



SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

TRIP PLANNER



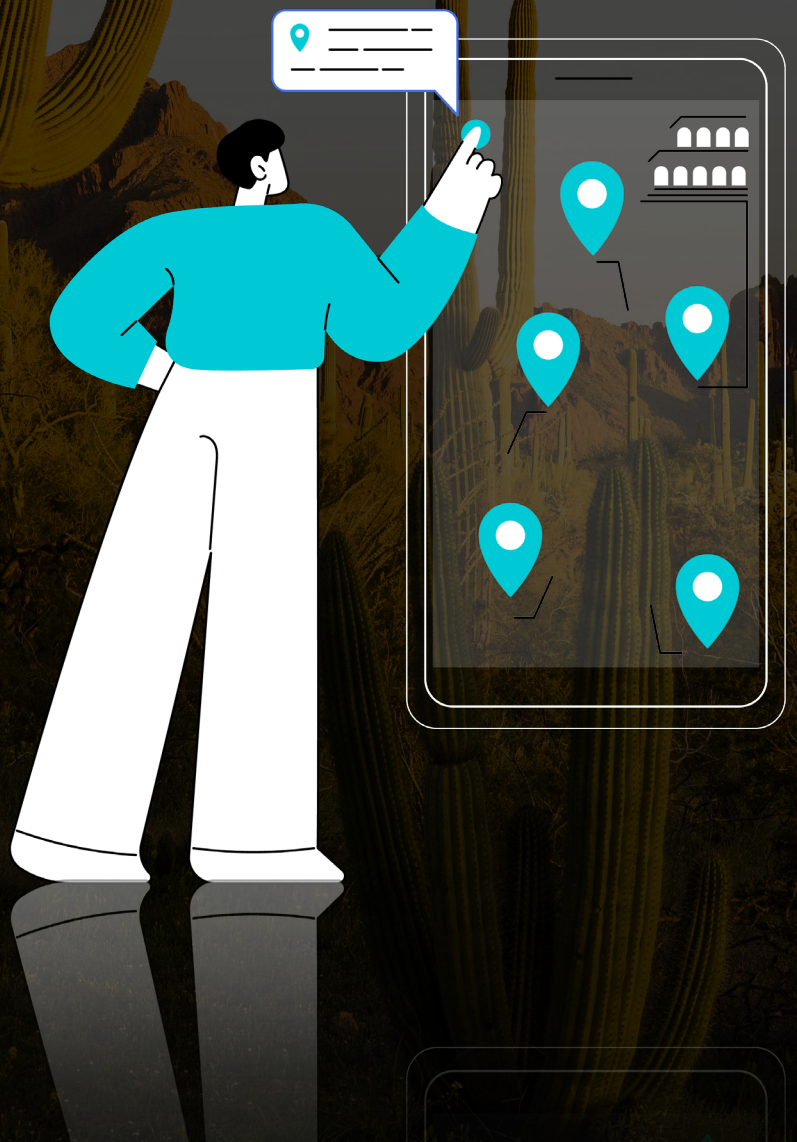
