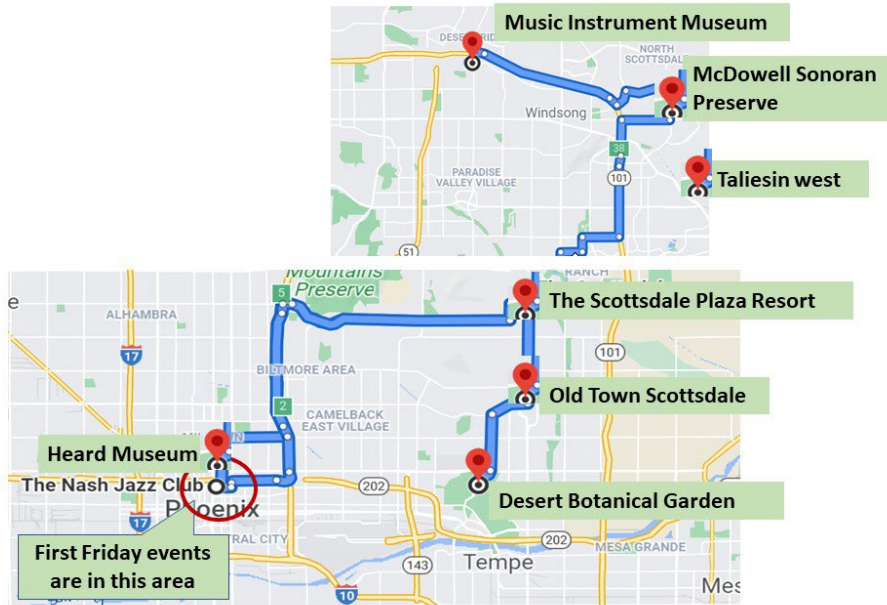


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**Events and places to go during the 2022 ACMI Winter Symposium:**



**Planned outings:**

**Heard Museum** (<https://heard.org/>). 602-252-8840

- "...world's preeminent museum for the presentation, interpretation and advancement of American Indian art, emphasizing its intersection with broader artistic and cultural themes.
- Open Tues-Sun 10a-4p
- on First Friday (2/4), it remains open with free admission from 4-8pm
- 30 min drive west of resort (Midtown District of Phoenix)

**McDowell Sonoran Preserve** <https://www.mcdowellsonoran.org/>

- Extensive range of hiking trails from beginners to advanced intermediate.
- David Kaufman's favorite is the Gateway Trail that can be done in about two hours. It's an intermediate hiking trail that most people will be able to complete.
- Tom's Thumb is a gorgeous but more challenging 11-mile hike (roundtrip) with remarkably varied terrain and beautiful vistas.
- There are numerous other trails. In addition, parking is free and generally easy to find unlike Camelback.
- 20 min drive north from resort. Transportation will be arranged based on a survey of attendees

**Other outings recommended by Ted Shortliffe and David Kaufman and others....**

**Old Town/Scottsdale** <https://www.experiencescottsdale.com/old-town/>

- lots of dining and exploring options
- 7 min drive south of resort

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**The Desert Botanical Gardens** <https://dbg.org/>

- Unique (desert plants that you won't see elsewhere) and very popular. If you go just before sunset, beautiful lighting comes on and creates a magical environment as you walk through the gardens.
- 15 min drive south of resort

**Taliesin west** (<https://franklloydwright.org/taliesin-west/>)

- Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West is a [UNESCO World Heritage site](#) and National Historic Landmark nestled in the desert foothills of the McDowell Mountains in Scottsdale, Arizona.
- 2 hour activity to explore
- 10 min drive north of resort

**Musical Instrument Museum** <http://mim.org/>

- the only museum in the country - perhaps the world - dealing solely with the history of music and instruments. They have a great auditorium and concerts almost every night too (often big names from the US and abroad). Schedule for February 2022 not yet posted.
- 20 min drive north of resort

**Golf**

- Scottsdale area is a golf mecca!!
- Resort may be able to help you arrange transportation

**Camelback Mountain**

- Steep hike not too far from the resort. Parking can be hard. Popular to tag this hike, but the McDowell Sonoran Preserve is much nicer.... So I hear.

**Extend your trip before or after the meeting:**

- **Visit Sedona** for a day or two – “It's absolutely beautiful”. ~2 hours drive from Phoenix or Scottsdale. <https://visitsedona.com/>
- TripAdvisor has loads of other good suggestions: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g31310-Activities-Phoenix\\_Arizona.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g31310-Activities-Phoenix_Arizona.html)