

# Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch South Rim Hiking 5 Day 2027

## The Ultimate Hike to the Floor of the Grand Canyon

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## **Unrivalled Expertise**

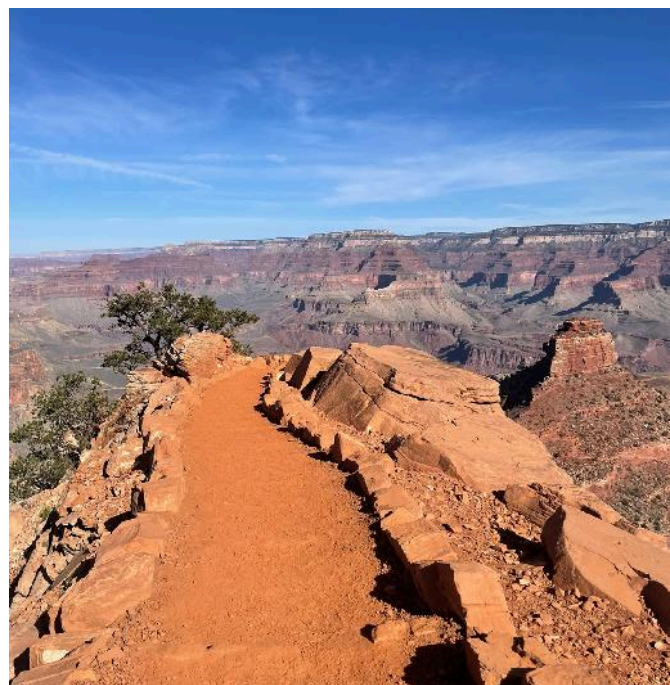
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company by USA Today and Newsweek and have an award-winning staff.

## **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.





## Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch South Rim Hiking 5 Day for 2027

For centuries, travelers have been drawn to the Grand Canyon's hidden depths. This adventure takes you deep into its heart, descending to the spectacular Colorado River through sensational scenery and intriguing rock formations. Your journey begins with incredible canyon views and a night near the South Rim. Then, carrying only your daypack, follow the stunning South Kaibab Trail, crossing over the Colorado to historic Phantom Ranch for an idyllic two-night stay with plenty of time to explore hidden trails, relax along the riverbanks, and soak in the canyon's wild beauty. Ascend scenic Bright Angel Trail back to the South Rim for a last night to reflect on completing your journey through one of the world's most awe-inspiring natural wonders.

### 5 Days

**Start:** Las Vegas, NV

**End:** Las Vegas, NV

**Activities:** Hiking

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** 4

# Your Itinerary



## Arrive at the Grand Canyon Via Route 66

Today you will enjoy a scenic drive to the Grand Canyon National Park after meeting up with your guides and group in Las Vegas. Travel through the tranquil hues of the Mojave Desert on historic Route 66, the ultimate mid-century road trip. Explore a few classic stops for vintage gas pumps and road signs, and enjoy lunch along the way. Arrive at the Grand Canyon in the early afternoon and head out on a warm-up hike. Begin at Hermit's Rest, a traveler rest shelter designed by groundbreaking architect Mary Coulter in 1914. This less-travelled out-and-back trail descends below the rim on switchbacks with panoramic views into Hermit Canyon, offering a sneak peek at the red rock walls and endless vistas you will experience tomorrow.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Thunderbird Lodge, Kachina Lodge, or Maswik Lodge

**MEALS:** Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 4-hour private van transfer, with stops

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

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## Hike to Phantom Ranch on Spectacular South Kaibab Trail

Today's amazing descent is 7 miles and 4,780 feet into the grandest of canyons. Your route takes you down a ridgeline, offering jaw-dropping 360-degree views of the labyrinth of amphitheaters, temples, and buttes. The trail begins with a series of switchbacks to breathtaking Ooh Aah Point, descending another 1,200 feet—traveling back 40 million years in the geologic record—to Cedar Ridge. From here, traverse the Tonto platform before dropping into the inner gorge, finally hiking along the Colorado River and over a suspension bridge, where you'll find Phantom Ranch at trail's end. Nestled on the banks of Bright Angel Creek, the bucket-list camp was designed by Mary Colter and completed in 1922. Reservations can be a challenge to come by on your own (often sold out a year in advance) but relax in the knowledge that this piece of history will be your home for the next two nights.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Phantom Ranch

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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

# Itinerary *continued*

## DAY 03

### Enjoy a Full Day Exploring on Clear Creek & River Trail

Spend a full day at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, surrounded by towering rock walls that create a sense of serenity and seclusion. You can hike the stunning Clear Creek Trail and River Trail or simply relax and soak in the beauty of this extraordinary place. Many choose to unwind, watch river rafters navigate the rapids, chat with fellow adventurers, or lounge in the shade with a book and a cold beer. This lush riparian habitat, framed by sheer red rock cliffs, offers incredible opportunities for photography and birdwatching. Whether you seek adventure or relaxation, the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Your guides will be available throughout, ready to share their knowledge and reveal the hidden wonders of one of the world's most breathtaking landscapes.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Phantom Ranch

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3-5 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation gain and loss

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## DAY 04

### Ascend Bright Angel Trail through Havasupai Gardens to the Rim

As the sun rises, prepare for the ultimate challenge—hiking out of the Grand Canyon via iconic Bright Angel Trail. After crossing the Colorado River, the trail winds upward through the inner gorge to the lush oasis of Havasupai Gardens. Here, you'll rest, refuel, and replenish your water before tackling the steep ascent up Jacob's Ladder through the Redwall layer. This climb is demanding, but your guides will offer expert advice, strategies, and encouragement to help you succeed. With steady pacing, proper hydration, and determination, you'll soon find yourself cheering your group on as you each reach the rim. Relax and regroup at your lodge, close to the canyon's edge before gathering for a celebratory dinner, reflecting on your shared adventure, then retiring to your room for a well-earned rest.

**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:** Thunderbird Lodge, Kachina Lodge, or Maswik Lodge

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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

# Itinerary *continued*



## Visit Desert View Watchtower & Depart to Las Vegas

This morning you have the option to explore a Grand Canyon icon, the Desert View Watchtower. Designed by Mary Coulter in 1932, the 70-foot-tall observation tower offers breathtaking panoramas of the canyon from a high vantage point—a true top to bottom experience after your hike up from the river. You'll also have time to check out the Geology Center before departing for Las Vegas with a head full of memories and incredible scenery. Get once last stop on Route 66 for a celebratory lunch at a classic diner.

**MEALS:** Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** 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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For 2027 pricing, please see our website or call us at 800-974-0300

## 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

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## 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. Deposits on account must be used within two years.

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