

# Sedona's top five list

**T**ravel + Leisure has made their top US hotel selections for their 2015 T+L 500 list, with L'Auberge de Sedona and Enchantment Resort and Mii Amo Spa making the cut as two of Arizona's eight premier destinations. With scores of 89.56 and 91.49 respectively, the resorts have each earned their places among Arizona's elite. L'Auberge has been named to the list five consecutive years, and Enchantment nine.

Before planning your next trip to this desert oasis, you'll want to know about these top five "hidden treasures" in and around Sedona:

**5. The Hog Trails** Sedona's newest trail system, The Hog Trails were completed in May 2014. The trails' loops and turns provide a new and exciting view around every turn, from the enchantment of the Chapel of the Holy Cross, to other illustrious trails.

**4. Petroglyphs** Sedona was discovered centuries before Columbus arrived in this hemisphere, and evidence is still visible in the many ruins and petroglyphs that fascinate thousands of modern explorers drawn to this area each year. These can

be found at the ancient Native American Palatki Heritage Site, the Honanki Heritage Site and the V-Bar-V Heritage Site.

**3. Wine and dine like a local** In the last few years, the Verde Valley has been rediscovered by vintners who have come to appreciate its climate and soil. Along with its esteemed wine community, the farm-to-table movement has produced some of the most delectable dishes Sedona has to offer. Don't miss out on the local favorites.

**2. Bed and breakfast paradise** Sedona could very well be the bed and breakfast capital of Arizona. Something about the beautiful setting inspires innkeepers to create little masterpieces of lodging in and around the hills and creeks.

**1. Catching the Sedona sun** Finding a picturesque spot to capture the essence of Sedona sunrises and sunsets is an easy feat. Whether it's at the peak of Capitol Butte or at the base of Oak Creek Canyon, there are plenty of hidden paths and hikes to make sure you capture the perfect sun-kissed moment. ■

## SEDONA CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### MAY

Sedona Photofest.....May 2-3

### JUNE

Sedona Bluegrass Festival .....June 3-7  
Four days of Bluegrass related activities include BBQ, free concerts, film and the festival concert on the grounds of Los Abrigados Resort and Spa under the giant sycamores by Oak Creek.

### JULY

4th of July Concert & Laser Show.....July 4  
Held at the Sedona Performing Arts Center and nearby baseball fields, this all-day experience has festivities during the day before your favorite fireworks shows at night. A patriotic laser light show happens at 11am, 12 noon and 1pm, with food, fun water games and toys meant to help beat the heat.

Sedona's 11th Annual National Day of the Cowboy Celebration .....July 25  
Sedona has a rich cowboy heritage. Cattle drives to Munds Mountain began in the 1890s, as early cowboy legends such as Ira Smith and Earl Van Deren made their trek through Northern Arizona. This free event from 11am to 8pm is a celebration of local cultural heritage, presented by the Sedona Main Street Program and Red Rock Posse.

### SEPTEMBER

Sedona Winefest .....Sept 26-27

### OCTOBER

Sedona Arts Festival .....Oct 10-11  
Sedona Plein Air Festival .....Oct 17-24

For more information and a complete calendar of events, see [visitsedona.com](http://visitsedona.com) ■

