

Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Rim to Rim Hiking 5 Day 2027

Legendary Rim to Rim Hike & Stay at Phantom Ranch

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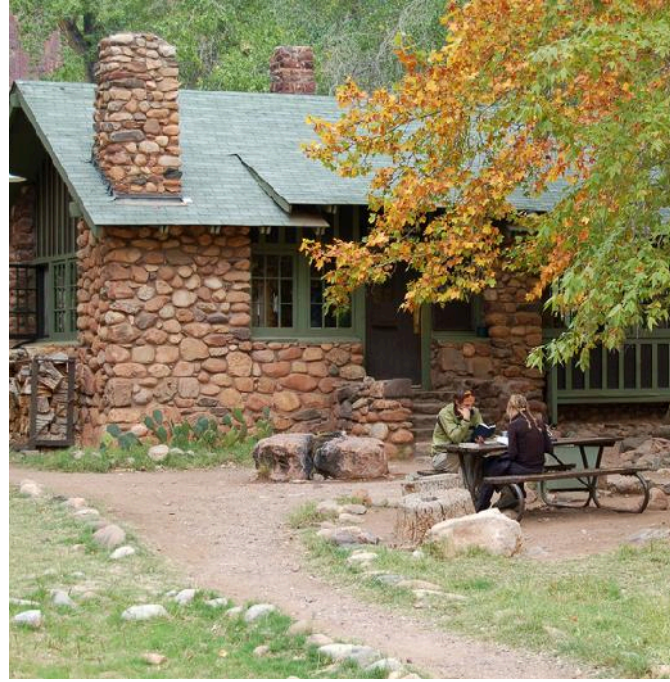
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company by USA Today and Newsweek and have an award-winning staff.

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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The Grand Canyon beckons, and you must answer the call. Seasoned adventurers will find themselves on the ultimate canyon hiking experience. You'll hike nearly two billion years into the Earth's geological past, through the vastness of the canyon's wilderness, then emerge again on the other side after spending two nights at the renowned Phantom Ranch. At Phantom Ranch, you'll experience the maze-like depths of the canyon and relax on the banks of the raging Colorado River. Your time here is book-ended by nights at comfortable lodges on the North and South rims of the canyon. The trip culminates with a group celebration of your accomplishment and a recap of the stories collected along the way. Quite simply one of Earth's most awe-inspiring landscapes, the majesty of the Grand Canyon will not soon be forgotten.

5 Days

Start: Las Vegas, NV

End: Las Vegas, NV

Activities: Hiking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 5

Your Itinerary

DAY 01

Hike Two Utah Trails & Arrive at the Grand Canyon

Your guides will pick you and your fellow adventurers up this morning in Las Vegas. After a scenic drive to Utah, lace up your hiking boots and hit the trails of beautiful Snow Canyon State Park. Lava Flow Trail takes you into a volcanic wonderland where black lava tubes meet Utah's classic red sandstone—the perfect spot for a picnic lunch. Then it's on to Water Canyon Trail. Often compared to Zion, the path winds between hoodoos, pinnacles, domes, and waterfalls. Continue to your lodge on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

ACCOMMODATION: Kaibob Lodge or Jacob Inn

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 6-hour private van transfer, with stops

ACTIVITY: 4-5 hours/7-9 miles hiking on multiple trails with 500' of elevation gain

DAY 02

Descend into the Canyon on the North Kaibab Trail

An early wake-up call signals the start of your big hike! Today's descent is 14 miles and 5,700' into the grandest of canyons through nearly every biological life zone in North America. As you drop from the alpine to the desert, each step takes you thousands of years back in geologic time through ancient oceans, deserts, lakes, and swamps. With mind-blowing vistas, 100' waterfalls, green spring-fed oases, plus fascinating trail design and workmanship, the North Kaibab Trail is a national treasure. At the trail's end, you'll find Phantom Ranch nestled on the banks of Bright Angel Creek just before its confluence with the mighty Colorado River. Phantom Ranch, a former hunting camp founded in 1903, is your home for the next two nights at historic Phantom Ranch.

ACCOMMODATION: Phantom Ranch

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 14 miles hiking with 6,000' elevation loss

Itinerary *continued*

DAY 03

Explore Hidden Depths of the Park on the Clear Creek & River Trails

A day in the very bottom of the Grand Canyon is all yours, with the canyon walls blocking out the rest of the world, offering a feeling of tremendous peace and tranquility. Today, you have the option to hike the beautiful Clear Creek Trail and River Trail. Many participants choose to use this day for relaxation, cheering on the river rafters, socializing with other adventurers, or stretching out in the shade with a book and a cold beer. Photography and bird watching opportunities abound in this lush green riparian habitat, fenced in by sheer walls of red rock. Your guides will be available all day to share with you the secrets of one of the world's most special places.

ACCOMMODATION: Phantom Ranch

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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

DAY 04

Climb to the Rim via the Bright Angel Trail & Havasupai Gardens

The rising sun finds you preparing to conquer the canyon. Your exit is the classic trek on Bright Angel Trail. After crossing the Colorado River, the trail snakes its way up out of the inner gorge to the shady oasis of Havasupai Gardens. Here you will refuel and refill with water before tackling the steep ascent up Jacob's Ladder through the Redwall layer. This hike is a tremendous challenge, so welcome the advice of your guides as they will provide you with helpful hints, strategies, techniques, and their insider knowledge of the keys to a successful ascent. With proper preparation, hydration, and diet, your entire group will soon be high-fiving and hugging on the rim. You walk just a few more steps to your lodge perched right on the rim of the canyon. Tonight, you celebrate your shared accomplishments at a lodge near the canyon's rim before retiring to your rooms for some well-deserved 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*



Get Breathtaking Views of the Canyon & Depart

Your final day in the park is flexible to rest or join the group for a visit to the soaring Desert View Watchtower for views over the canyon you just traversed! The structure was designed by groundbreaking architect Mary Coulter in 1932 and inside you'll discover murals depicting Hopi traditions as well as stairs to a birds-eye perspective into the canyon's depths. Explore the Geology Center before getting on historic Route 66. Stop for a farewell lunch at a mid-century diner in Kingman, and following the storied highway to Las Vegas.

MEALS: Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer, with stop



Where You'll Stay

Kaibab Lodge Lodge

Overlooking a wide meadow and nestled among aspens and pines at 9,000 feet, Kaibab Lodge is just minutes from the Grand Canyon's North Rim. Relax by the outdoor fire pit or gather inside the Main Lodge by the stone fireplace, and enjoy on-site dining at the restaurant. With cool summer breezes, star-filled night skies, and easy access to the canyon, Kaibab Lodge makes an excellent base for adventure.



Jacob Lake Inn

With easy access to the North Rim, Jacob Lake Inn is an ideal base for your Grand Canyon adventure. Set among the towering ponderosa pines of the North Kaibab Plateau, this classic lodge offers comfortable rooms with rustic Southwest charm. Each room features a private porch or balcony—perfect for relaxing in the cool mountain air after a rewarding day on the trail. Check out the inn's cafe, shops, and bakery.



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.



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.



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.

Deposits on account must be used within two years.

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