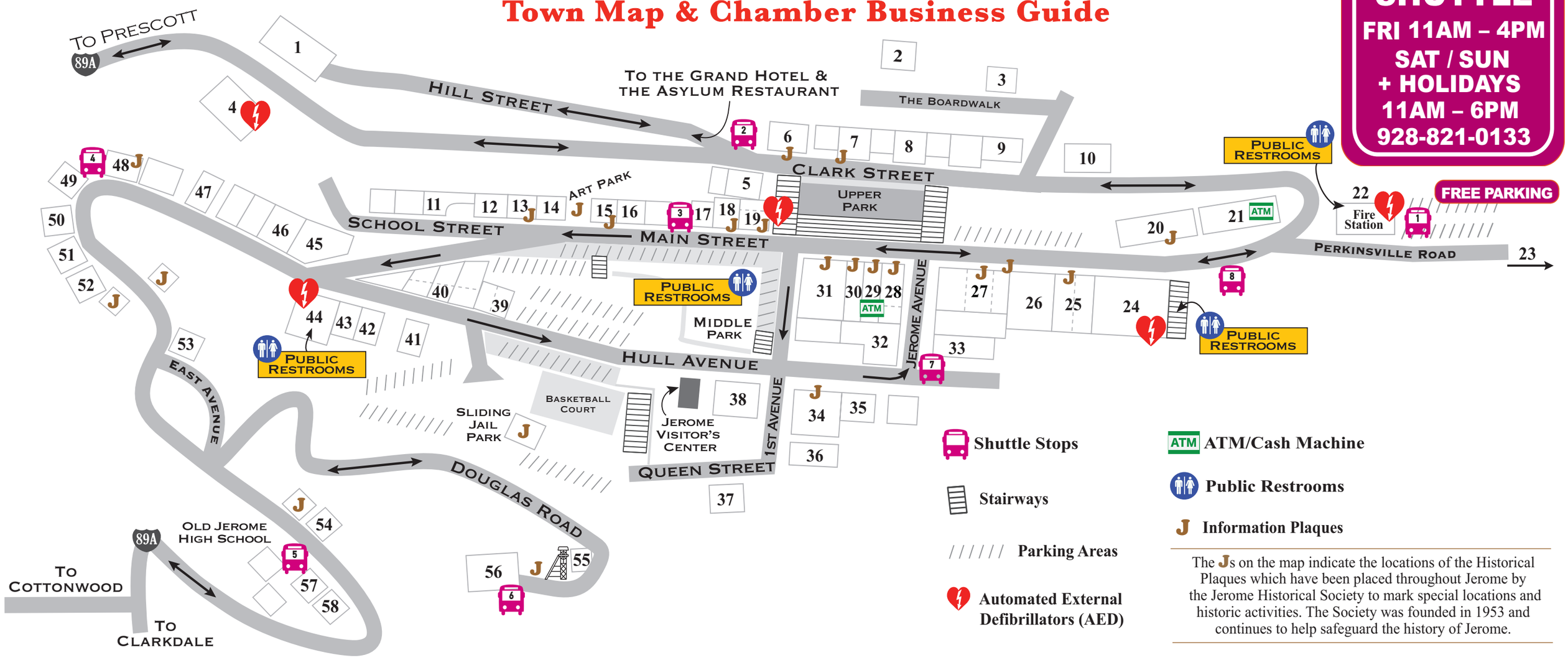
Jerome

Town Map & Chamber Business Guide

FREE SHUTTLE
FRI 11AM – 4PM
SAT / SUN
+ HOLIDAYS
11AM – 6PM
928-821-0133



The **J**s on the map indicate the locations of the Historical Plaques which have been placed throughout Jerome by the Jerome Historical Society to mark special locations and historic activities. The Society was founded in 1953 and continues to help safeguard the history of Jerome.

