



THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO *Fall*

IN GILBERT, MESA & QUEEN CREEK

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WELCOME

What fall *looks like* here

Every year I get the same question around this time: what is there to do here once fall settles in? The honest answer is that the whole Valley moves back outside the minute it drops below 100.

This is the list I send to friends, the mornings worth getting up for, the places I take people from out of town, and the few things I do every single year without fail.

Steal all of it.

If we haven't met yet, I'm Kasey, and I've been showing people around the East Valley for 21 years.

FALL HERE MEANS

Patio season is finally back

The first morning under 70

Corn mazes + pumpkin patches



Make the most of *the season*

Every year the season sneaks up the same way: one month you're still in summer mode, the next you're outside every weekend, and then suddenly it's the holidays.

September

HAPPENING:

Heritage District Harvest
Sept 25–Nov 1 | Gilbert

WORTH EATING:

Queen Creek Festival
Fridays thru Oct 16

GET OUTSIDE:

Garlic Fest at the Olive Mill
Sept 26–27 | Queen Creek

October

HAPPENING:

Día de los Muertos Festival
Oct 24–25 | Mesa Arts Center

WORTH EATING:

Chili at the Pumpkin Party
Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek

GET OUTSIDE:

Vertuccio Farms Corn Maze
Oct 2–31 | Mesa

November

HAPPENING:

Gilbert Days Rodeo
Nov 20–22 | Horseshoe Park

WORTH EATING:

Indian Frybread Festival
Nov 21 | Rawhide, Chandler

GET OUTSIDE:

Gilbert Turkey Trot
Nov 26 | San Tan Village



Slow mornings

The best mornings here don't have a plan. Coffee first, then wherever the rest of the day goes.



COFFEE

Peixoto Coffee, Chandler

Single-origin beans from the owner's family farm

BAKERY

Rise Up Bakery, Gilbert

Artisan bread + pastries worth an early alarm

BREAKFAST

San Tan Cafe, Queen Creek

Pancakes that are bigger than the plate

QUIET SPOT

Riparian Preserve, Gilbert

A sunrise loop around the ponds

Outside

The whole point of this season is ending up outside for longer than you meant to.



TRAIL OR WALK

Wind Cave Trail, Usery Park

Short, steep and worth it at sunrise

LOOKOUT

Lost Dutchman State Park

The best sunset view of the Superstitions

PARK

San Tan Mountain Park

Quiet desert trails on the edge of Queen Creek

BEST PATIO

Queen Creek Olive Mill

Lunch under the olive trees

With the kids

Weekends go easier when you already know where you're going.
These are the reliable ones.



WEEKEND ACTIVITY

Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek

Rides, hayrides + a corn maze, Oct 3–31

TREAT STOP

Cinnaholic, Gilbert

Build-your-own cinnamon rolls

PARK

Gilbert Regional Park

Big playgrounds and tons of room to run

DOG FRIENDLY

Woofstock, Tumbleweed Park

A dog festival in Chandler, Nov 21

After dark

Evenings get better this time of year. Here is where I'd spend one if I had it free.



DINNER

Downtown Chandler

Pick a patio on the square, then walk it off

DESSERT

MallowHaus, Gilbert

Toasted s'mores desserts

DRINKS

Garage East, Gilbert

Local wine in a barn at Agritopia

LIVE MUSIC

Mesa Arts Center

A show in Downtown Mesa, then a nightcap

When people visit

When someone is in town for a weekend, this is the short list I actually hand them.



FIRST STOP

Gilbert Heritage District

The water tower, murals + great restaurants

THE VIEW

Saguaro Lake

Blue water + canyon walls, 30 min from Mesa

THE ONE MEAL

Joe's Farm Grill, Gilbert

Farm-fresh burgers at Agritopia

ONLY HERE

The Great Gilbert Gourd Hunt

Giant pumpkin art by Ray Villafane, thru Nov 1

EVERY YEAR

Traditions

The things locals look forward to every season.

Schnepf Pumpkin & Chili Party

Oct 3–31 · Queen Creek's biggest fall tradition

Halloween Spooktacular

Oct 30 · Trick-or-treat in Downtown Chandler

Gilbert Days Rodeo

Nov 20–22 · Horseshoe Park, Queen Creek

Merry Main Street

Nov 27 · Mesa tree lighting + real ice rink

Día de los Muertos Festival

Oct 24–25 · Mesa Arts Center, free

Diwali: Festival of Lights

Nov 7 · Music, dance + lights in Chandler

Gilbert Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving morning · San Tan Village

Mesa Temple Christmas Lights

Usually opens the day after Thanksgiving



DON'T MISS THESE

The *Fall* bucket list

- ☐ First patio dinner of the season
- ☐ The first drive with the windows down
- ☐ A farmers market Saturday
- ☐ A Friday night high school football game
- ☐ A fall candle from a local shop
- ☐ Coffee somewhere new on a weekday
- ☐ Watch a sunset over the Superstitions
- ☐ Take the long walk instead of the short one
- ☐ Carve pumpkins out on the patio
- ☐ Eat outside with people you like
- ☐ Explore an East Valley town you never visit
- ☐ Buy something from a local maker
- ☐ Get lost in a corn maze
- ☐ Morning outside before the day starts
- ☐ Bring a neighbor something you baked
- ☐ One night with the phone in another room
- ☐ Write down what you want out of next year



Ten Things, *One Weekend*

☐ Clean the pool filter

☐ Flush the water heater

☐ Fresh smoke detector batteries

☐ Clean the dryer vent

☐ Reverse the ceiling fans

☐ Swap the HVAC filter

☐ Check the weather stripping

☐ Cut back the irrigation timer

☐ Check roof tiles + stucco for cracks

☐ Test the garage door sensors

WHO I'D CALL

The four numbers I give out most. Save them before you need them.

PAINTER

Jesus Alcevo

480-695-4396

LANDSCAPER

Vaquero Landscape

480-791-9760

CARPET

Arturo Ortega

480-221-8466

HVAC

Thors HVAC

480-800-8467



Need a different vendor referral or recommendation?
I've spent years building relationships with local businesses I'd genuinely recommend to family. Send me a message and I'll connect you.

Weekend trips

Sedona

DRIVE TIME

About 2 hours

KNOWN FOR

Red rocks + fall color in Oak Creek

WORTH THE STOP

West Fork Trail

Prescott

DRIVE TIME

About 2 hours

KNOWN FOR

Courthouse Square + cool mountain air

WORTH THE STOP

Whiskey Row

Tucson

DRIVE TIME

About 1.5 hours

KNOWN FOR

Sonoran food + Mt. Lemmon color

WORTH THE STOP

Mount Lemmon Scenic Byway



ABOUT ME



*Hey there,
I'm Kasey*

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I love sharing what makes the East Valley special. For more local recs, check out my Instagram or send me a message. I'd love to hear from you!

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Let's talk

Thinking about a move before the year turns?
Start here.

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