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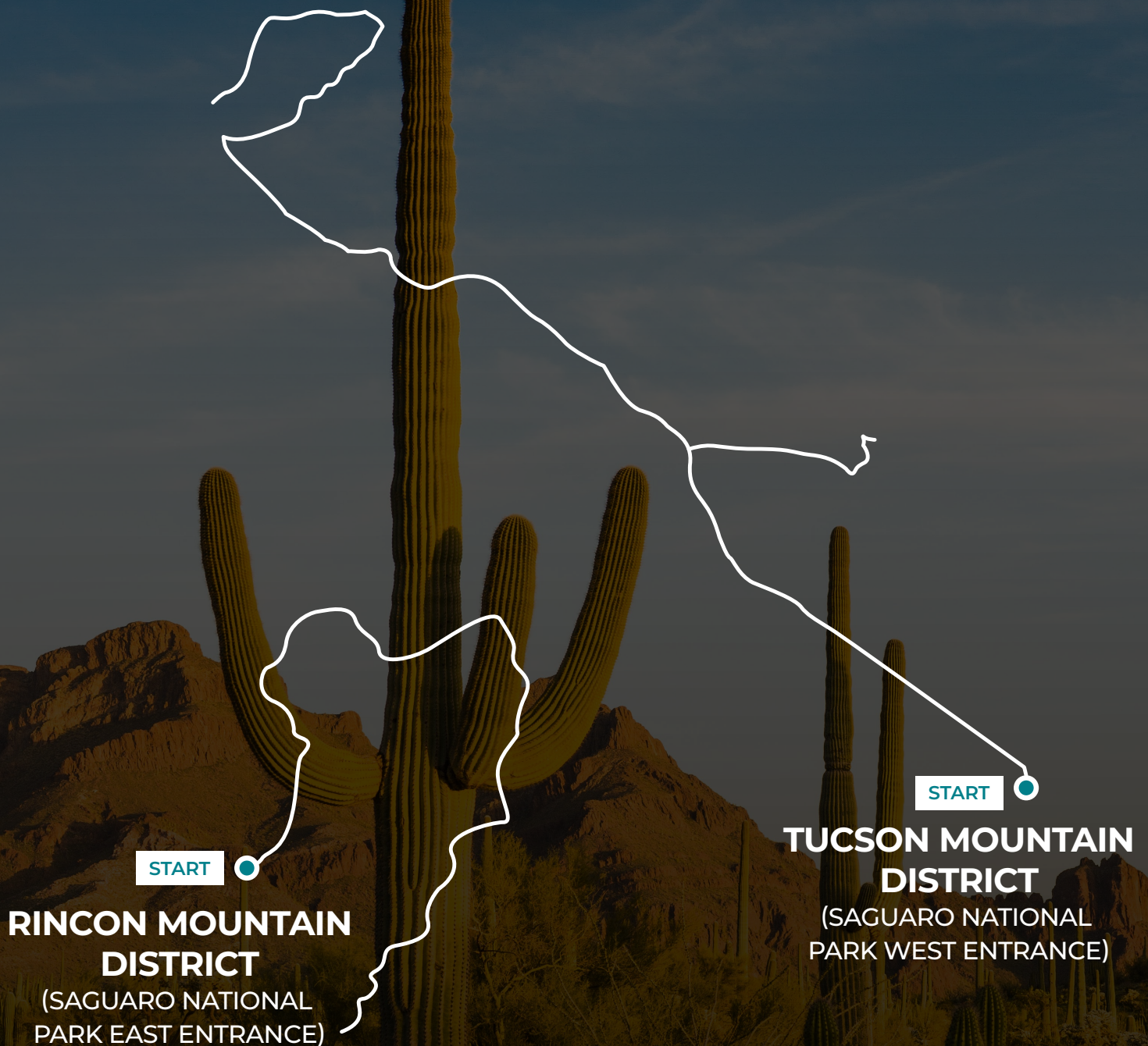
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TRIP PLANNER

