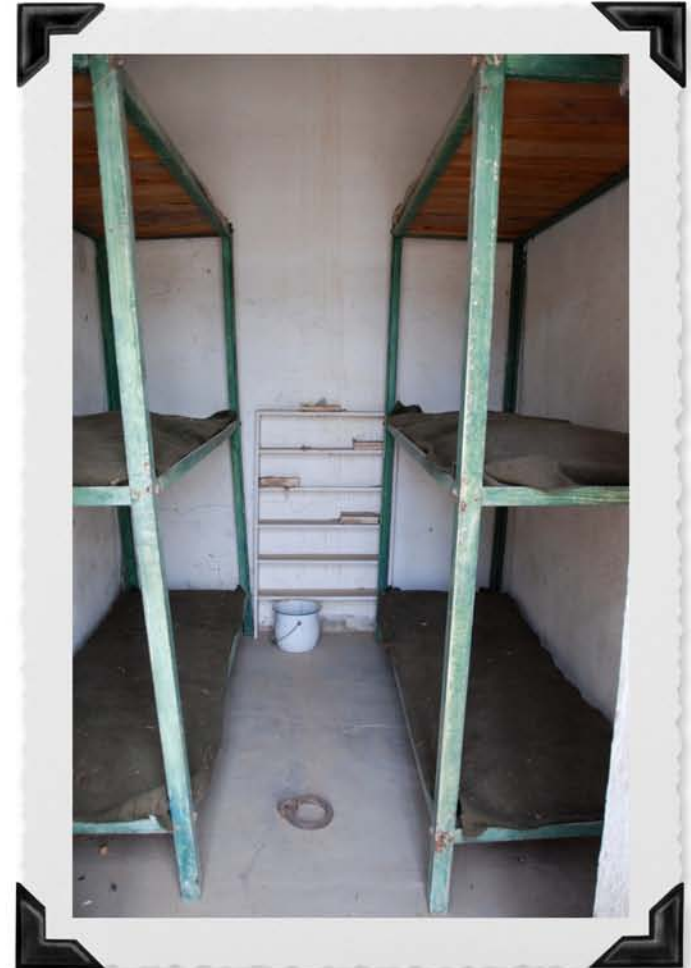
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Earliest device to remotely open cell doors



Gatling gun for controlling prison riots



Later, more modern cell

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Original cell block



The "Dark Cell" (solitary confinement)

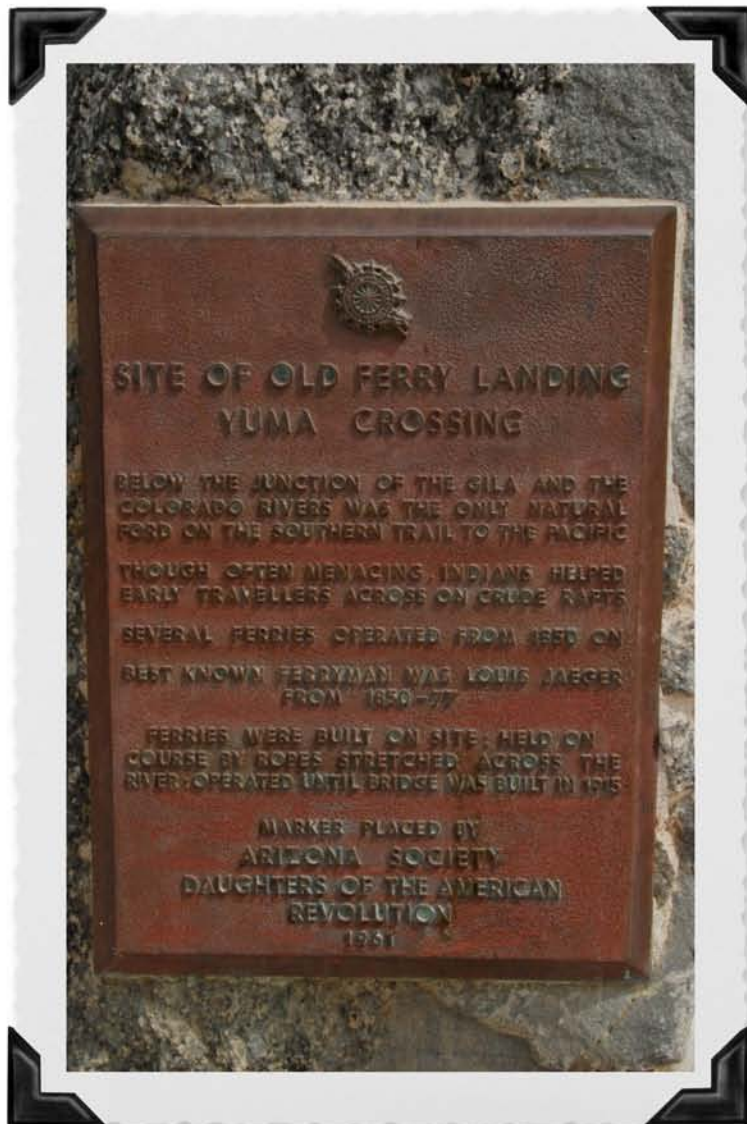


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Castle Dome Mountains - view from Yuma Territorial Prison



"Yuma Crossing" - shallowest point on the Colorado River



Route of ocean going ships to supply Riverboats at Yuma

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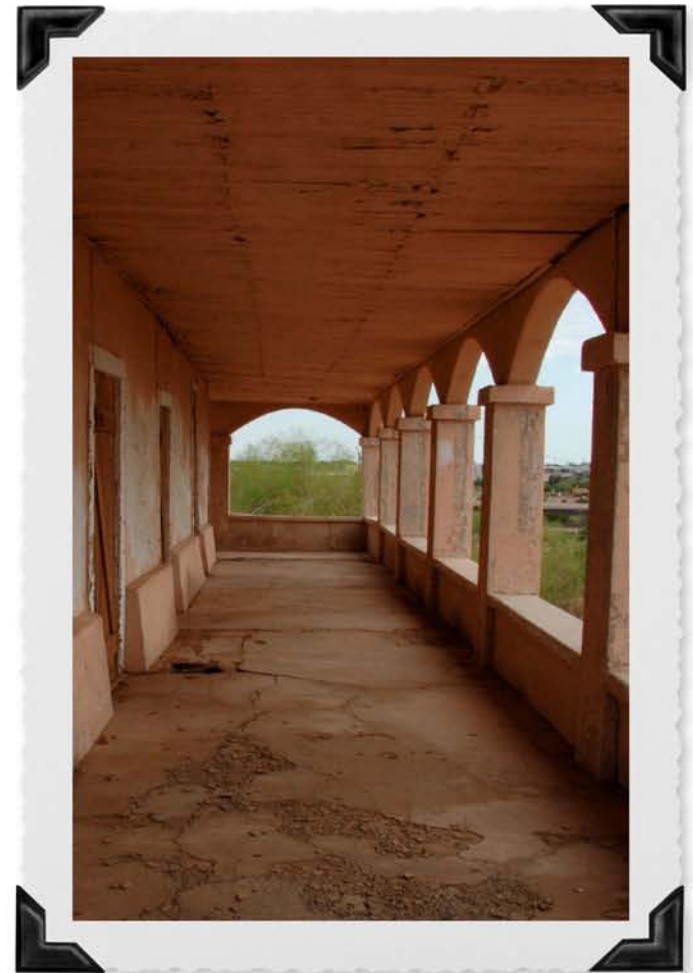
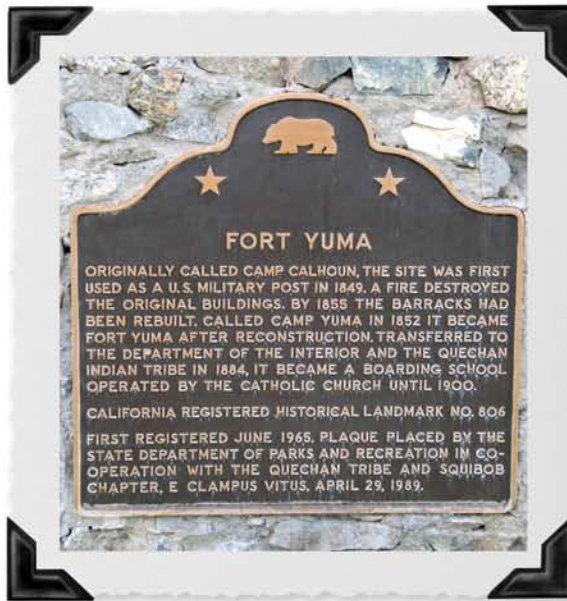
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Original location of "Yuma
Crossing"



