

## Small Historic Towns across America.

As presented by Mr. Stadt's on-line Freedom Project Education U.S. History classes in the Fall and Winter of 2014. You can learn more about classes by visiting us at [www.fpeusa.com](http://www.fpeusa.com)

# Sedona

ARIZONA



### Brief History of Sedona, Arizona.

Sedona was established in 1902. The Growth of Sedona was very slow, because of how far away it was from everything. Originally, Sedona's name came from a wife named Sedona Miller Schnebly, whose husband was the first postmaster in the town. The town was named after her because of her hospitality and her hard work.



The town of Sedona started getting popular in the mid 1940s and 50s, when Hollywood started filming western movies amongst the red rock. They filmed the movie Broken Arrow, Billy the Kid and many more. There were also a lot of famous actors that have been in the many movies that were filmed there. In the 1960s artist and tourist around the world come to see the beauty of the red rock. Today, more than four million visitors pass through Sedona each year.

### Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport.

Sedona has an elevation of 4500 feet and it is located in the Upper Sonoran Desert of northern Arizona. Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is the closest major international airport closest to Sedona, which is a 2 hour drive (119 miles).



Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.

During the time of when Sedona was being established, Theodore Roosevelt was the president of America. In 1902 our country had its last year fighting the Spanish- American War. In the spring of 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed and declared the conflict over the general amnesty on July 4, 1902, unfortunately there were some uprising in the years followed.

Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.

The oldest and largest businesses in Sedona today is the hot air balloon ride. There are also lots of tourist attractions like the National park and many more other things.



City government.

Sedona is governed by the Mayor and Council from the government. The Mayor of this town is Sandy Moriarty and the Vice Mayor is Mark DiNunzio. There are five City Council, which are Scott Jablow, Angela Lefevre, John Martinez, Jon Thompson, and Jessica Williamson.

Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and events.

Every Year Sedona is busy with lots of events and festivals like the “45th ANNUAL SEDONA ST. PATRICK’S PARADE & FESTIVAL” and many more. If you want more details here is a link for the official website of Sedona: <http://visitsedona.com/calendar-of-events/annual-events/>

## Where can we stay if we visit Sedona?

There are many options of places to stay; you may want to be at a Bed and Breakfast, stay at a Cabin, Hotels, Motels, or Resorts. There are also many camping trips that can be visited. Here is a website for more information: <http://visitsedona.com/where-to-stay/>

## Why would I want to visit this historic small town.

When my family and I were on a road trip this was one of the places we stopped to rest. It was such a beautiful town with the red rock and the national forests. I would like to visit there soon so I can visit the gorgeous national parks and forest. Sedona is also, a place where I can explore and have many adventures. I would definitely like to go back, so I can do all those things. There are many things to do there. Another reason why I would like to visit is because I have a child hood friend that lives just 3 hours away. Here on the right is another beautiful picture of Sedona, AZ.



## Links you may wish to visit.

<http://www.adobe-hacienda.com/activities/tours.htm>

<http://visitsedona.com>

More facts about Sedona:

[http://sacredsites.com/americas/united\\_states/sedona\\_facts.html](http://sacredsites.com/americas/united_states/sedona_facts.html)

Here is a documentary of Sedona:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzS7CaGzlko>