

## **Tlaquepaque Fact Sheet**

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| <b>Profile</b>   | <b>Named for a picturesque suburb of Guadalajara, Mexico's Queen City, Tlaquepaque Arts and Craft Village is home to more than 40 shops and galleries and four restaurants, all enclosed in a compound of Spanish-style buildings. Known as "The Art and Soul of Sedona," artists and artisans, craftsmen and chefs, feature their one-of-a-kind items for more than one million tourists annually.</b>  |
| <b>History</b>   | <p><b>Tlaquepaque's construction began in 1971 with the creation of a wall along Highway 179 and opened in 1973. Integrated into its environment and true to its architectural sources, Tlaquepaque creates the impression that it has been around for centuries.</b></p> <p><b>To preserve the integrity of the site, buildings were constructed around existing trees. Where possible, methods of construction mirrored those of Mexican artisans and builders; tiles, statuary, lanterns, pots, doors, wrought-iron – even fountains – were largely imported piece by piece from Mexico. The result is a unique blend of architecture and nature, old and new...and an ambience of special charm and quiet elegance.</b></p> <p><b>Tlaquepaque largely reflects the dream of one man, Abe Miller. Abe's standards were very high and his control extended from planning and construction through landscaping and maintenance.</b></p> |
| <b>Merchants</b> | <p><b>Tlaquepaque is home to restaurants, galleries, and shops featuring fine jewelry, collectibles and gifts, and wearables.</b></p> <p><b>Restaurants in Tlaquepaque include El Rincon, Oak Creek Brewery &amp; Grill, RENE, How Sweet it Is, and The Secret Garden Café.</b></p>  |
| <b>Events</b>    | <p><b>Tlaquepaque is center stage to numerous events annually. Whether first time visitors or those that have made a tradition of attending, Tlaquepaque offers a festive atmosphere for all to enjoy. Such events include:</b></p> <p><b>The Festival of Lights: Six thousand lumiarias are lit in Tlaquepaque's courtyards and walkways during this December event. Entertainment through out the day from</b></p>   |

**musicians, carolers, and dancers add to the holiday spirit. The Festival of Lights is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December.**

**Fiesta del Tlaquepaque: The flower-strewn streets of Tlaquepaque greet visitors during this celebration of Mexican Independence Day. Visitors enjoy music, dancing, food, and open-air artist booths. The Fiesta del Tlaquepaque is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September.**

**Location**      **Surrounded by magnificent red rock formations and nestled along the banks of Oak Creek, Tlaquepaque is located in Sedona, Arizona.**

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**Shops Open Daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Restaurant Hours Vary  
Closed Christmas and Thanksgiving**