Southern Pacific steam
locomotive



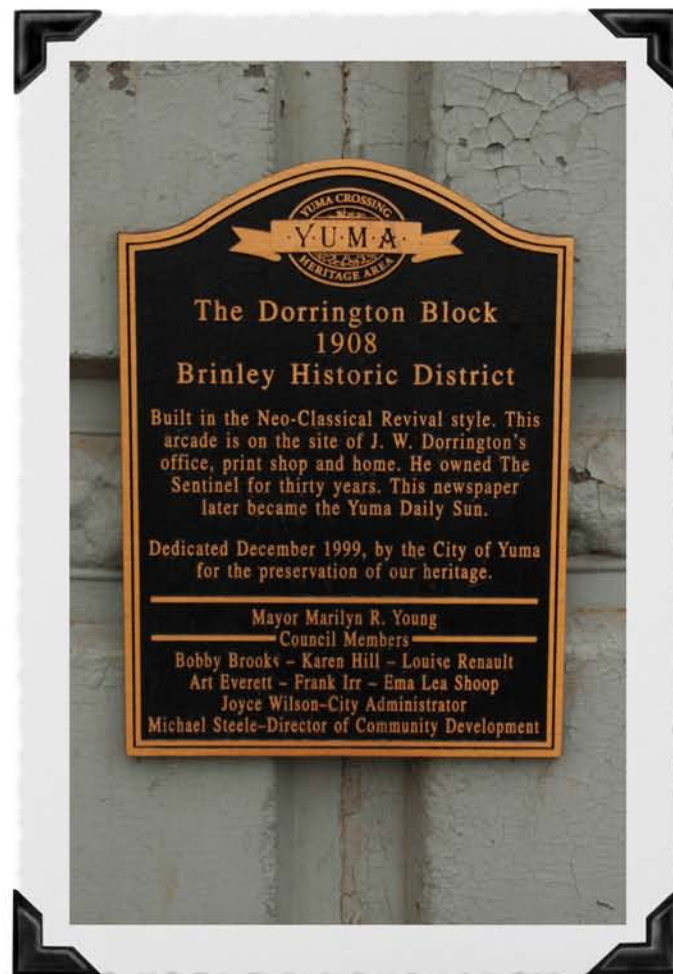
Old Fort Yuma - now part of the Quechon Indian Reservation

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Former Post Commander's residence - old Fort Yuma



Yuma Downtown Historic District

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Old Town Yuma



Downtown Yuma



Harley on Main Street in Yuma

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Murals on Main Street in Yuma



Murals on Main Street in Yuma

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"Fern of the
Desert"



Golden Wedding Bell Marriage Chapel - Yuma

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Gila River in the foreground - Chocolate Mountains in the distance



Castle Dome Mountains
north of Yuma



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Gila Mountains east of Yuma



Castle Dome Mine - ghost town



The entire "town" of Stone Cabin, Arizona

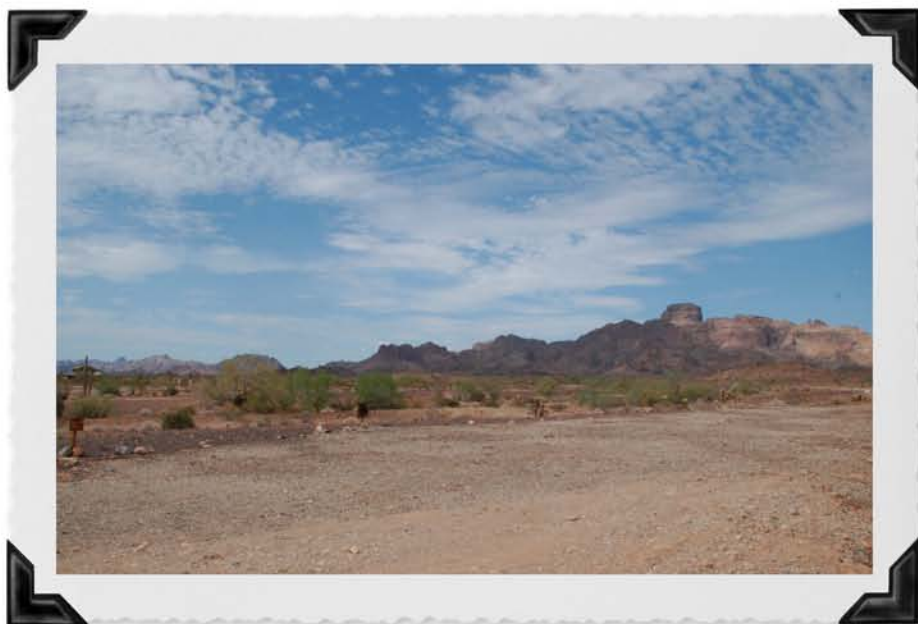
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No Trespassing - a third grave awaits you!



Main gate - Yuma Proving Grounds

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Kofa National Wildlife Refuge within Yuma Proving Grounds

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On the road to Castle Dome Mine



Saguaro Cactus



Ajo Mountains



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Organ Pipe
Cactus



Saguaro Cactus



Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

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Ajo Mountains - Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument



Arch Canyon - Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument



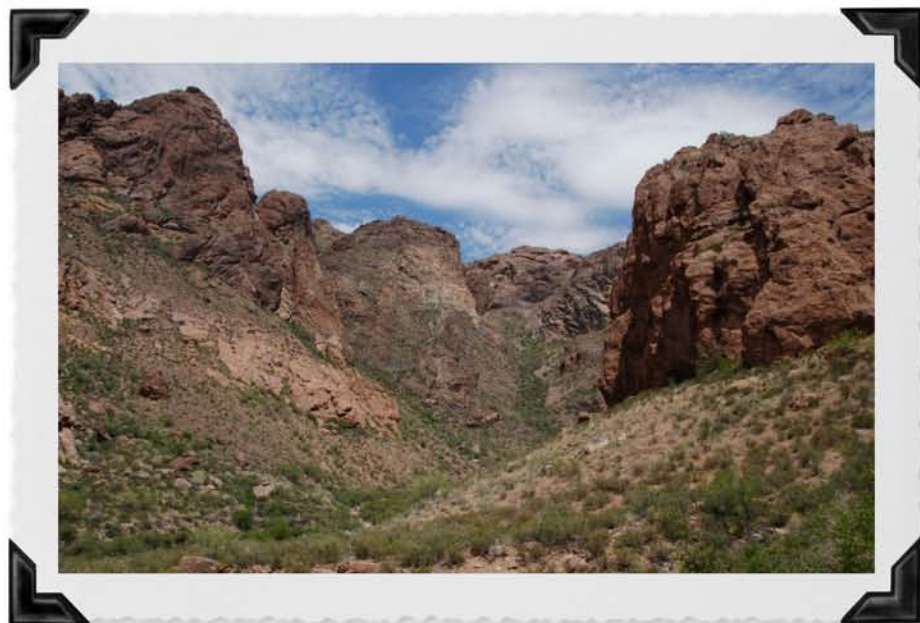
The "arch" in Arch Canyon

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Barrell Cactus in bloom on the trail in Arch Canyon



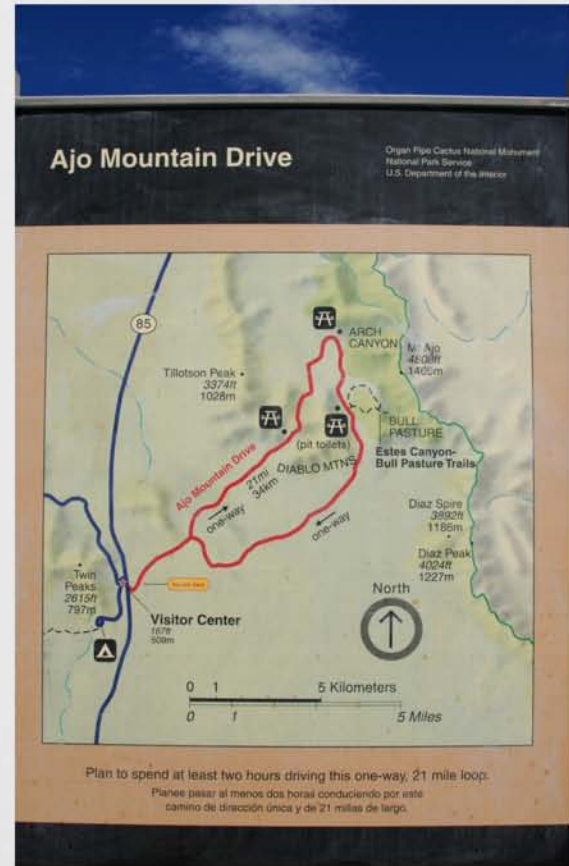
Arch Canyon - Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

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Ajo Mountain Drive - mountains in Mexico in the distance



Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

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Ajo Mountain Drive

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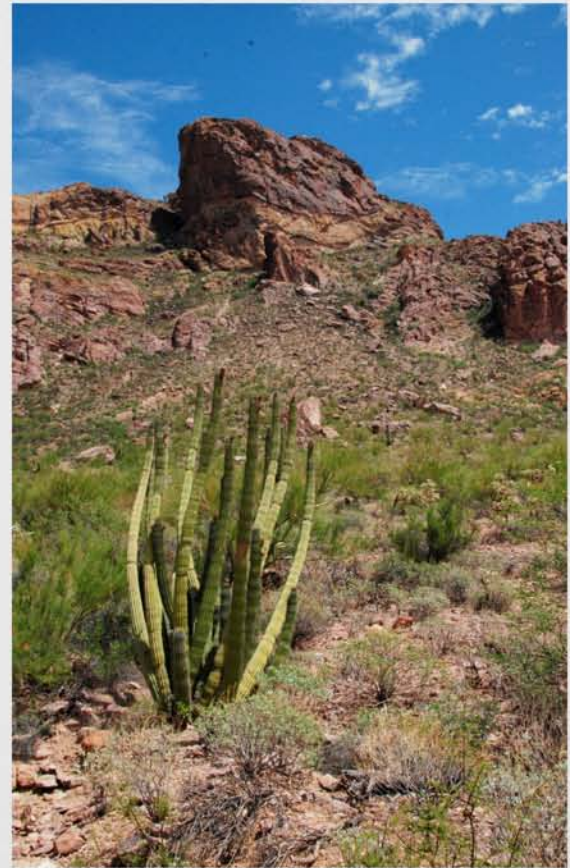
Ajo Mountains - Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument



