



Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch South Rim Hiking 4 Day 2027

A Quick Escape to the Hidden Depths of the Canyon

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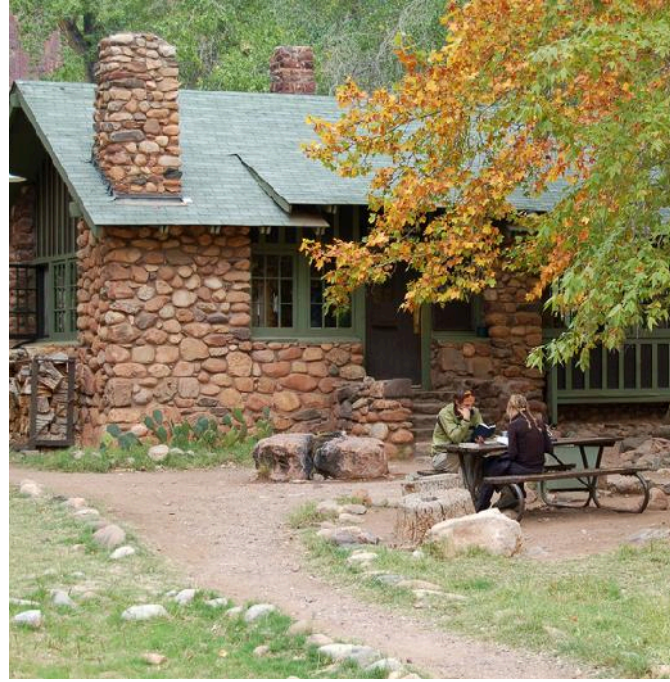
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company by USA Today and Newsweek and have an award-winning staff.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail—the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Private Adventures

Private MT Sobek adventures are perfect for travelers who enjoy the flexibility of traveling in their own group, but who want the peace of mind that comes with having all of the logistics handled by true experts. We offer an array of perfectly tailored custom adventures and scheduled dates that your group can easily take over.





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Challenge yourself to a short but incredibly sweet adventure, hiking from the South Rim down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back up the next day with a well-earned night in the comfort of Phantom Ranch in between. You'll cover 17 miles on two of the park's most scenic corridor trails, descending almost 4,800 feet along the spectacular South Kaibab Trail to the banks of the Colorado River, and climbing back up to the rim on famed Bright Angel Trail, enjoying classic Grand Canyon views the entire way. Although the hiking can be demanding at times, this trip provides a fantastic opportunity for very fit hikers to enjoy a truly immersive experience in the Grand Canyon wilderness.

4 Days

Start: Las Vegas, NV

End: Las Vegas, NV

Activities: Hiking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 4

Your Itinerary

DAY 01

Travel via Route 66 to the Grand Canyon

After meeting up with your guides and fellow travelers, head for historic Route 66, watching the Mojave desert unfold and passing mid-century towns on America's most celebrated highway. Stop for lunch and a look around at some of the vintage signs and other remnants of the route's heyday, then continue to the Grand Canyon. Get on the trail at Hermit's Rest, dipping over the rim on a series of switchbacks and outstanding views of the canyon on this hidden gem. The trail starts and ends at Hermit's Rest, a stone structure designed by groundbreaking architect Mary Coulter in 1914 as a rest shelter for travelers passing by horse and wagon, and later by automobile.

ACCOMMODATION: Thunderbird Lodge, Kachina Lodge, or Maswik Lodge

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 6-hour private van transfer, with stops

ACTIVITY: 3-4 hours/4 miles hiking with 1,370' of elevation gain/loss

DAY 02

Descend the South Kaibab Trail & Arrive at Phantom Ranch

Begin your journey into the inner canyon on the most direct—and one of the most scenic—routes to the Colorado River. The hand-built South Kaibab Trail follows open ridgelines that provide jaw-dropping 360-degree views throughout the seven-mile descent. Hiking down along a series of switchbacks, you eventually reach the aptly named Ooh-Aah Point before continuing on to Cedar Ridge, a flat plateau where you may encounter a mule train en route to the bottom of the canyon. At Skeleton Point, peer down and catch a glimpse of the mighty Colorado, perpetually carving its way through the canyon as it has for millions of years. The last part of your hike leads you along the big river itself, then over a suspension bridge as you approach Phantom Ranch, serenely nestled on the banks of Bright Angel Creek. Tonight, you enjoy a hot meal at the Phantom Ranch Canteen before stepping outside to gaze up at an inky canopy speckled with countless twinkling stars.

