SIERRA VISTA

Extraordinary skies.

Uncommon ground.
Here technology abounds under endless blue skies where you’ll find a highly educated workforce, unparalleled educational opportunities, world-class outdoor amenities, and a community you’ll love to call home.

Welcome to Sierra Vista!
Sierra Vista rises above the ordinary. This southeastern Arizona community sits above the valley floor to meet expansive, clear skies and business opportunities that stretch across state and international borders. The largest city south and east of Tucson, Sierra Vista is emerging as the educational, medical, and commercial hub of Southeast Arizona, earning accolades for high-tech opportunities including cyber security, alternative energy research, conservation technology, medical research and education, and aerospace. A top market for an educated and technical workforce, Sierra Vista is a thriving community with an unparalleled quality of life and infinite opportunity.
Sierra Vista has always been at the forefront of technology, thanks to the U.S. Army’s Fort Huachuca. This installation has more than 50 unique tenant units and missions, including three of the fastest-growing missions in the Department of Defense: cyber security, unmanned aircraft systems, and military intelligence. Along with more than 5,000 active- and temporary-duty personnel stationed there, Fort Huachuca employs about 3,500 civilian workers and contracts with many private companies that employ several thousand highly skilled professionals.

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Sierra Vista’s airport is adjacent to Libby Army Airfield and is one of only a handful of joint-use municipal-military airfields in the nation. The 12,001-foot runway at Sierra Vista Municipal Airport can accommodate any aircraft and provides opportunity for aerospace projects. Additionally, the protected 964-square-mile restricted airspace serves as the largest unmanned aircraft systems training facility in the world. Top entrepreneurs and defense agencies from across the globe utilize this unique facility to test and evaluate unmanned aircraft systems.
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In addition to Sierra Vista’s high altitude and aviation opportunities, other potential awaits. As a national leader in environmental programs, Sierra Vista is an attractive location for water use and energy conservation research and development. The community’s proximity to Arizona’s agricultural industry—along with agronomy programs and professionals—invite agriculture R&D firms. And Sierra Vista’s highly educated, tech-savvy workforce is right for robotics, electronics, software, and other tech-centric firms.

“Sierra Vista has a phenomenal tech-ready workforce, an extremely supportive community, and a wealth of exciting capabilities on Fort Huachuca. These were key factors that have enabled Jacobs to significantly expand our market share in Sierra Vista. Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca have tremendous growth potential and we look forward to continuing to build on a great relationship.”

~Jim Woodard, Division Vice President/Program Manager Jacobs Scientific and Engineering Service and Support Services for the U.S. Army’s Electronic Proving Ground
Sierra Vista’s unparalleled educational opportunities are reflected in the local workforce. Here, you’ll find more employees who hold a high school degree or higher than anywhere else in the country, and more college graduates than anywhere else in Arizona.

Sierra Vista is home to five higher education institutions, including two of Arizona’s state universities, two private universities, and Cochise College, named the third-best community college in the nation by Huffington Post.

Technology education in Sierra Vista starts in middle school, where engineering and computing are part of the curriculum. Year after year, Sierra Vista students take home top state and national awards for energy research and development, robotics, and cyber security.

“With strong support from the Sierra Vista community and our many educational partners, Cochise College is committed to innovation and excellence in education, enhancing the quality of life for the students and communities we serve. As the community’s college, we strive to provide timely, responsive, and flexible programs of study for current, emerging, and future employers.”

~JD Rottweiler, President
Cochise College
University of Arizona Sierra Vista is home to the Center of Academic Excellence for Cyber Operations. Certified by the NSA, the U of A program leads the nation, offering an offensive, as well as defensive, education in the fast-growing field of cyber security.

The U of A campus is located adjacent to Cochise College, which offers degrees that feed into the U of A programs—or launch business-ready employees into the workforce. With strong programs in aviation, information technology, nursing, business, and more, Cochise College is responsive to the changing dynamics of today’s business world. Already ranked as the top nursing school in Arizona, Cochise College recently affiliated with Arizona State University to offer in-demand Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, located at Fort Huachuca, is the world’s preeminent university for aviation and aerospace education. Here students earn degrees in the fields of aerospace, engineering, security, technology, supply chain management, and more. At Wayland Baptist University, students earn degrees in a variety of arts and science disciplines, to include business, education, and nursing.
With high-speed data demands by Sierra Vista’s cyber-savvy community, local fiber-optic connectivity delivers data at speeds of up to 2 gigabits per second. And connecting to the physical world is just as simple: Sierra Vista is an easy 30-minute drive from Interstate 10 via a four-lane, transport-ready highway.