RESTAURANTS/FOOD

1 ASYLUM RESTAURANT
Luncheon, dinner, and cocktails with sweeping views, full-service bar, and ample parking 928-639-3197

5 HAUNTED HAMBURGER
Beef or veggie burgers, hand-spun milkshakes, full bar with local draft beers & pet-friendly deck with 100-mile views! 928-634-0554

8 MISS KITTY'S GENERAL STORE
Food, beer, wine, vintage gifts & more 928-607-1259

9 CORNISH PASTY CO
Traditional miner's meal - baked crust with a choice of over 40 stuffings, full bar, 10 beers on tap, and dog-friendly patio with a view 928-267-6474

13 RICKELDORIS CANDY & POPCORN COMPANY
Gourmet chocolates, candies, assortment of popcorn 928-639-1340

14 VAQUEROS
Family-inspired Mexican Cuisine 928-649-9090

18 CLINKSCALE BAR & GRILL
American & French inspired casual fine dining 928-634-6225

32 BOBBY D'S BBQ
Authentic smokehouse-style restaurant in the historic English Kitchen bldg. Oldest continuously operating restaurant in Arizona 928-634-6235

43 GHOST PEPPER CO
All natural honey, hot sauces, and salsa tastings www.jeromeghostpepper.com

TOURS

24 TOURS OF JEROME
Haunted • Historic • Wine Tasting 928-639-4361

*** SIP SEDONA**
Wine & beer tours 928-308-5166

*** ELEVATED SEDONA WINE TOURS**
928-707-9749

HISTORIC SALOONS

7 WICKED CITY PUB *(new)*
Live music, billiards, arcade, craft beers, wine, mead, and kombucha 928-274-6182

27 SPIRIT ROOM
In the Connor Hotel *(c.1899)* 928-634-8809

29 PAUL & JERRY'S SALOON
ATM Oldest family-run business in Arizona *(c.1898)* 928-634-2603

LODGING

1 JEROME GRAND HOTEL
928-634-8200 / 888-817-6788

2 THE JOHN RIORDAN HOUSE
www.johnriordanhouse.com

18 CLINKSCALE HOTEL
928-634-5094

27 CONNOR HOTEL
928-634-5006

37 CUBAN QUEEN
Boutique hotel 480-447-6425

47 THE KELLY HOUSE
Retro chic with the best view in Jerome 928-284-8053 *(text only)*

48 GHOST CITY INN
Historic hotel 928-634-4678

49 THE MINER'S COTTAGE
928-254-1089

50 MILLION DOLLAR VIEW
Book a stay and enjoy the million dollar views 928-864-6286

POTTERY & CERAMICS

21 JEROME HERITAGE SHOP
ATM Pottery & gifts 480-447-6425

36 LA VICTORIA GLASS & CERAMICS STUDIO GLASSBLOWING
928-254-9575

WINE TASTING

12 VINO ZONA
Arizona small-batch boutique wineries 928-284-8053

19 PASSION CELLARS
480-483-5051

26 FOUR EIGHT WINEWORKS
The Arizona winemakers co-operative 928-639-3516

27 CADUCEUS CELLARS
Merkin Vineyards 928-639-9463

33 THE ORIGINAL JEROME WINERY
928-639-9593

40 CABAL CELLERS
480-483-5051

MUSEUMS

23 GOLD KING MINE GHOST TOWN
Formerly Haynes, Az. Vintage truck collection, kids activities: gold & gem panning, petting zoo 928-634-0053

24 NEW STATE MOTOR COMPANY
The first Chrysler dealership in Arizona

28 JEROME HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINE MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP
928-634-5477

54 OVERLOOK PARK
Viewing deck & mining equipment. ***The*** spot to get that perfect picture of Jerome at sunrise or sunset

55 AUDREY HEADFRAME PARK
Last of the large wooden headframes out of all the AZ mines. Look down a 1900-foot mine shaft

56 JEROME STATE HISTORIC PARK
Douglas Mansion – Mining exhibits & picnic area 928-634-5381

JEWELRY/ GIFTS

15 JEROME'S JEWELRY & GIFTS
jeromejewelry@hotmail.com

16 TURQUOISE SPIDER
Southwest jewelry & Native American items 928-634-8782

21 JEROME HERITAGE SHOP
ATM Locally-crafted jewelry 480-447-6425

24 LAUGHING MOUNTAIN
Featuring Navajo & Zuni designs 928-634-8784

28 MINE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP
Featuring copper jewelry & collectibles 928-634-5477

39 GHOSTFLOWER JEROME
Fine jewelry, knives, art & home goods 928-634-6281

GALLERIES/ STUDIOS

11 PURA VIDA
Handcrafted art 928-634-0937

30 FIREFLY GALLERY
Handmade arts & crafts inspired by nature 928-639-3473

31 JEROME TINTYPE STUDIO
19th century photography studio–authentic tintype portraits & town views, March thru Oct 414-639-4533