- Where to Enter
- Must-See Points
- Best Hikes (Quick, Moderate, Long)
- Itineraries (One Day, Two Days)
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WHERE TO ENTER

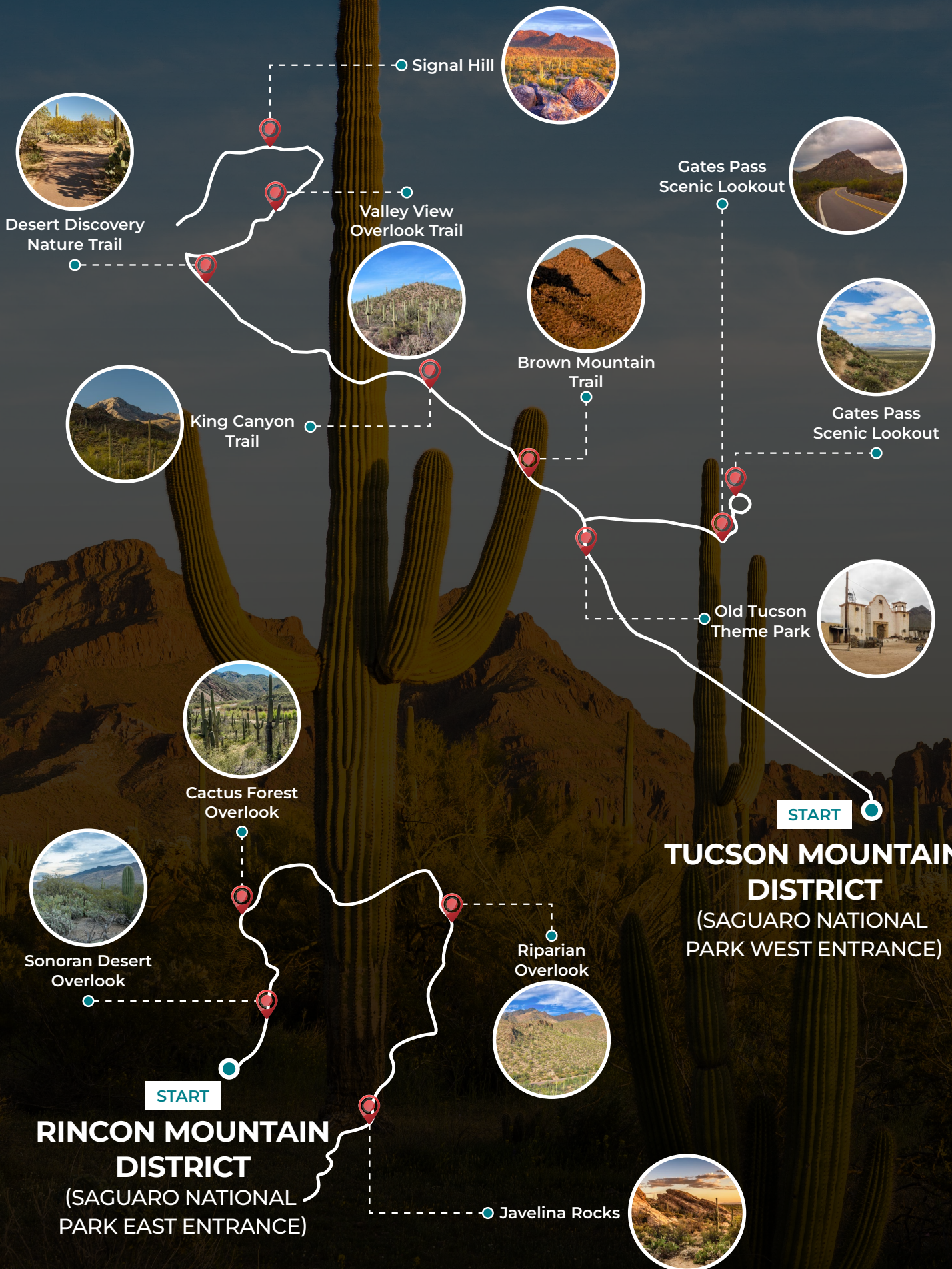


Your self-guided tour supports both the entrances!

Don't worry — Both the versions have the same stories, just tailored to each entrance. One is not better than any other!

Be sure to have the latest tour version downloaded ahead of time because there's no signal once in the park.

MUST-SEE POINTS



BEST HIKES



VALLEY VIEW
OVERLOOK TRAIL



0.5 Miles 20 Mins



SIGNAL HILL
PETROGLYPHS
TRAIL



0.3 Miles 10 Mins



LOMA VERDE
TRAIL



3.7 Miles 1-2 Hours



GARWOOD
DAM TRAIL



7 Miles 3-4 Hour



BROWN
MOUNTAIN TRAIL



4.2 Miles 2 Hours



KING CANYON
TRAIL TO
WASSON PEAK



6.9 Miles 4 Hours



ITINERARIES

You can enjoy the park at your own pace with the self-guided audio tour from Action Tour Guide.

This flexible tour can be completed in one day or spread over multiple days. Since it is valid for one year and offers unlimited usage, you don't have to worry about seeing everything in one visit.

ONE-DAY ITINERARY:

- Start your day by arriving at the Tucson Mountain District Visitor Center early in the morning. Ensure you have downloaded the app and tour from Action Tour Guide before departing.
- Drive along the park and scenic Bajada Loop Drive, stopping at the highlighted "Must-See" points of interest:
 - Old Tucson Theme Park
 - Gates Pass Scenic Lookout
 - Gates Pass Trail
 - Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
 - Desert Discovery Nature Trail
 - Valley View Overlook Trail
 - Signal Hill
- Embark on hikes, such as the Loma Verde, to immerse yourself in the park's natural beauty and diverse landscapes. (See Hikes Section)
- Enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the designated picnic areas, such as the Signal Hill Picnic Area or the Brown Mountain Trail Picnic Area.
- End your day by witnessing the sunset from a scenic viewpoint, such as Gates Pass Scenic Lookout. Capture the stunning hues of the desert landscape as the sun dips below the horizon.

