

Tumacácori

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Tumacácori National Historical Park

About Your Visit



Visiting the Park

Tumacácori National Historical Park is located on the Frontage Road between exits 34 and 29 of I- 19, 45 miles south of Tucson and 19 miles north of Nogales and the border with Mexico.

The park is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily. It is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas days. The fee for entrance to the park is \$3.00 per person age 16 and over. Federal Senior (formerly Golden Age), Access, and Annual (formerly National Park) Passes are honored.

The Visitor Center and Museum are located next to the parking area. Restrooms, drinking fountains and picnic tables are available in the park. Accessible, self - guiding walks lead through the garden, church, and museum. Ranger guided tours may be available - inquire in the Visitor Center. Special tours for groups may be arranged in advance. Tours last approximately 40 to 60 minutes. A self - guiding tour booklet is available in the Visitor Center for \$1.00.

For Your Comfort and Safety

We wish your visit to be a safe one, and caution you about the hazards of any unfamiliar area: uneven floors, unexpected steps, low doorways, plants and insects. Temperatures can reach 100 degrees or more from May through

September. Wear light clothing, a hat, sunglasses, and comfortable walking shoes. During monsoon season (June through September) bring an umbrella. A light jacket or sweater is often needed in winter months.

Special Events

Craft Demonstrators

Tortilla, pottery, and paper flower making and Tohono O'odham basketry demonstrations take place on weekends and some weekdays during the fall, winter and spring months. A schedule is available in the Visitor Center, but we cannot guarantee the presence of a particular demonstrator on any scheduled day.

La Fiesta de Tumacácori

Each year on the first Saturday and Sunday in December, the Tumacácori Fiesta celebrates the cultural heritage of the upper Santa Cruz Valley. This event features crafts, food and entertainment from both sides of the border. There is no admission charged on these days.

Ranger Programs

During the winter season, Rangers and Docents lead tours of the Tumacácori Mission grounds. Tour times are posted in the Visitor Center. Tours of the ruins of Missions Guevavi and Calabazas are available by reservation only.

Historic Reenactment High Mass

High Masses are held inside the church twice yearly in the spring and fall, recreating the experience of a church service during the days that the Mission was an active community. Participants are required to come in costume, and reservations are required. There is no charge.



Nearby Points of Interest



Mission San Xavier del Bac: Completed in 1797, is still an active church and is one of the finest examples of Spanish Colonial architecture in the United States. It is located south of Tucson on I-19 at exit 92.

Titan Missile Museum: The only Intercontinental Ballistic Missile in the world open to the public. Open 7 days a week except Christmas day, 60 minute guided tours begin every half hour. Special tours may be arranged for handicapped. Located 25 miles south of Tucson via I-19 at exit 69. (520) 625-7736. FEE.

Tubac Presidio State Historic Park: Protects the ruins of an 18th century Spanish Colonial fort. The museum has exhibits that relate to the history of southern Arizona. Located 45 miles south of Tucson, 22 miles north of Nogales, I-19, exit 34. (520) 398-2252. FEE. Water, restrooms, picnic area.

Tubac: The village of Tubac is acknowledged to be the oldest European settlement in Arizona. It contains many shops featuring local artists and crafts persons. Located 45 miles south of Tucson, 22 miles north of Nogales, I-19, exit 34.

Santa Cruz Chili and Spice Company: Home of Santa Cruz Chile! Spices and chili for sale. Also a western museum. Located ¼ mile south of Tumacácori NHP, off of I-19 exit 29.

Pimeria Alta Historical Society: Museum, library and archives related to the history of southern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mexico. Located in Nogales, Arizona, on Grand Avenue, one block from the international border. Open intermittently. (520) 287-5402.

Patagonia and Sonoita: Famous for its quarter horse and cattle ranches, bird sanctuary and beautiful scenic drive. Located on Highway 82, northwest of Nogales.

Nogales: Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora (Mexico) are divided by a fence. You may park on this side and walk across the border to the shopping district without having to obtain a tourist permit or visa. You do not need to exchange your currency; U.S. dollars, traveler's checks and major credit cards are accepted. You do not need a passport. Your driver's license or social security card or oral statement that you are a "U.S. Citizen" get you back to the U.S.A.



Services

Gas: Tubac Market, 4 miles north, and Rio Rico Chevron, 8 miles south provide gas. Other gas stations are located throughout Green Valley and Nogales.

Food: A variety of restaurants are located in Green Valley, Nogales, and Rio Rico, as well as in Tubac which is three miles north of Tumacácori. Two restaurants are located near the park; one directly across the street, and one

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the north on the Frontage Road. The nearby Tumacácori Mini Market, Carmen Store and Tubac Market provide food and necessities.

Health Services: The Tubac Fire Department is located on the east Frontage Road, half a mile north of the main entrance of Tubac. Other health services are located in Green Valley and Nogales.

For Further Information

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