42 MIMI'S GALLERY & OPEN STUDIO
916-235-6502

44 JEROME ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE
928-639-4276

46 DESERT PEARL
Fine art & little treasures 928-583-4713

UNIQUE RETAIL

17 MINER'S PICK & ROCK SHOP
Minerals/Fossils Crystals/Copper 928-274-4499

24 DRIP
Local artists, vinyl, clothes, art supplies 928-316-4945

25 NELLIE BLY
Kaleidoscopes & steampunk (Largest collection of kaleidoscopes under one roof in the world!) 928-634-0255

26 PUSCIFER THE STORE
928-639-3516

28 COPPER CANYON CHRISTMAS
The Christmas store & more 928-821-6400

35 RAKU GALLERY
Wall art, fine jewelry & glass sculptures 928-639-0239

38 CASA LATINA
Latin & Native American collectibles 928-634-7308

45 ALTAI LEATHER DESIGNS
928-639-2221

CLOTHING/GIFTS

24 LAUGHING MOUNTAIN
928-634-8764

24 UNIVERSITY SHACK
Locally made gifts 928-634-3119

27 BOLSHEVITA
928-649-6096

38 THE BLAZING OWL
Candles, apothecary, and collectible owls 619-709-5072

CHURCHES

10 HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
c. 1898

51 HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
c. 1927

TRANSPORTATION

*** VORTEX ATV RENTALS**
928-235-4520

SERVICES

47 BLOOM & ECLIPSE
High vibe, holistic hair & nail salon, specializing in lived-in color 308-940-2770

52 INTUITIVE COMPASS
Intuitive readings & other services 928-649-3789

53 JACK DILLENBERG & FRIENDS
Health service consulting 602-751-5225

TOWN SERVICES

4 JEROME CIVIC CENTER
Town Hall 928-634-7943
Humane Society 928-634-0727
Public Library 928-639-0574

6 JEROME HISTORICAL SOCIETY
928-634-1066

19 JEROME POLICE DEPARTMENT
928-634-8992

22 JEROME FIRE DEPARTMENT
928-649-3034

24 U.S. POST OFFICE
928-634-8241

34 LAWRENCE MEMORIAL (SPOOK) HALL

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

*** OUT OF AFRICA WILDLIFE PARK**
928-567-2842

*** CAROL ANNE TEAGUE, REALTOR and Jerome Resident.**
Realty One Group Mountain Desert 928-300-9031

*** GIRLVIBE, INC. GRAPHIC DESIGN**
Lisa Petty 602-391-5031

*** LITTLE DAISY**

**Not on map*

The Early Years

Jerome was built on Cleopatra Hill on top of what was the largest copper mine in Arizona – it produced an astonishing three million pounds of copper per month.

Prehistoric Native Americans were the first miners, seeking colored stones. The Spanish followed, seeking gold but finding copper. Anglos staked the first claims in the area in 1876, and United Verde mining operations began in 1883, followed by the Little Daisy claim. Once known as the wickedest town in the west, Jerome grew rapidly from a tent city to a prosperous town as it followed the swing of the mine's fortunes.

Main Street - *Jerome Historical Society*

The mines, the workers and those who sought its wealth, formed Jerome's history. They were a brave and raucous mix. Men and women from all over the world made their way to Arizona to find work and, maybe, a new way of life.

Americans, Mexicans, Croatians, Irish, Spaniards, Italians, Chinese – over twenty nationalities – made the mining camp a cosmopolitan mix that added to its rich life and filled its streets with excitement.

Miners, smelter workers, freighters, gamblers, bootleggers, saloon keepers, storekeepers, prostitutes and preachers, wives and children – all made Jerome what it was.

Mogollon Rim - *JeromePhotos.com*

The Ghost City

Jerome was the talk of the territory…boomtown of its time…darling of promoters and investors. The mines were nourished and exploited by financiers who brought a billion dollars worth of copper from its depths. Gold, silver, lead, zinc, azurite and malachite also contributed to the wealth. It has been said that the copper returns were pure profit because all the operating expenses were covered by the extraction of the other minerals.