Ajo Mountains



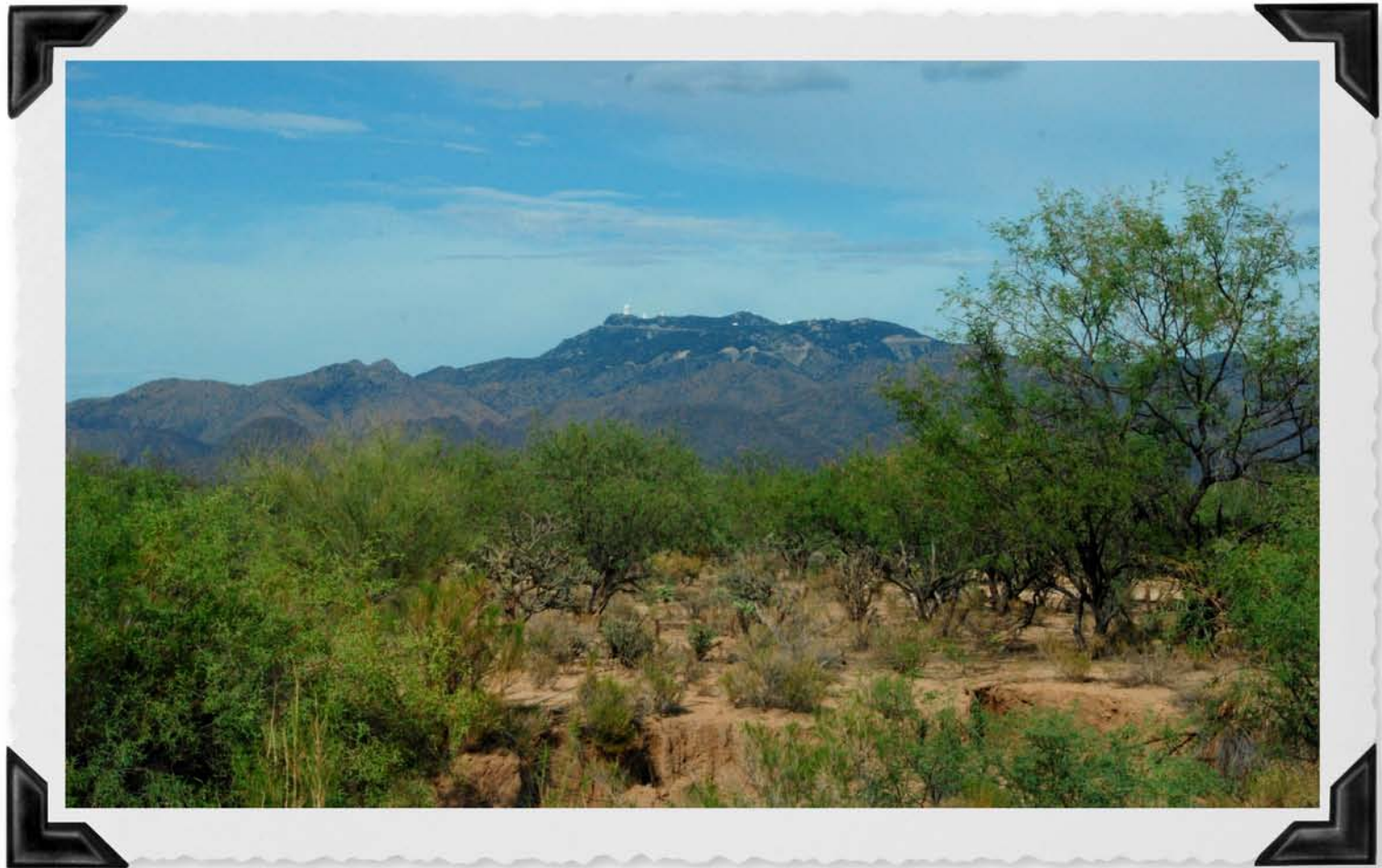
Diaz Peak - Ajo Mountains



Organ Pipe Cactus

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Kitt Peak in the distance



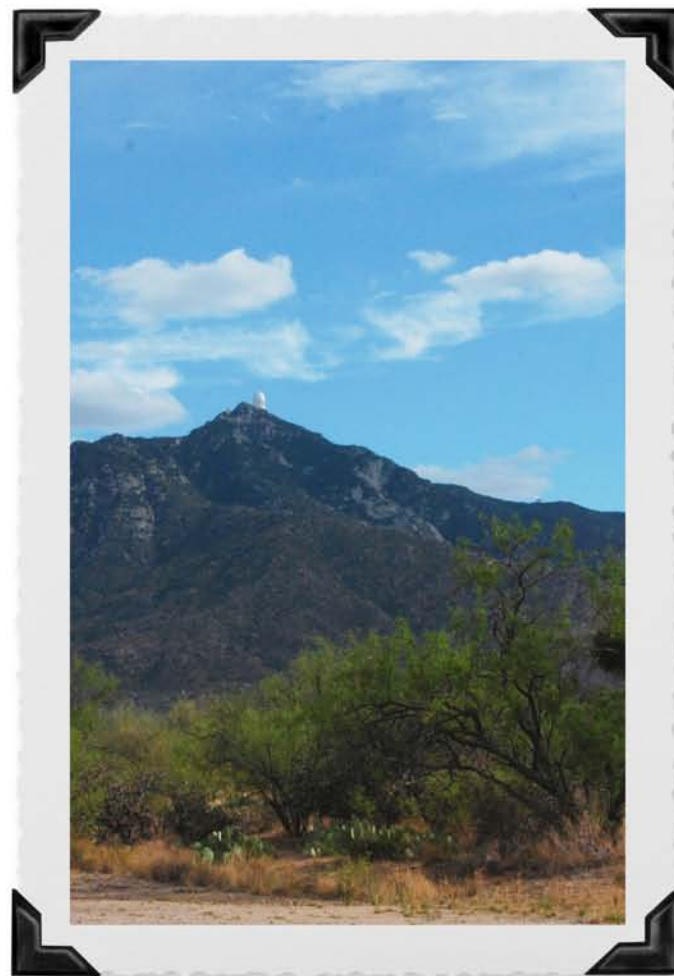
Elevation 6,785 feet



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Sentinel Peak - south of Tucson