Travel and freight movement by air is easy, thanks to the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, which can accommodate any aircraft.

Sierra Vista is also near the Arizona-Sonora border, giving you a leg up on international business and travel. Three ports of entry, all within a 90-minute drive, already solidify Sierra Vista as an international hub for commerce, medical services, and tourism.

Travel in Sierra Vista is a breeze, with an average commute time of 10 minutes. Bicyclists can ride anywhere in town, taking advantage of the paved multi-use path system and marked bicycle routes, while the city’s bus system provides reliable and affordable transportation between retail, education, and medical districts.

Commercial airlines are easily boarded at nearby Tucson International Airport (TUS). The drive from Sierra Vista takes just over an hour. Short lines and low parking fees make this small, friendly airport the pleasant beginning, or end, of your trip.
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Sierra Vista is putting business to the forefront. Business development assistance and professional partnerships throughout the Arizona-Sonora megaregion, along with available office space and developable land, are just part of the Sierra Vista package. Fast track permitting and review, deferred fees, site selection assistance, pre-development meetings, business education and incentives, plus tax exempt securities for manufacturing are just few ways that we help you stand up your business quickly and affordably. The bottom line: Sierra Vista means business.
As a technology-focused community, Sierra Vista has long been a leader in applying state-of-the-art technologies to environmental stewardship. The city is committed to practices that ensure a constant supply of clean water, waste reduction, and optimized use of natural resources. Since 1985, the city has been making bold conservation decisions. In 2013, it earned the nation's first EPA WaterSense Community designation, and lead Arizona with smart water use programs, water recharge projects, and green waste recovery programs.

Sierra Vista is spurring redevelopment in the historic West End, bolstered by a streetscape improvement plan that includes pedestrian and bicycle routes in this commercial corridor. Emphasizing ease of transportation and commercial investment, the work will create a vibrant, business-ready retail and entertainment district.
Sierra Vista has a solid reputation as a regional destination for healthcare. Serving the needs of residents in southeast Arizona and northern Sonora, Sierra Vista is home to Canyon Vista Medical Center, a $100 million, 100-bed, Level III trauma facility, and by Chiricahua Community Health Center, a fast-growing primary care organization, as well as myriad private practice specialists and physicians.

Community health here is natural, thanks to clean air and abundant sunshine, the city’s extensive multi-use path system connecting commercial areas with the community’s parks, and easy access to mountain trails. Sierra Vista is as rich with outdoor activities as it is with potential.
Sierra Vista is a friendly place you’ll love to call home. Here, people are valued business owners, employees, neighbors, and friends. It’s an easy place to live, where the commutes are short, giving you more time to spend doing more important things than sitting in a traffic jam, like exploring the Huachuca Mountains, attending your kids’ games, and connecting with friends and family.

With an average high of 77°F and an average low of 49°F, Sierra Vista escapes both sweltering heat and winter’s cold. The cool, damp mountain canyons, San Pedro River, and places like Tombstone, Kartchner Caverns, state and national parks, award-winning wineries, historic landmarks, and wildlife preserves all just a short drive away, Sierra Vista offers plenty of gems ready for discovering.

Sierra Vista has a long history of cultural diversity. People from around the globe have put down roots here, and the diversity is reflected in the surprising (and tasty) variety of ethnic cuisine.

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Sierra Vista is a place to soar, whether you’re planning a business start-up, expansion, or relocation. With a highly skilled, ready workforce, available commercial property, bottom line-friendly office space, Sierra Vista is a business-ready community in Southeastern Arizona’s sky islands. Far enough from the beaten path for an affordable and relaxing lifestyle, the four-seasons, temperate climate, and stunning outdoors make Sierra Vista, Arizona a great place to be extraordinary.
Business is better where earth and sky meet.