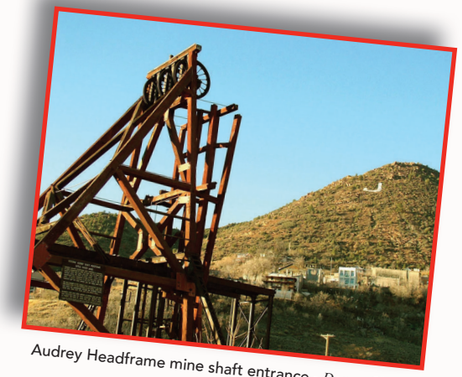
Changing times in the territory saw pack burros, mule-drawn freight wagons, and horses replaced by steam engines, autos and trucks.

Founded in 1876, Jerome was once the fourth largest city in the Arizona Territory.

In 1882, Jerome's first postmaster named the town after the family of financier, Eugene Jerome.

Fires ravaged the clapboard town again and again. Between 1894 and 1899, four disastrous fires destroyed large sections of the town. Jerome was always rebuilt, but as a result, the town of Jerome was incorporated in 1899.

By 1918, underground mining was augmented by Arizona's first open pit mine after an uncontrollable fire had erupted in one of the tunnels. The fire burned for over 20 years until the smelter was moved to Clarkdale. In the meantime, dynamite blasts rattled the hills.



Audrey Headframe mine shaft entrance - *Donna Chesler*

In the late 1930's, an enormous charge of dynamite (260,000 pounds) was set off – equal to six freight car loads – and the surface began to shift. Tunnels under the town, some as deep as 4,800 feet below the surface, began to crack. The shifting, combined with the 30-degree incline of the mountainside, pulled a number of buildings down the slope, and entire sections of the business district collapsed or slid downhill.

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Jerome's famous "Sliding Jail" moved downhill 225 feet and sat in the middle of Hull Avenue until a bulldozer moved it to its final resting place across the road from its original site. There are still 88 miles of tunnels under the town, and there are four geological faults in the area.

The population peaked at 15,000 in the 1920's, but within 10 years it would drop to less than 5,000. The Depression of the 1930's slowed the mining operation and in 1935, the company was purchased by Phelps Dodge for $20,800,000. World War II brought increased demand for copper, but after the war, demand slowed.

Dependent on the ups and downs of copper prices, labor unrest, depressions and wars, Jerome's mines finally closed in 1953.

After "King Copper" left town, the population went from a peak of 15,000 in the 20's, to some 50 persons in the late 50's. Within five years of the mine's closing, Jerome became the largest ghost town in America.

Today's Jerome

Jerome has always been a survivor. Reluctant to leave a lifetime of memories, those few hardy souls that remained promoted the town as a historic ghost town.

The 60's and 70's were the time of the counterculture, and Jerome offered a haven for artists who renovated homes and opened abandoned shops to sell their wares. Soon newcomers and Jerome old-timers were working together to bring Jerome back.

The Jerome Historical Society (formed in 1953, the year the mines closed) guarded the buildings against vandalism and the elements. The Douglas Mansion was made a state park in 1965, and in 1967, Jerome was designated a National Historic District by the federal government.

Jerome at night - *JeromePhotos.com*

Still lingering in its entirety, Jerome is a colorful oasis, and a photographer's paradise. Looking like an Italian mountain village with an assemblage of Victorian properties, many of the buildings that currently house present-day businesses are those built after the fires of 1894 and 1899 – its appearance hasn't changed much in nearly 100 years. Many of the buildings have been restored and more are planned for restoration.

On the other hand, Jerome's personality has changed dramatically over the years. Once a thriving mining camp between the late-1880s and early 1950s, Jerome is now a bustling tourist magnet and artistic community with a population of about 445. It includes artists, craft people, musicians, writers, hermits, business owners, historians, and families. Together, they form a peaceful, colorful, thriving community built on a rich foundation of history and lore.

Smelter - *Jerome Historical Society*

Experience Jerome – an unforgettable trip.