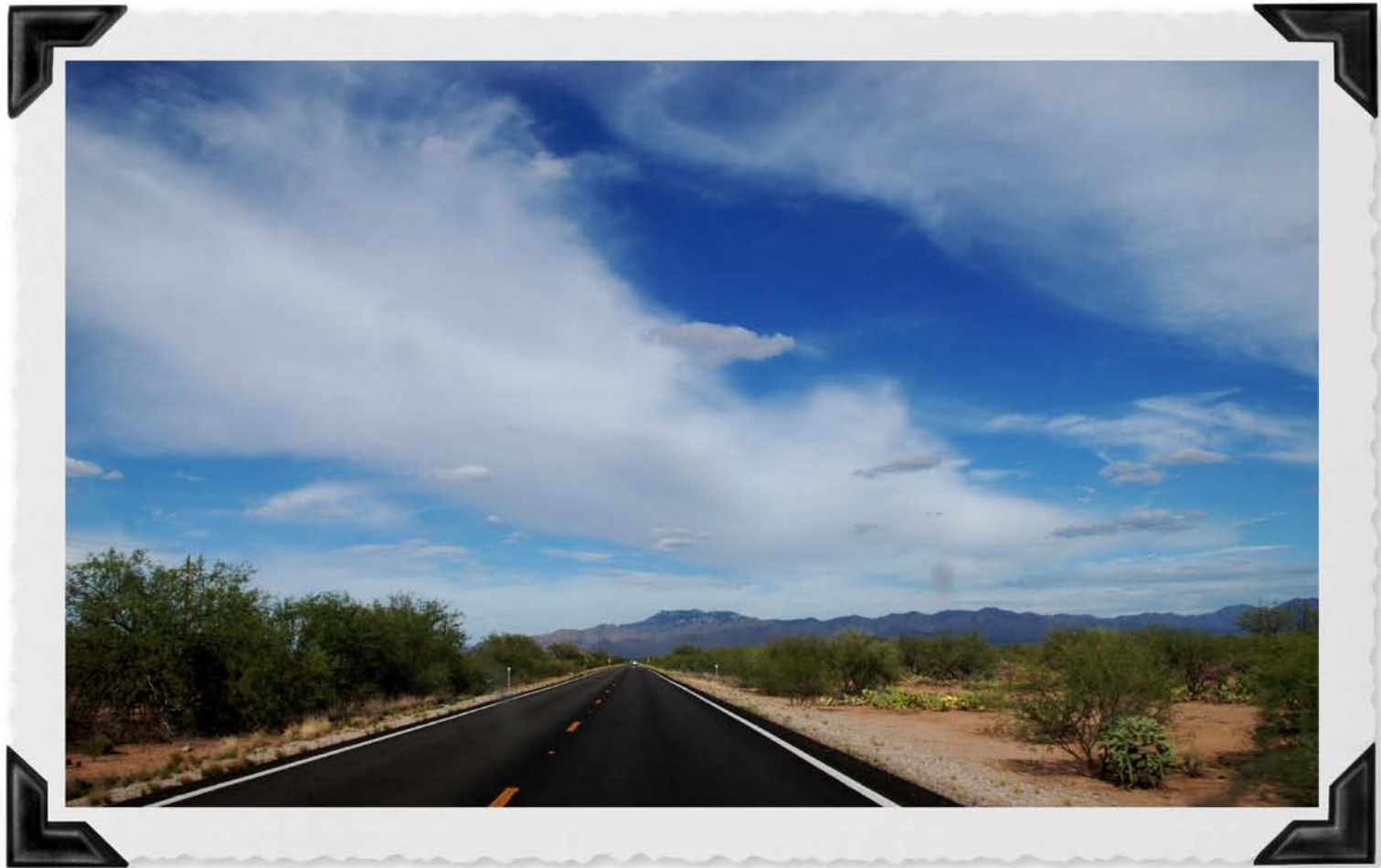


Kitt Peak

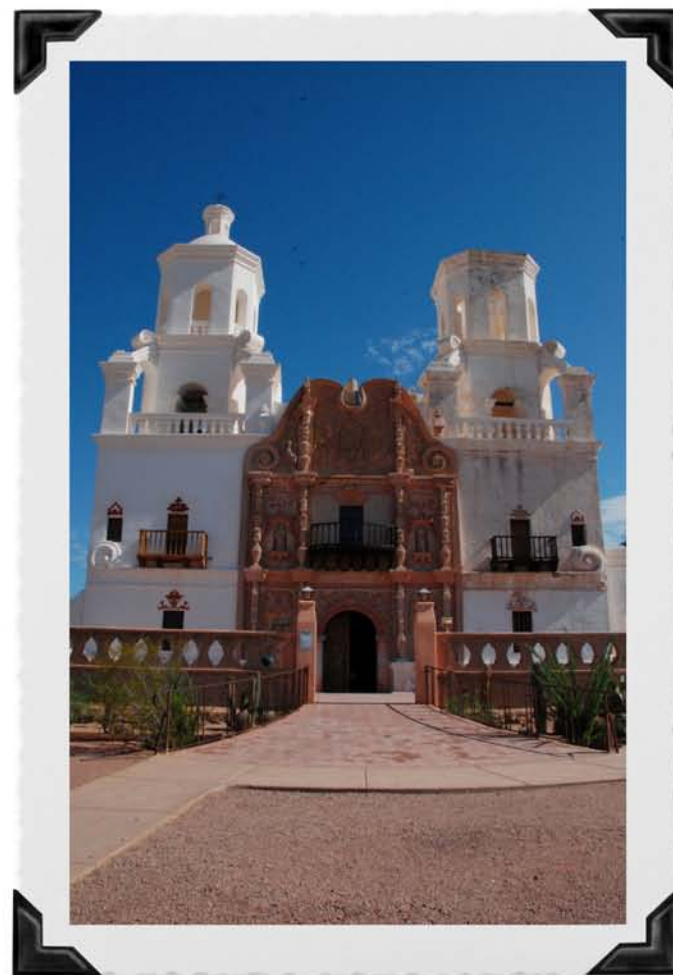
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On the road to Tucson - Kitt Peak in the distance



San Xavier Mission south of Tucson

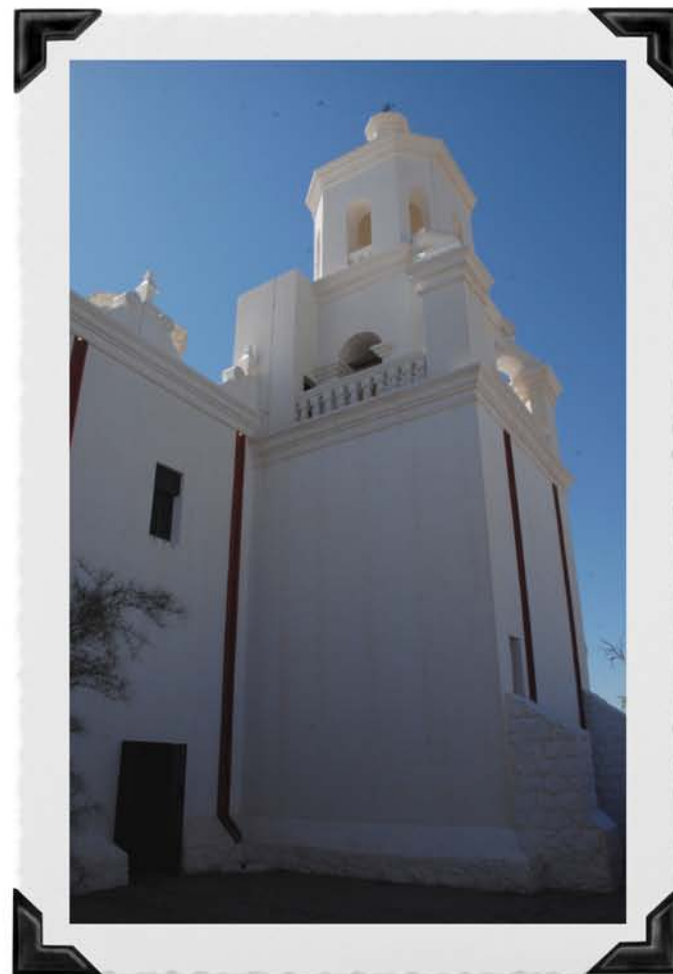
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San Xavier Mission

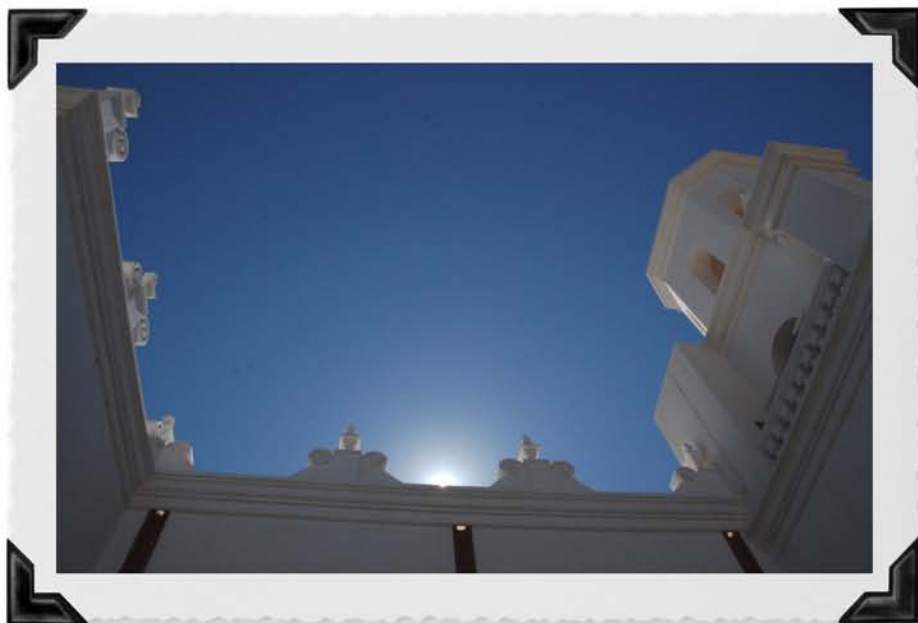


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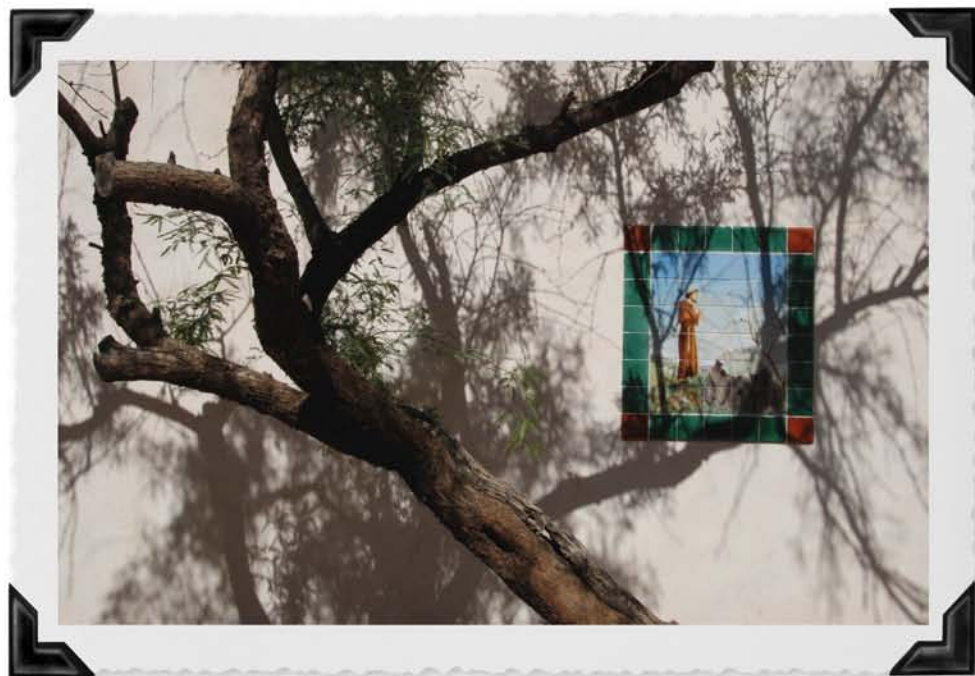
San Xavier Mission

