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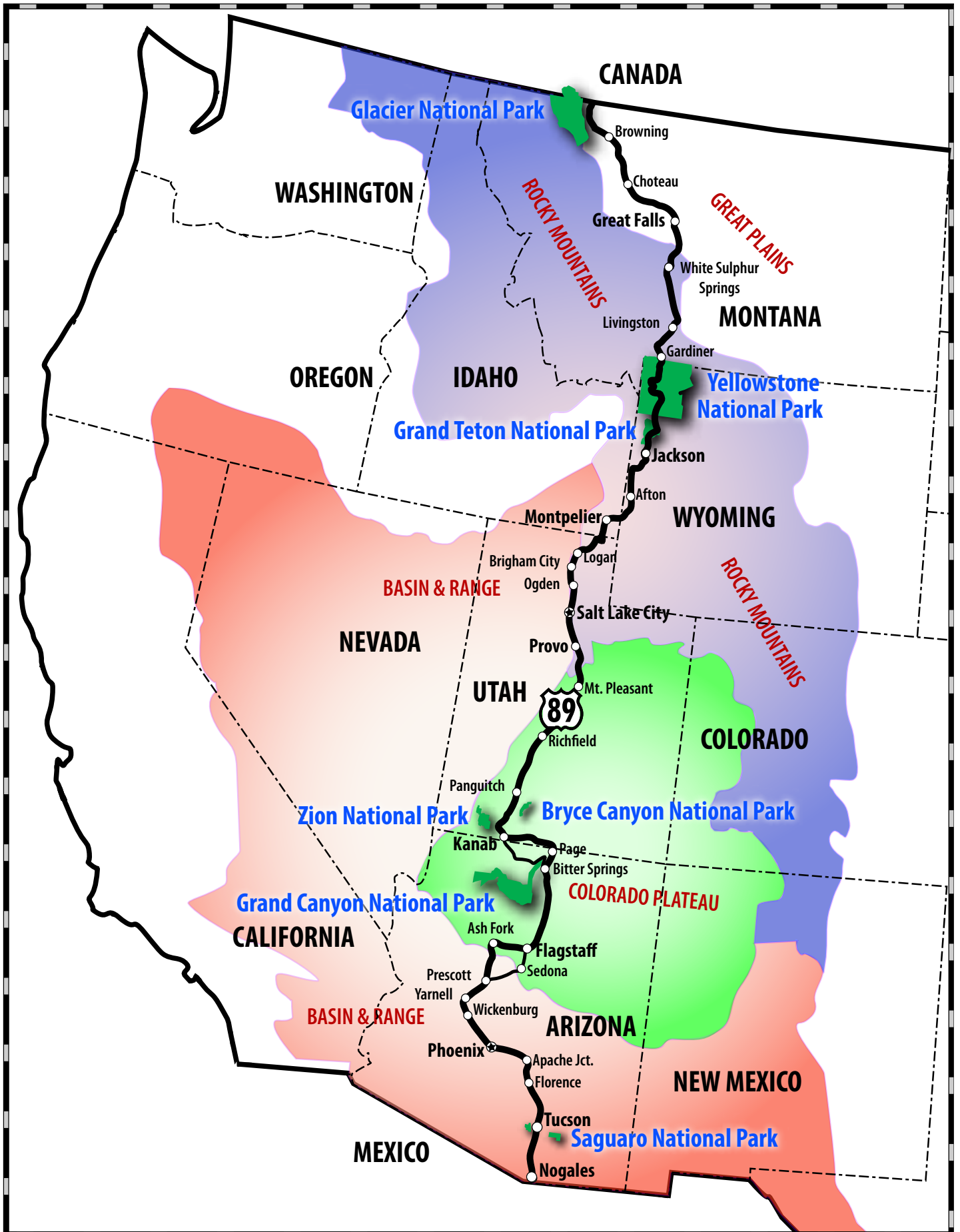
# Road Trip Map Book



