

# Southwest weekend

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## 1. Old World style

Carolyn Maloney studied for her MBA in Brazil and returned home with a business idea. Now she owns **Old Brazil**, a home store that imports hand-loomed cotton throws (make sure you look through the piles of textiles on the floor) and colonial-style reclaimed-wood furniture—all made by mom-and-pop shops in Minas Gerais, the craft capital of Brazil. 228 S. Park; 520/360-6623.

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## Tucson day trip The Lost Barrio

**Why go now:** It's a great time for sales in this postage-stamp shopping neighborhood. **Birth of a barrio:** Some say the Lost Barrio—which borders the larger Barrio San Antonio—got its name because the only people who used to come here were lost and asking for directions. **Global influence:** This tiny area is home to the world ... or at least the wares of the world. Shops import antiques and crafts from countries as far-flung as Peru, Brazil, Mongolia, and India. **Main (and only) drag:** South Park Avenue **The vibe:** Throwback charm—in the afternoons, shopkeepers spill out of their stores to chat. **Curb appeal:** Brick storefronts instead of the usual adobe. **Community spirit:** Merchants have an informal agreement not to import from the same countries. **Visit an alum:** Bohemia (2920 E. Broadway Blvd.; [bohemiaticucson.com](http://bohemiaticucson.com)) moved 2 miles up the road in 2008 for more space; it sells crafts and jewelry from an all-Arizona roster of artists. **Artsy detour:** Visit galleries and public art in nearby Armory Park (Stone to Third Ave. between 12th and 19th Streets).

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### 2. Floor-to-ceiling treasures

A native of Hermosillo, Mexico, Guberto Platt (above) opened **Rustica** more than 20 years ago, before the Lost Barrio was the Lost Barrio. Go for Mexican and Peruvian furniture and antiques, Talavera pottery (made the same way since the 16th century), hand-painted majolica, and patio finds like rusty iron chandeliers and garden gates. 200 S. Park; 520/623-4435.



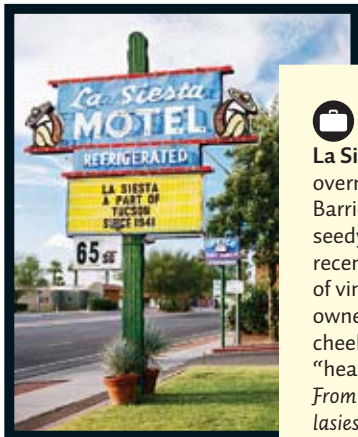
### 3. Bells and whistles

**Eastern Living** is the go-to place for handcrafted Asian pieces: You'll find 18th-century carved demilune tables alongside contemporary pieces like Japanese-style tansu chests. The store also has a collection of beautiful Tibetan singing bowls—inverted bells that hum when you rub their rim. Chances are, your living room doesn't have one of those. 242 S. Park; [easternliving.com](http://easternliving.com)



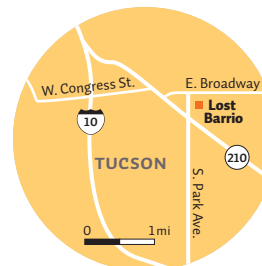
### 4. Turkey time

Famous for its classic achiote turkey sausage and Killer Mailman burrito—with turkey and a chile rojo sauce—**Tooley's Café** serves some serious big bird. Other highlights: corn pancakes (left), spicy chipotle pork hash, and house-made limeade. Enjoy your meal out on the patio. \$; breakfast and lunch only; 299 S. Park; [tooleyscafe.com](http://tooleyscafe.com)



### Make it a weekend

**La Siesta Motel** is a wallet-friendly overnight a few miles from the Lost Barrio on the Miracle Mile, a once-seedy strip that's gotten a facelift in recent years. The place is a cozy blend of vintage furniture (some from the owners' 1930s cottage in L.A.) and cheeky design (guest rooms have "headboards" painted on the wall). From \$85; 1602 N. Oracle Rd.; [lasiestatucson.com](http://lasiestatucson.com)



### Getting there

From I-10, take W. Congress St. to E. Broadway; turn south on S. Park Ave.

## Don't get lost in the Lost Barrio 3 more Tucson destinations to explore

#### DOWNTOWN

The **Presidio Trail**, a self-guided historical walking tour of downtown that emphasizes Tucson's Mexican and territorial past, covers 23 downtown stops in 2.5 miles. Highlights include the historic Sosa-Carrillo-Frémont house and the Hotel Congress, where members of John Dillinger's gang once stayed. Free; [tucsonpresidiotrust.org](http://tucsonpresidiotrust.org)

#### FOURTH AVENUE

Catch an electric streetcar at Eighth Street (\$1, 25 cents Sun; [oldpueblotrolley.org](http://oldpueblotrolley.org)) and cruise through the Fourth Avenue neighborhood, passing funky boutiques, bookstores, and ethnic eateries along the way. Sweet tooths will want to stop off at **Epic Café** (\$; 745 N. Fourth Ave.; 520/624-6844), with its bread pudding and coffee.

#### SANTA CATALINA MOUNTAINS

You can hike, picnic, and swim in the **Santa Catalinas** and **Sabino Canyon Recreation Area**. A few dollars let you jump on and off the open-air trams that run to two of the area's most popular canyons. \$5 per vehicle, \$8 tram ticket; 5700 N. Sabino Canyon Rd.; [www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado)



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