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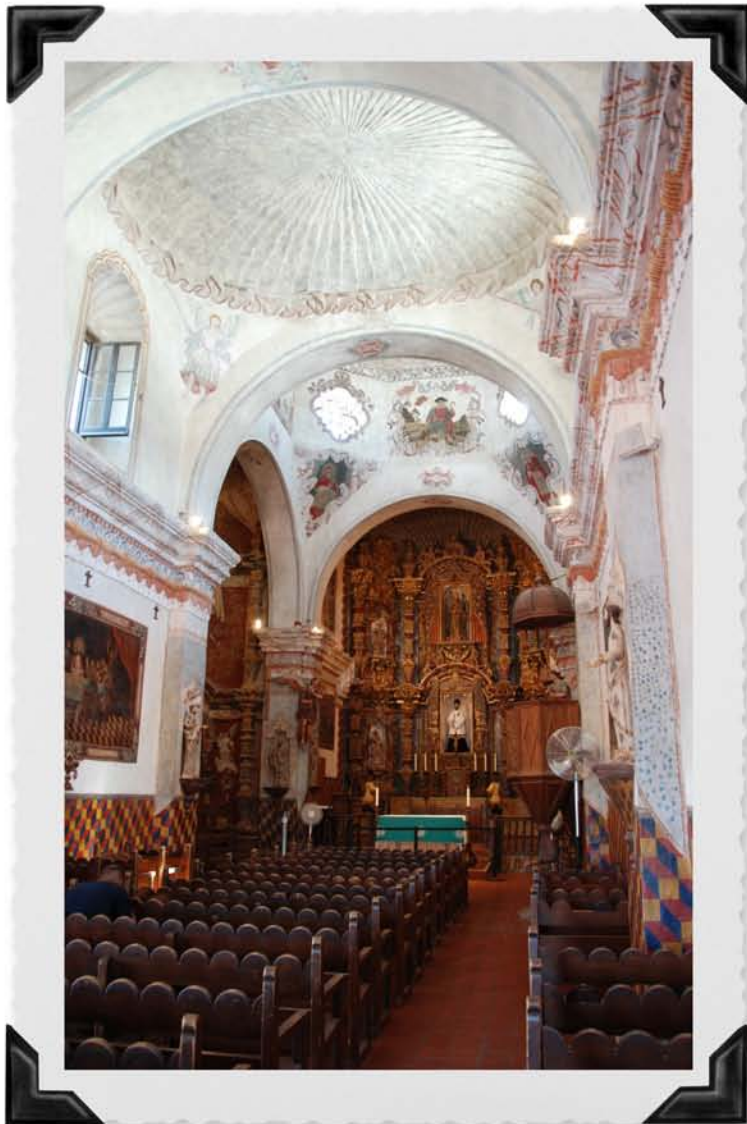




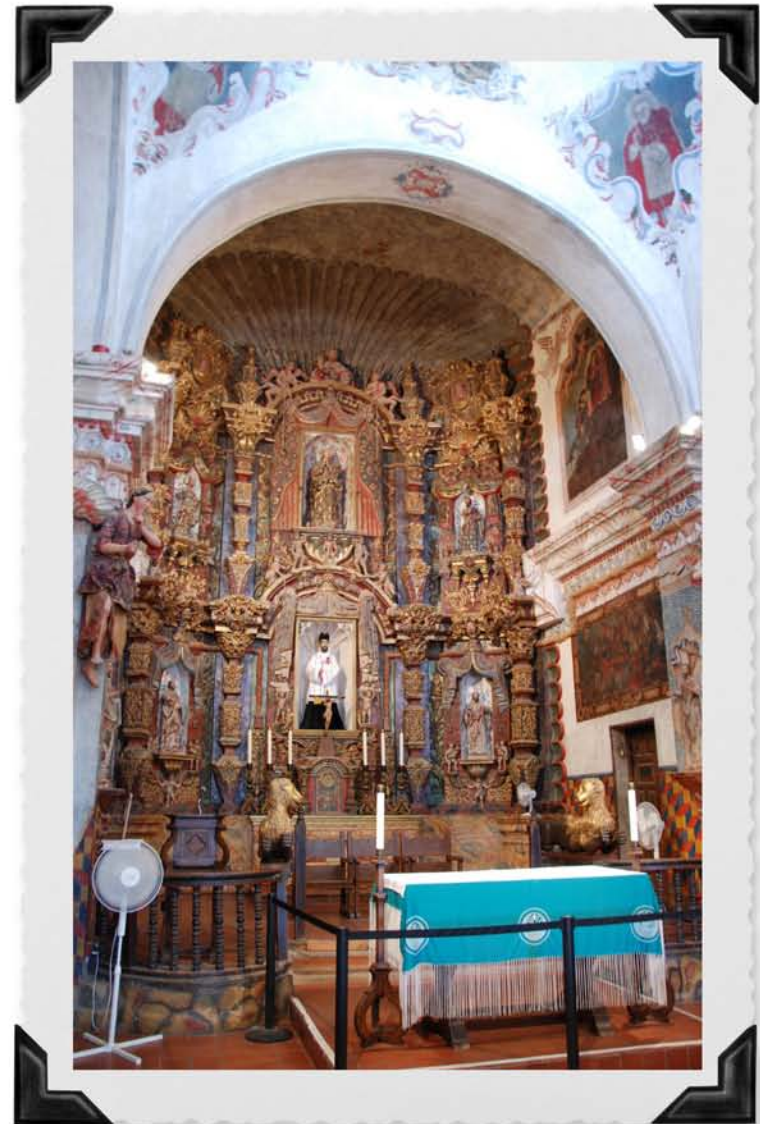
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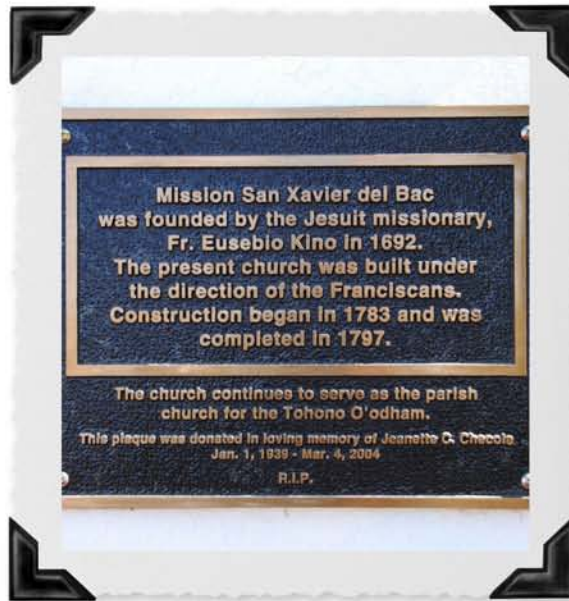


San Xavier Mission - main altar after restoration



San Xavier Mission - main altar after restoration

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San Xavier Mission museum

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San Xavier Mission - convent

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Green Valley - Madera Mountains in the distance



Titan II ballistic missile (deactivated in 1985)

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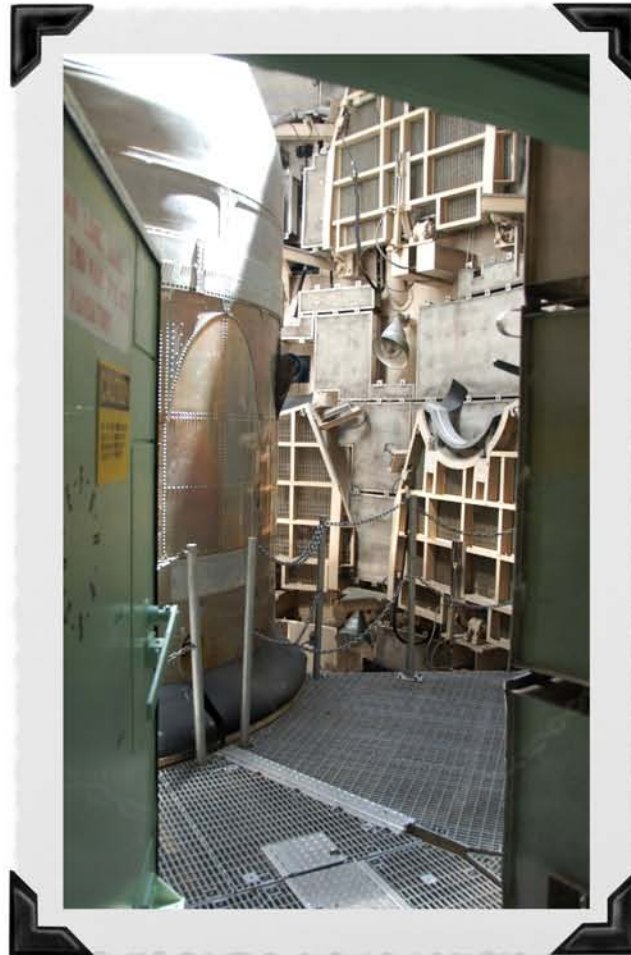
Launch control center



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Passageway from launch control
center to missile silo