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Featuring interactive QR codes to connect to the US Route 89 website from your mobile device



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1. Launch the Camera app
2. Frame the QR code
3. Look for the notification banner at the top of the screen

4. Tap the notification to go to the web page in Safari

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1. Download a free reader such as *Quick Scan*—*QR Code Reader* from the App Store

2. Open Quick Scan and point at the QR code
3. Tap on the notification to open the web page in the app

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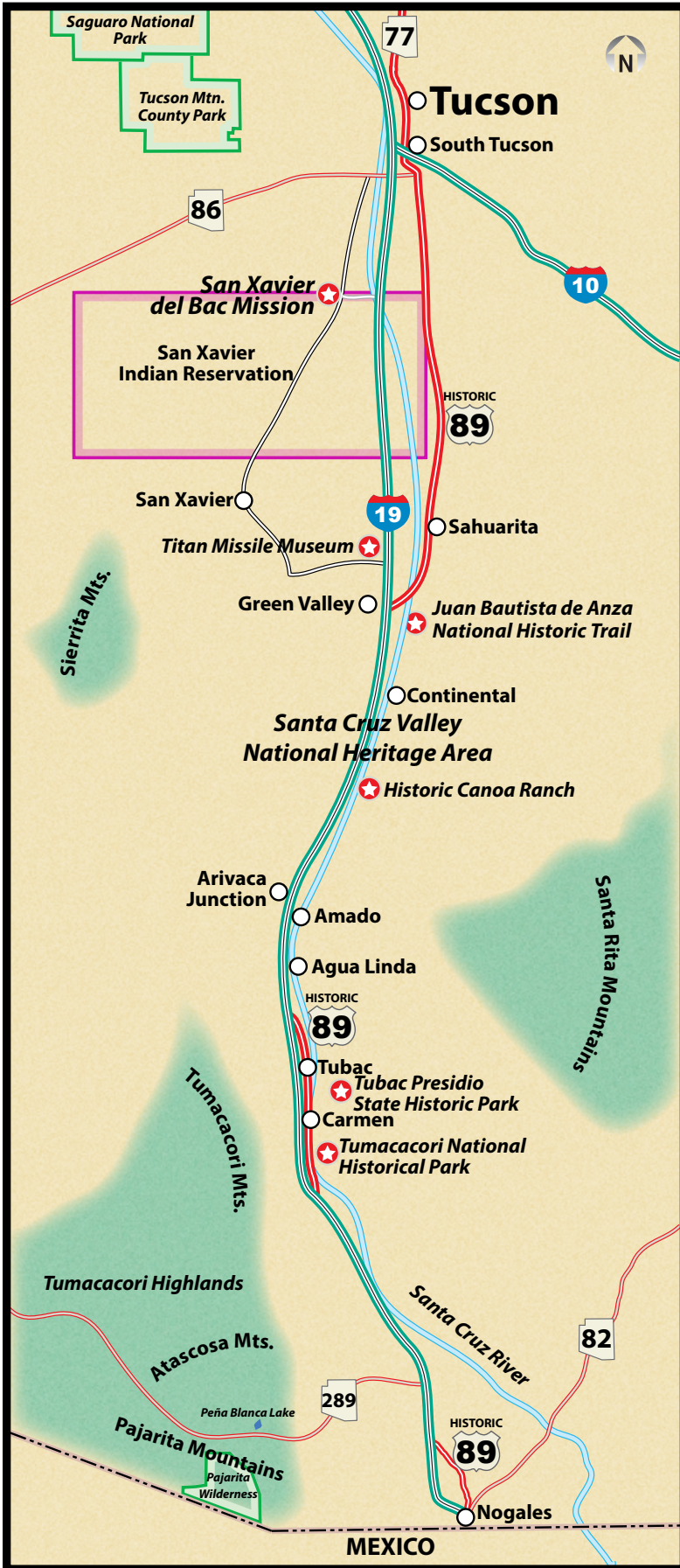
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3. Finally, tap the pop-up banner.