Historic Jerome Dates

1583 Spanish explorer Antonio de Espejo is the first European to reach Jerome

1876 Al Sieber (chief scout for General Crook) works first claim on Cleopatra Hill

1882 United Verde Copper Company (UVCC) formed

1883 UVCC control sold to Eugene Murray Jerome; town is named for Jerome

1888 William A. Clark purchased the UVCC; begins major development

1895 Clark completes the narrow gauge railroad into Jerome

1899 Jerome incorporates; immediately becomes fourth largest town in Arizona

1899 George Hull forms the United Verde Extension (UVX) mining company

1903 The New York Sun proclaims Jerome "The Wickedest City in the West"

1911 "Rawhide Jimmy" Douglas takes over UVX

1912 Arizona becomes the 48th state in the Union.

1914 The Little Daisy Mine, the main UVX ore body is discovered

1918 UVCC begins open pit operations – the first open pit mine in Arizona

1922 The Jerome High School is built. Classes begin in 1923

1924 The UVCC was the number one producer of copper,

1929 gold, and silver in Arizona each year. In 1929, the UVX was the sixth leading producer of copper and the state's fifth leading producer of gold and silver.

1929 Jerome population reaches 15,000

1935 Phelps Dodge purchases UVCC from the Clark family

1938 UVX closes the Little Daisy mine

1953 Phelps Dodge closes all mining operations in Jerome

1953 The Jerome Historical Society is founded

1955 Population is less than 50

1965 The Jerome State Park is opened to the public

1966 Jerome begins its annual Home and Historic Building Tour

1967 Stewart Udall signs the proclamation making Jerome a U.S. National Historic District

1974 Jerome awarded Bicentennial flag and plaque – designated a Bicentennial Town

1976 100th birthday of the Town of Jerome

1999 Jerome celebrates 100 years of incorporation; now the smallest incorporated town in Arizona

2021 Population of Jerome (per the 2021 census) is 445

Jerome Calendar of Events

ART AND WINE WALK
Several music venues have been added to make this monthly event one not to miss!
The first Saturday of each month.
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

ART IN THE PARK
Local artists painting & creating in the upper park.
September 14th & 15th, 2024
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

JEROME MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL
Bands and artists all over Jerome for the weekend!
September 14th & 15th, 2024 – *All Day*

GHOST WALK
Back after several years on hiatus.
October 5th & 6th, 2024 – *Several shows daily*
Tickets through www.jeromehistoricalsociety.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT HALLOWEEN DANCE
Saturday, October 26th, 2024 - *Night*

LIGHT UP THE MOUNTAIN
Live music, and we light up the park after sunset!
November 25th, 2024 – *Evening*

Visit **JeromeChamber.com**
for more details, and follow us!
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Check out our local radio station!
GULCH RADIO
on FM 100.5 or at GulchRadio.com

Jerome Annual Averages

Info provided by U.S. Climate Data 2023

Precipitation: 18.8"
High temp: 69°
Low temp: 51°
Snowfall: 7"

Jerome Statistics

Altitude: 5,246 ft.
Founded: 1876
Population: 445

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Historic buildings, art galleries and studios, unique shops, great restaurants, charming lodging and a spectacular drive up Mingus Mountain are all reasons to visit Jerome—one of the most vertical cities in the country. The perfect day-trip or weekend getaway from Sedona, Prescott, Phoenix, Tucson, or even Las Vegas.

Experience Jerome – an unforgettable trip.

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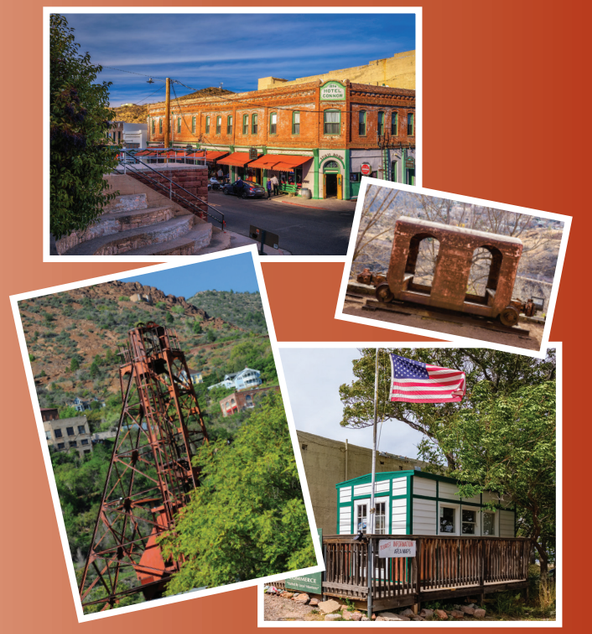
A National Historic Landmark

From a roaring copper mining boom town of 15,000 people,

to Arizona's largest ghost town...

and now, to Arizona's most unique art and history destination, Jerome's history will amaze you.