Service entrance to the Missile silo



Secure cabinet with launch control
secret codes

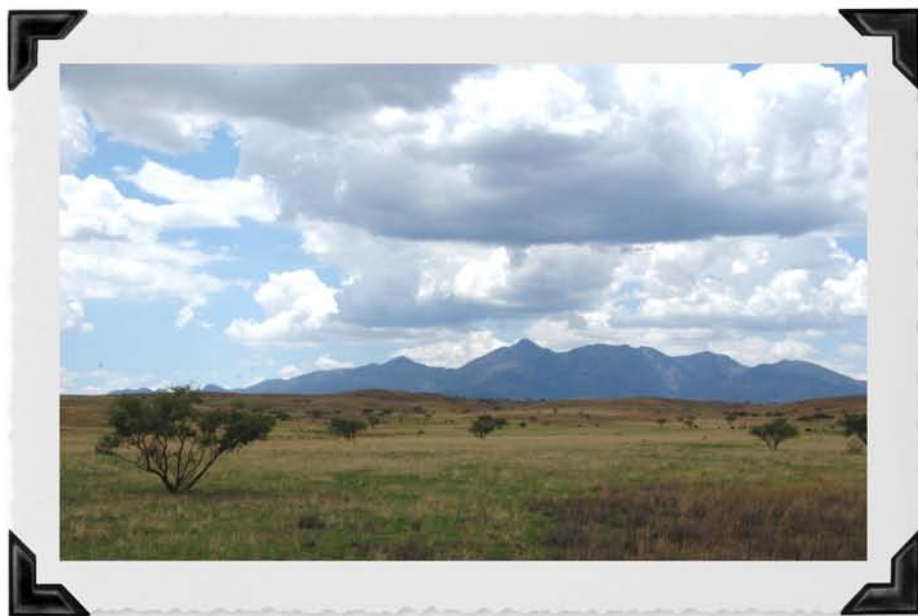
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Commandant's console in the launch control room



Madera Mountains



Route 83 in southeastern Arizona

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Patagonia Valley in southeastern Arizona

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Patagonia Valley - southeastern Arizona



Highway 82 on the way to Tombstone

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Railroad Ave in the old
mining town of Fairbank





Fairbank
Merchantile



Fairbank Merchantile was also the US Post Office until 1946



Trail from Fairbank to the San Pedro River

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Abandoned line of the Arizona & New Mexico Railroad

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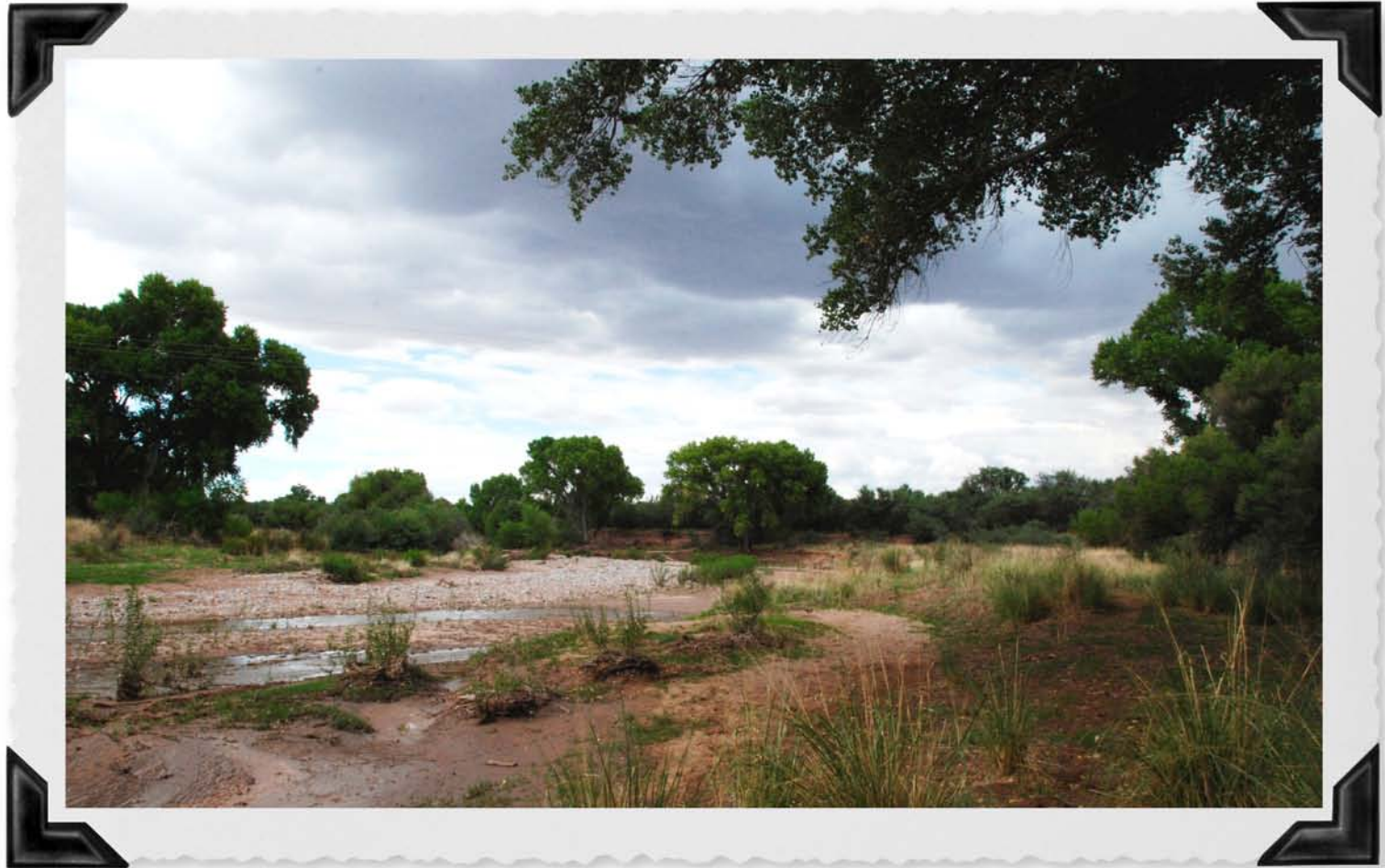


Railroad bridge over the
San Pedro River



Trail under railroad bridge

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San Pedro River - last wild river in Arizona



San Pedro River



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Remnants of old
mill equipment



Remains of foundation for stamp mill



Site of the Grand Central Mill in Fairbank

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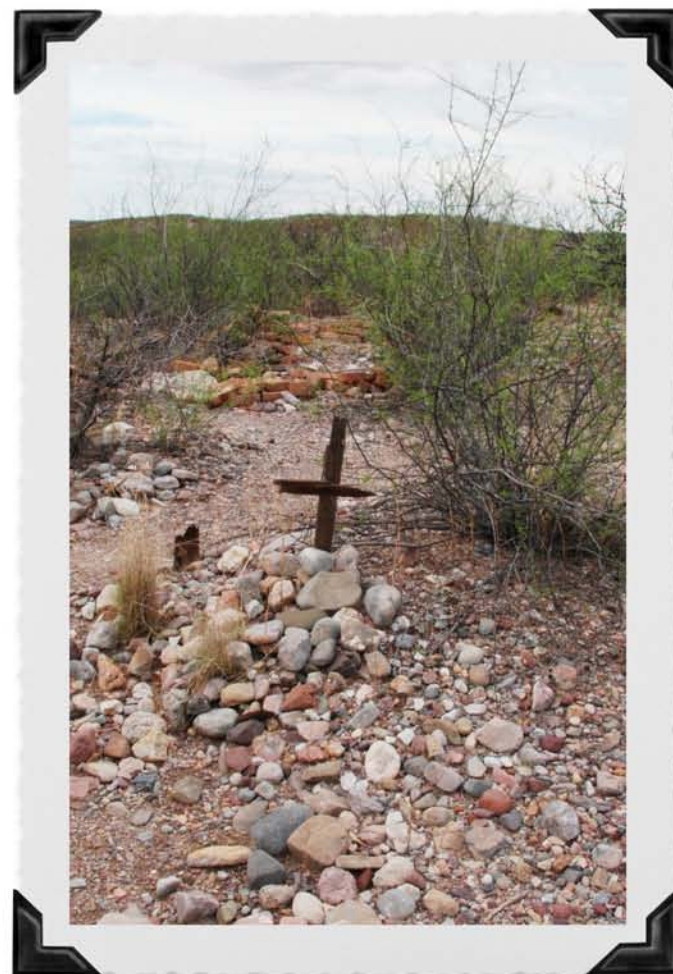
Remaining foundation of the Grand Central Mill



Upper level foundation of
the Grand Central Mill



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Weathered knot from local Pine tree



Allen Street



Allen Street - Tombstone



Tombstone Fire
Department

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Abandoned Southern Pacific Railroad line