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# Nogales to Tucson Road Trip Guide



**Distance: 66.2 miles**

**Elevation: Nogales 3845 ft.–Tucson 2460 ft.**

The surviving sections of historic US Route 89 from Nogales to Tucson are parallel to Interstate 19, which was completed in 1978. The highway parallels the Santa Cruz River in a broad valley between high mountain ranges through the Sonoran Desert. This section of highway 89 is notable for several historic sites related to early Spanish exploration and settlement and is part of the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area.

### Special Attractions

#### Tumacácori Highlands

Take the Ruby Road exit from I-19 and drive west to access this area of mountains, valleys, and canyons. Fishing and camping are available at Peña Blanca Lake. Sycamore Canyon in the Pajarita Wilderness is a hidden gem of lush riparian habitat. For a panoramic view of the southern Arizona landscape, hike to the abandoned fire lookout on the summit of Atascosa Mountain.

#### Tumacácori National Historical Park

Tour the ruins of Mission San José de Tumacácori, established in 1691, and learn about Spanish exploration and colonization in the Visitors Center. Artisans demonstrate traditional crafts, including paper flower making, Mexican reverse-glass painting, O’odham basketry, pottery, and tortilla making.

#### Tubac Presidio State Park

Home to the ruins of the oldest Spanish military fort in Arizona, San Ignacio de Tubac. Artifacts on display shed light on how the Native American and Spanish peoples may have lived. Explore a Commandant’s quarters, a Territorial Schoolhouse, and an adobe rowhouse while learning Spanish Colonial history.

#### San Xavier Mission

Inspired by European cathedrals built in the eighteenth century, visitors to the San Xavier mission will marvel at its ornate interior and can learn more about the oldest Spanish Colonial structure in Arizona at the Mission’s museum or on a free tour. Daily mass is offered.





# US Route 89 Appreciation Society

If the thought of exploring US Route 89 fires your imagination, you are invited to join the US Route 89 Appreciation Society. The Society is dedicated to providing its members with the all the information they need to plan a trip along this unique highway. To become a member, go to the Society website, [www.us89society.org](http://www.us89society.org), and click on **Support the 89 Project**.

## Membership Categories and Benefits

### Individuals:

#### 10-Mile General Membership—\$10

- Membership Certificate
- Life's So Fine on Route 89 Magnet
- E-Mail Newsletter
- Invitation to all project events

#### 50-Mile Enhanced Membership—\$50

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Electronic (PDF) Version
- Member's discount on all publications

#### 89-Mile Life's So Fine on Route 89 Membership—\$89

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Electronic (PDF) Version
- "Life's So Fine on Route 89" Embroidered Patch
- Member's discount on all publications

#### 100-Mile Sustaining Membership—\$100

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Printed Version
- Member's discount on all publications

#### National Park Membership—\$250

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Printed Version
- Fine Art 5x7 Print of Your Favorite Park
- Member's discount on all publications

### Businesses, Civic & Cultural Organizations:

If you own a business or have an interest in promoting tourism along US Route 89, you are invited to become a Business Member of the Appreciation Society.

#### Business Membership—\$500

- Framed Membership Certificate
- Links on the US Route 89 Website from Road Trip Guide and Sponsors' page
- Link in monthly email newsletter, Along 89
- Listing in US Route 89 brochure
- Acknowledgement in all publications including the Road Trip Map Book
- 20% discount on licensing fees for the use of James Cowlin's photographs in promotional materials such as brochures, magazine articles, websites and trade show displays.
- 20% discount on prints of James Cowlin's photographs for display in your offices.

A vital part of the US Route 89 project is helping travelers and residents learn about our Western history and culture. Civic and cultural organizations are invited to join the Society at a special rate just for non-profits. Your organization will be featured in all publications and on the Society website.

#### Civic & Cultural Organizations Membership—\$250

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