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Celebrate pioneer heritage with ancestors of settlers

Safford, AZ – Stop in Pima, Ariz., talk to any native, and it's likely that visitors will find family members of the original pioneers.

Pima, a small town just outside Safford, hosts an event to celebrate its heritage that is often a flashback to 1882 – the year the town was founded.

This year, Heritage Days will be held April 21 and 22 and will feature a barbecue, cowboy breakfast, displays, entertainment and prizes.

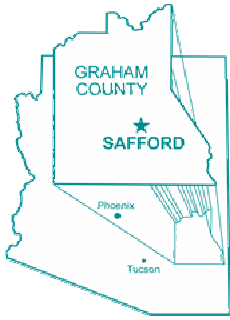
Five to six hundred people make the trip to immerse themselves with the locals and enjoy the pioneer spirit that still lives.

Visitors can also stop by the Eastern Arizona Museum & Historical Society of Graham County, which operates the museum and sponsors the town's Annual Heritage Days. The museum not only houses the relics and treasures from the town's century of existence, but the building itself was a common hall and pharmacy, which served the community as a meeting and entertainment center.

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Pima's neighboring communities of Safford and Thatcher offer plenty of accommodations for weekend visitors. Travelers can also enjoy the best Sonoran-style Mexican food in the state visit a number of historical sites around the towns.

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From Tucson, visitors can take I-10 east to Hwy. 191. That road will take them into Safford. Turn left onto Hwy. 70, and enjoy the view as the road winds through Safford and Thatcher. Pima will come into view in the midst of cotton fields, which is what the town is known for.

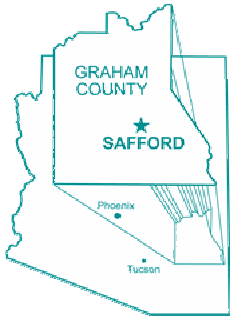
From Phoenix, visitors can I-60 east to Globe. As travelers pass through the small town, 60 turns into Hwy. 70, which comes straight into Pima, which is the first town they will reach after exiting the Apache Nation.

After visiting Pima, be sure to continue traveling east into Thatcher and Safford to enjoy the entire Gila Valley.

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