TWO-DAY ITINERARY:

- **Day 1:** Follow the one-day itinerary mentioned above, exploring the highlights of Saguaro National Park's West District. Ensure you have the app and tour set up before arriving at the Tucson Mountain District Visitor Center.
- **Day 1 Night:** Settle in for stargazing at night to experience the awe-inspiring beauty of the starry sky. Consider bringing a blanket or folding chairs for comfort.

Some recommended stargazing spots include:

- Gates Pass Scenic Lookout
 - Signal Hill Petroglyphs
 - Valley View Overlook
 - Desert Discovery Nature Trail
- **Day 2:** Download and start the East Saguaro tour (included with your main tour) before heading out back to the park. This part of the park offers a quieter experience, with diverse landscapes and hiking opportunities.
 - Stop at the Must-See points highlighted on the tour (marked in the tour as "Must-See"):
 - Sonoran Desert Overlook
 - Cactus Forest Overlook
 - Riparian Overlook
 - Take a break in the afternoon to explore the shops and galleries in the nearby town of Tucson or Marana. Treat yourself to a snack or ice cream cone while experiencing the local culture.
 - Leave the park by late afternoon to enjoy the sunset, concluding your visit to Saguaro National Park.
 - While at Saguaro National Park, don't miss nearby [Mount Lemmon](#)! It's just a short distance away and offers stunning scenery and outdoor activities. Explore hiking trails, enjoy a picnic, or take in the scenic drive. Check out that tour and many more at [ActionTourGuide.com](#).

WHERE TO STAY

The image shows the entrance to Saguaro National Park. A large, light-colored concrete sign with the words "SAGUARO" and "NATIONAL PARK" in bold, dark letters stands on the left. To its right is a brick pillar with a red National Park Service arrowhead sign. The sign features a saguaro cactus, a mountain, and the text "NATIONAL PARK SERVICE" and "Department of the Interior". The background is a desert landscape with several tall saguaro cacti, some with arms, under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A paved road is visible on the left side of the sign.

SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK



TUCSON

As the largest city near Saguaro National Park, Tucson offers diverse accommodations, dining, and attractions. Its central location provides convenient access to both the east and west sections of the park, along with cultural and outdoor experiences beyond its boundaries.

ORO VALLEY

Just north of Tucson, Oro Valley boasts tranquil desert landscapes and mountain views. With various accommodations available, it's near Saguaro National Park's western entrance, making it convenient for exploring stunning scenery and hiking trails.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



ENTRANCE FEES: Requires a park pass, which is not included in the self-guided tour. [Review pass options.](#)



RESERVATION: Required for Hiking, Camping and other activities, which is not included in the self-guided tour. [Reserve here before your trip.](#)



OPERATING HOURS: You can walk or bike into the park 24 hours a day year-round. However the park's west side is open to vehicles from sunrise to sunset daily. In the east the Cactus Forest Loop Drive is open daily 5:00am - 8:30pm. Partial closures or limited accessibility due to construction or any emergency. [Learn more before you go.](#)



ROAD CLOSURES: Unexpected weather or construction incidents can affect roads. While the tour is updated frequently to include detours, it cannot reflect up-to-the-minute updates. [Check before you leave.](#)



PARK RULES AND SAFETY: Stay on designated trails, camp in designated areas, and respect wildlife and natural resources by following the [Camping Rules and Regulations](#). Follow all NPS [Laws and Policies](#). Be familiar with the park's [Safety Guidelines](#).

PACKING LIST



Binoculars



Extra Layers



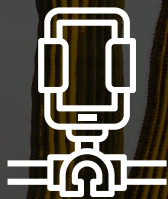
First Aid Kit



Snacks



Portable Charger



Phone Holder



Gas



Bear Spray



Inscet Repellent



Sunscreen



Water



Hiking Boots