

## BEST CHEAP DATE

### Public Art Tour, Scottsdale Civic Center

3939 North Drinkwater Boulevard,

Scottsdale

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[www.scottsdalepublicart.org/](http://www.scottsdalepublicart.org/)

[www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Parks/ScottsdaleMall/default.asp](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Parks/ScottsdaleMall/default.asp)

Instead of the usual dinner, movie, and awkward conversation, we suggest something a little more creative. Get off your butt and get moving. Not quickly; a meandering pace will do. Don't worry, we'll give you something to look at, even if your date's not super-viewable.

Scottsdale is home to some impressive public art, a large deal of it near the Civic Center and the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. An early-evening self-guided tour is the perfect way to get to know your date (like whether she's ever been inside a museum).

Start with *Knight Rise*, one of only three sky spaces by the famed artist James Turrell open to the public in the United States. The space is breathtaking at sunset, when you can sit inside the sky chamber and watch the light change through the skylight at the top. It's quiet and a good place to actually get to know the person you're with.

After that, where you move to depends on your taste. There are more than 20 works of art throughout the Civic Center area to look for. We're partial to Robert Indiana's famous *Love* sculpture and the Hummingbird Sanctuary Garden a few blocks south.

Scottsdale's public art Web site gives a detailed description of each piece available along the tour so you can choose to plan your route, or just wander around and see what you find.

Afterwards, there are plenty of places nearby to feed your date. We like AZ88 and Orange Table, both located just a short hand-holding walk from the museum.

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Congratulations! As you undoubtedly know by now, our editorial staff has selected your business as Best Cheap Date in *New Times*' 29<sup>th</sup> annual "Best of Phoenix" issue.

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Again, let me congratulate you. In such a highly competitive marketplace as the Valley, to be singled out for excellence by our staff is truly something to be proud of. Best wishes for another great year.

Sincerely,

Kurtis Barton  
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