

FROM CANYONS TO CORONADO

Sierra Vista Arizona
DAY TRIP



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TOTAL TIME: 8 HOURS

Start your day with a guided tour through The Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve.

Hwy 92 East to Ramsey Canyon Road; turn right (west) and drive until you reach the end of the road at the visitor center.

Two-hour guided tours leave at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, March through November, or explore on your own. Part of the sky islands, this high, spring-fed canyon is a cool environment with a striking diversity of plant and animal life. *Allow 3 hours, \$6 (\$3 for TNC members). Open Thursday through Monday.*

NEXT STOP: Coronado National Memorial.

Drive south along Hwy 92 East; turn right (south) onto South Coronado Memorial Road (mile marker 334) and head up the hill.



As you gain elevation, you'll enjoy endless views across the San Pedro and San Rafael valleys, and even the grass plains of Sonora, Mexico. If you're a hiker, many trails wind through the

Coronado National Memorial, so bring your boots.

Check out the visitor center, then drive to the Coronado Cave trailhead for a three-quarter mile hike to Coronado Cave. Legend has it that Apache leader and shaman Geronimo used the cave as a hideout in the late 1800s. Shimmy into the cave with a flashlight to enjoy the cool air and walk in the footsteps of history.

Allow 3 hours. Free.

After your cave hike, drive up to Montezuma Pass (elevation: 6,575 feet). The road is steep and unpaved, but suitable for passenger cars. *Allow 2 hours or more. Free.*