ACCOMMODATION: Phantom Ranch

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 7 miles hiking with 4,780' elevation loss

Itinerary *continued*



Reach the South Rim via Bright Angel Trail & Havasupai Gardens

At sunrise, prepare to conquer the canyon, ascending on the iconic Bright Angel Trail. After crossing the Colorado River, the path winds up to the shady oasis of Havasupai Gardens, where you'll eat lunch and replenish your water. Your next challenge is Jacob's Ladder, a steep climb through the Redwall layer. This demanding hike calls for endurance, but your guides will share essential tips for a successful ascent. With proper hydration, pacing, and determination, you'll soon be celebrating at the rim, exchanging high-fives and pats on the back. Just a few steps away, your lodge offers a well-earned retreat. Tonight, you'll relish your achievement with a celebratory gathering before settling in for a restful night.

Please Note: Portions of the Bright Angel Trail are currently closed due to ongoing work on the Transcanyon Waterline Project—planned through June 30, 2026. When the Bright Angel Trail is closed, the group will return to the rim via the South Kaibab Trail. For the latest updates, please visit: <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/key-messages.htm>

ACCOMMODATION: Phunderbird Lodge, Kachina Lodge, or Maswik Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 10 miles hiking with 4,300' elevation gain



Ascend Desert View Watchtower & Head Back on Route 66

Mary Coulter designed Desert View Watchtower in 1932 to resemble Ancestral Puebloan towers, but on a much larger scale. Climb to sweeping vistas of the canyon and explore the murals and details inside the tower. Have a look at the Geology Center, then return to the historic highway, stopping in Kingman for lunch at a classic diner and your final kicks on Route 66. Arrive in Las Vegas in the early evening.

MEALS: Lunch

ACTIVITY: 4-hour private van transfer, with stop

Where You'll Stay

Thunderbird Lodge

Built near the Bright Angel Trail head and the Vercamps Visitor Center, the Thunderbird is a popular South Rim lodge. Contemporary 1960s architecture coupled with a wonderful vantage point ensure an unforgettable stay on the very edge of a natural wonder of the world. Comfortable rooms have all the expected amenities but the biggest draw is the location.



Kachina Lodge

Perched on the Grand Canyon's South Rim, the Kachina Lodge boasts a contemporary setup near the historic district, and rooms complete with amenities like full baths and flat-screen TVs. The lodge is a convenient and comfortable hub for guests eager to immerse themselves in the beauty of the Grand Canyon.



Maswik Lodge

Maswik Lodge is a welcoming, rustic-style lodge nestled in the scenic forest just a short walk from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Located within Grand Canyon National Park, it offers a tranquil retreat surrounded by towering ponderosa pines and the natural beauty of the canyon's rugged landscape.



Where You'll Stay

Phantom Ranch, Bottom of the Canyon

On the north side of the Colorado River, next to Bright Angel Creek, this is the only accommodation below the canyon rim. Built in 1922 by pioneering architect Mary Colter, the rustic cabins and main lodge make use of river rocks, harmonizing with the landscape. Cabins sleep 2 to 10 guests with a cold-water sink and toilet. Showers and hot-water sinks are a short walk from your cabin.



Pricing

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All meals as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- All gratuities for hotels, included meals, and activities
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage unless otherwise noted in the itinerary
- Group first aid kit and emergency communication device

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare or other transportation to and from trip start and end location, associated taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages
- Pre- and post-trip accommodation
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Any meals on your own as noted in the itinerary
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

Payments & Cancellations

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Based on Trip Cost, per person

- A \$600 deposit is due at time of reservation.
- Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Based on Total Trip Cost, per person

At the time that we receive written notice that you wish to cancel your trip, the following fees will apply (all dates are from departure date):

- From time of reservation until 95 days prior to trip departure: \$300
- 94 to 61 days prior to trip departure: 25% of Trip Cost
- 60 to 46 days prior to trip departure: 50% of Trip Cost
- 45 or less prior to trip departure: 100% of Trip Cost

Rather than paying the \$300 cancellation fee, you may choose to keep your \$600 trip deposit on account to use on a future MT Sobek trip when cancelled 125 days or more before departure.

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