

# Weekend Getaway Flights in the Southwest

### Criteria:

- a) 0.5-4 days duration
- b) Destination is interesting to SO.
- c) In general, ground-time significantly exceeds flight-time.

### Comments:

- a) **Important!** To be included on this list, a destination **must** hold some allure for your SO. (e.g., For many SOs, a trip to an aircraft museum is a no-go...) These trips are meant to be informal weekend "getaways". Each trip will have a volunteer leader that assumes some *modest* responsibilities limited to suggesting a possible departure date/time and sending a few group emails. All pilots are responsible for their own flight planning, any reservations, etc. However, APA expects that everyone will share information via group emails since some of us may be unfamiliar with the destination and routing.
- c) Some of us will be acutely disinterested in some (or perhaps many) of the destinations. *That's OK -- suggest something different!* Participation can be as irregular as you wish...
- d) Several locations on the list have great snow skiing. But, the winter weather is iffy for GA flight at those destinations. So, we haven't listed that particular activity.
- e) Destinations in rows colored light blue have been visited recently.

### Revisions:

- 0 5/17/2011 Initial APA release
- 1 11/6/2011 Add Yuma & Canyon de Chelly
- 2 12/27/2011 Add Harris Ranch, Lake Havasu, & Chiricahua National Monument

Destination	Airport	Distance (nm)	Duration (days)	Activity	Comments & Considerations
Benson, AZ	E95	107	1	1 Tour Kartchner Caverns	Advance reservations required; arrange ground transportation.
Wilcox, AZ	P33	115	1.5	1.5 Chiricahua National Monument -- great scenery!	Car rental required; overnight @ Holiday Inn
Winslow, AZ	KINW	118	.75	Lunch at La Posada Hotel -- historic Harvey House; national landmark	Ground transportation: Winslow Shuttle @ 928-289-2570
Tombstone, AZ	P29	132	1	1 Famous wild-west town made famous by Wyatt Earp	Arrange ground transportation from landing strip.
Bisbee, AZ	P04	152	1	1 Copper Queen Mine tour	
Yuma, AZ	KNYL	152	1.5	1.5 Annual Balloon Festival in Nov.	Fly down on Friday to view early Saturday AM launch.
Lake Havasu, AZ	KHII	154	1-1.5	1.5 London Bridge; kayak trip through wildlife refuge	
Chinle, AZ	E91	203	2	2 Tour Canyon de Chelly National Park	No avtigas, local taxi, shuttle, or rental car; use tour operator & overnight in Chinle
Marble Canyon, AZ	L41	213	0.5-1	0.5-1 Breakfast or lunch on weekend; beautiful view of Grand Canyon	Narrow runway w/ potholes; restaurant/trading post open only on weekends.
Page, AZ	KPGA	220	1-3	1-3 Antelope Slot Canyon tour	Advance reservations for tour
Monument Valley, UT	UT25	238	2	2 Magnificent scenery from ground or air; former trading post	Runway part asphalt / part dirt
Palm Springs, CA	KPSP	240	2	2 Tram ride to top of Mt. San Jacinto	
Zion Nat'l Park, UT	1L8	243	2	2 Beautiful scenery from ground or air; walks/hikes	May-Nov for more dependable weather
Big Bear, CA	L35	259	1-1.5	1.5 Mountain biking; hiking; ski lift ride; seasonal activities	East end of Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino Mtns; 6,75k' elev
Las Cruces, NM	KLRU	261	0.75	0.75 Great Mexican food for lunch!	Airport car available from FBO
Bryce Canyon, UT	KBCE	267	2	2 Beautiful scenery from ground or air; walks/hikes	June-Nov for more dependable weather
Carlsbad, CA	KCRA	281	2	2 Rent a B&B; stroll on the beach; quaint shops	Advance planning for B&B rental
Laguna Beach, CA	KSNA	304	3	3 Rent a restored 50's beach house for a night or two -- surf and sand	Advance planning for house rental
Durango, CO	KDRO	306	2.5	2.5 Railway trip between Durango-Silverton	Seasonal weather
Santa Fe, NM	KSAF	316	2.5	2.5 Art & jewelry; great Mexican food	
Death Valley, CA	L06	323	1-2	1-2 Brunch and/or overnight at the Furnace Creek Resort	
Catalina Island	KAVX	333	2.5	2.5 Lots of land and water activities!	Advance reservations required; runway has some potholes.
Pagosa Springs, CO	KPSO	335	2-2.5	2-2.5 Hot springs; decent food in small, quaint restaurants	
Telluride, CO	KTEX	339	2.5	2.5 Scenic old mining town/ski area; ride gondola; walks/hikes	Seasonal weather; DA
Taos, NM	KSKX	358	2.5	2.5 Art & Indian pottery	Airport long distance from town.
Mammoth Lakes, CA	KMMH	435	3-4	3-4 Great scenery; walks/hikes; mountain biking; ride gondola	Seasonal weather; mountain flying; DA
San Luis Obispo, CA	KSBP	458	3-4	3-4 Stay in Morro Bay near ocean; wine tasting in area; drive north for Hearst Castle	
Paso Robles, CA	KPRB	462	3-4	3-4 Wine tasting in Paso Robles area	Possibly stay @ Dunning Ranch Guest Suites depending upon group size
Harris Ranch, CA	3O8	470	3	3 Luxury ranch getaway for wine and dining, spa, & heated olympic pool	
Aspen, CO	KASE	472	3-4	3-4 Incredible scenery; walks/hikes; mountain biking; ride gondola	Seasonal weather; mountain flying; DA
Lake Tahoe, CA	TBD	530	3-4	3-4 Everything from arts and crafts to mountains to gambling	Seasonal weather; mountain flying; DA
Dallas, TX	KDAL	779	4	4 JFK Museum in downtown Dallas	Identify other activities to justify long flight...