

## ASU@Lake Havasu Students' Road Trip in Arizona

Studying at ASU@Lake Havasu is a great experience for many reasons. In addition to a high level of education and kind faculty and students, we have a lot of wonderful places to see in 3-5 hours driving.

Whenever most people, especially international students, think about Arizona, they think of deserts with no trees, no beautiful places, and no snow. That is what we thought on our way to Lake Havasu City. However, we did not even have a clue that Arizona is one of the most interesting places to visit in the US. On our trip during Spring Break, we decided to do a little road trip to a few locations in our state.

First, we wanted to visit Flagstaff, which is a snowy city in Arizona. We first saw snow on the highway on our way there. As we all come from the countries with lots of snow, it was so good for us to see flakes coming down. Driving in that weather through a beautiful forest reminded us of our homes and gave us the warmest feelings. For that reason, we even decided to cook our favorite meals from our countries.

The next day, we walked around Downtown Flagstaff and headed to one of the most visited places in Arizona – Sedona. As we drove past those hills, we kept getting more and more excited about our trip. We saw Arizona from a whole new side. When we finally got to the town itself, it amazed us with the number of gift shops around. They were so great that we could not resist and bought a few gifts for our families.

Our last destination on that trip was Jerome, the Ghost Town. For me personally, it was the best part of our trip, as we got to see a real Wild West of the past century. Looking at all those old cars and houses and realizing they are all real was unbelievable.

On that little road trip, we saw our state from so many new sides that we could not have even imagined before. After that, I feel like I started appreciating the place I am studying in even more.