Tombstone Courthouse



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Massive antique
bank safe

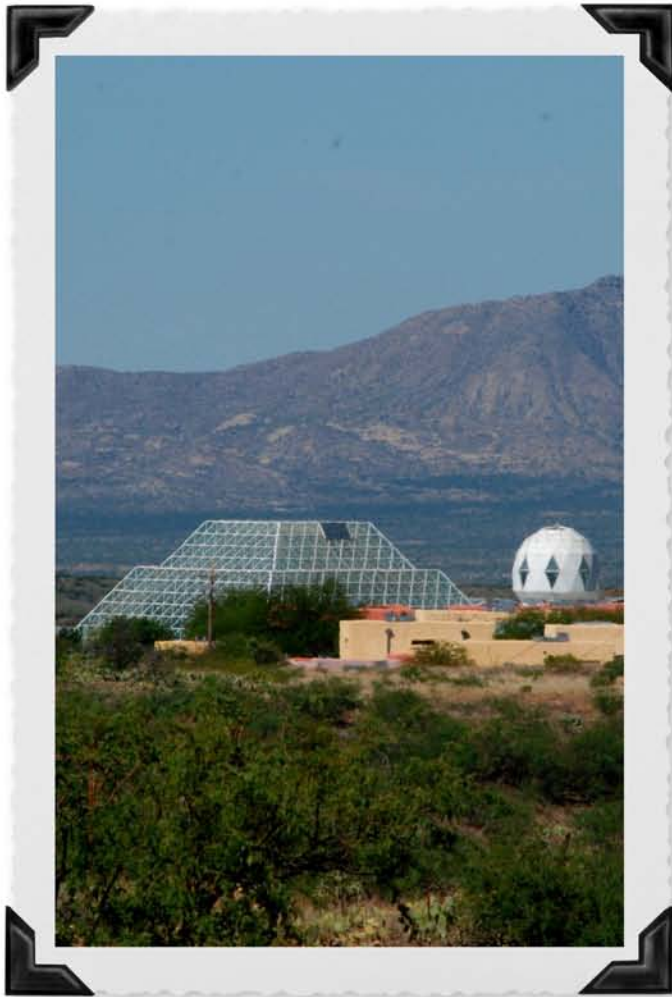


Miner's "cage" for lowering miners into mine shaft



Old Southern Pacific Railroad depot in Tombstone

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Biosphere 2 complex north of Tucson



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El Capitan Pass - route of General Kearny during the Mexican War



Mining museum in Globe, Arizona



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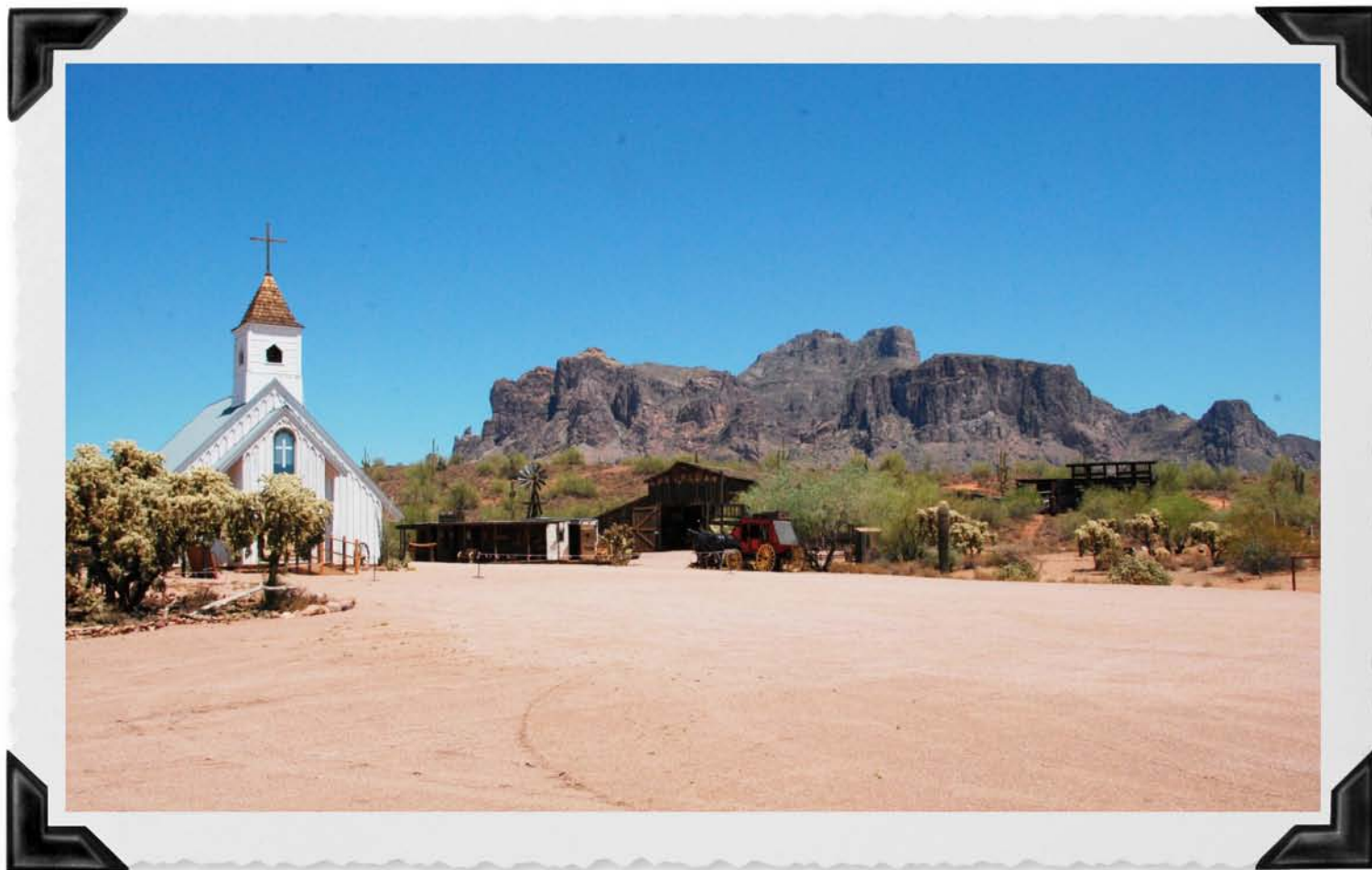
Road to Lost
Dutchman Mine



Superstition Mountains near Apache Junction

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Superstition Mountains near the ghost town of Goldfield



Superstition Mountains (Lost Dutchman Mine State Park)



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Trucks from a bygone era - Goldfield ghost town

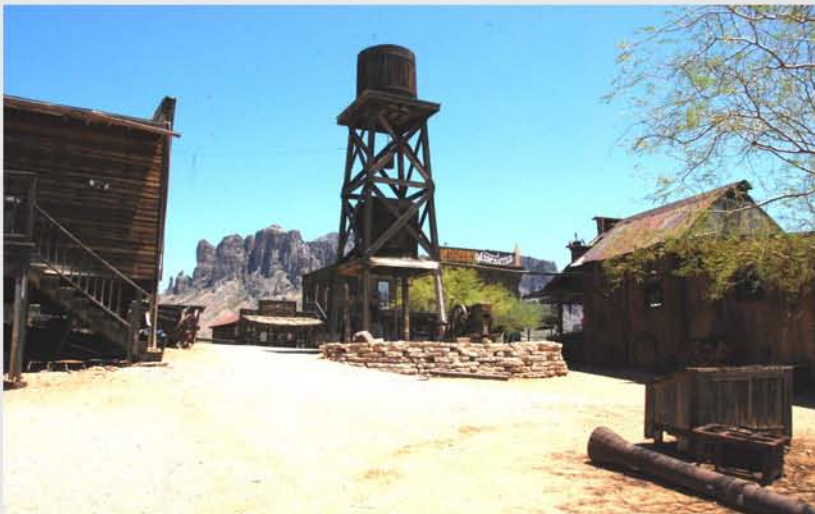


"Teddy Bear" cactus

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Headrig for old
gold mine



Historic mining ghost town - Goldfield



Stamp Mill

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Main street - Goldfield



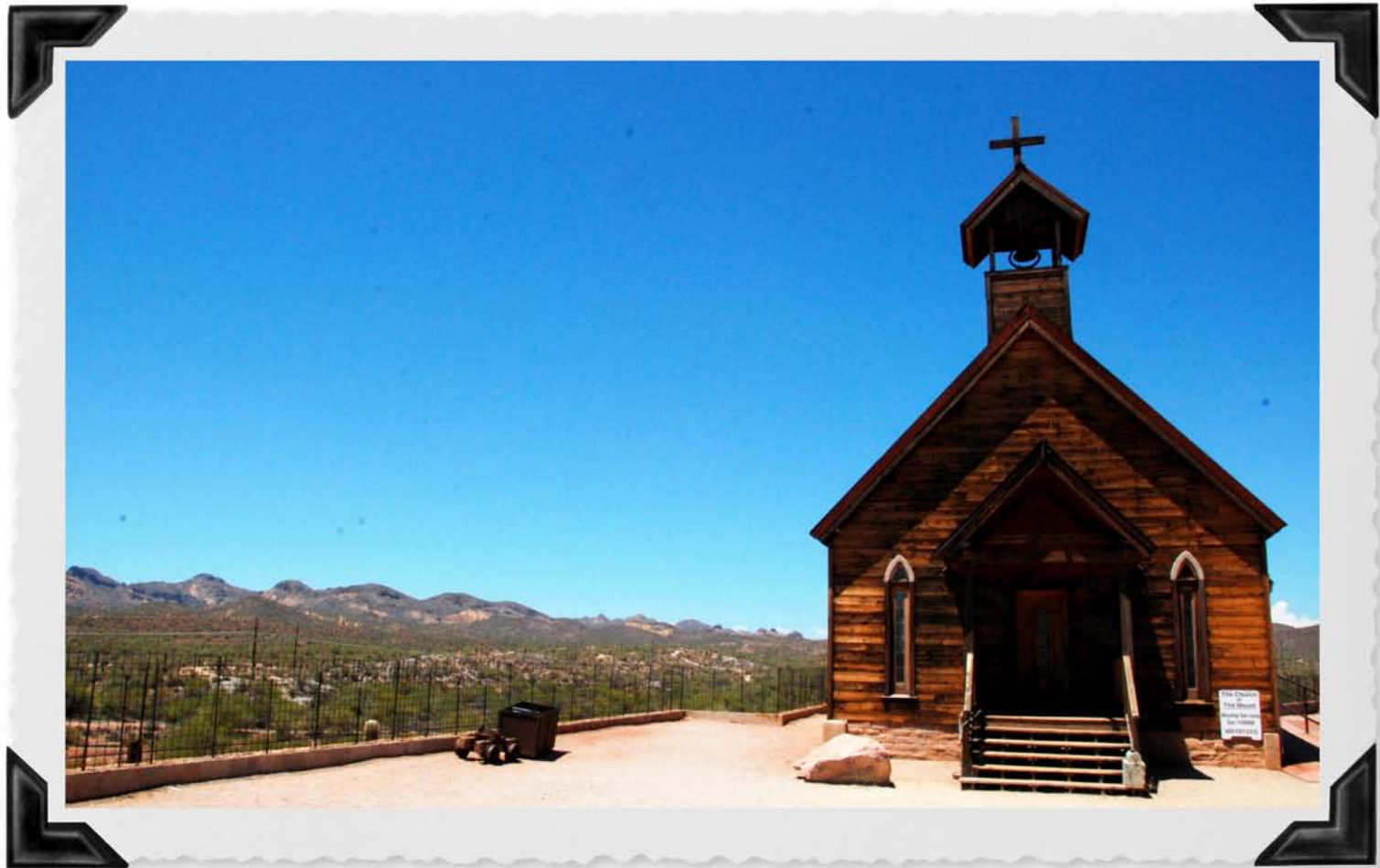
Bordelo & Saloon (front) - Church (behind)



Unique alternative use of the bedpan!

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Historic church in Goldfield



Original dress coat worn by Doc Halliday

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Saloon in Goldfield



Weathered boards

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Historic mining ghost town of Goldfield at the base of the Superstition Mountains



The village of
Hope, Arizona



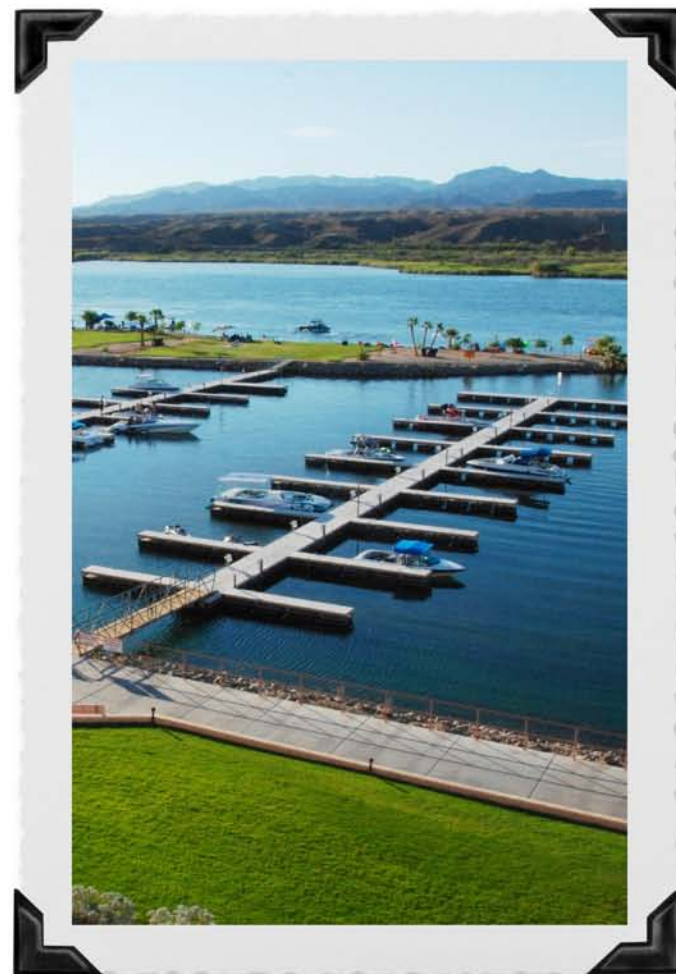
Colorado River Mountains



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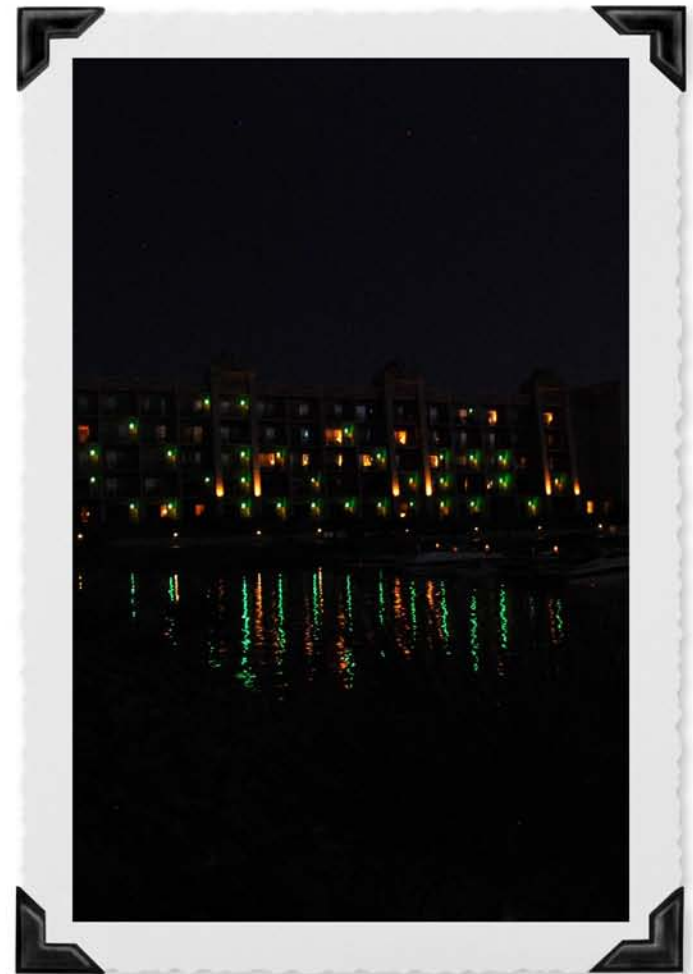
Bluewater Resort & Casino on the Colorado River in Parker, Arizona



Marina on the river

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View from my hotel room patio



Lights of the hotel reflected in the river

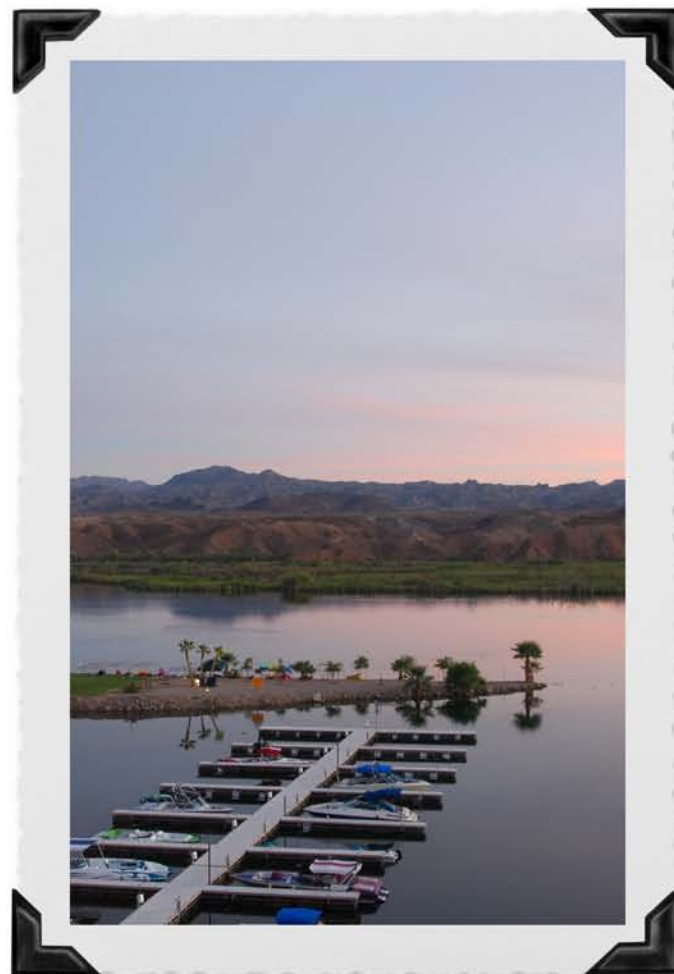


Bluewater Resort & Casino at sunset

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Sunset on the Colorado River



Sunrise on the Colorado River

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Mojave Desert - Turtle Mountains in the distance



The site of Camp
Hayes



California Hwy 62 - Mojave Desert



The story of Camp Hayes - WWII desert training area

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Mojave Desert near Fort Irwin