



Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Rim to Rim Hiking 5 Day

Epic Grand Canyon Rim to Rim Hike & Stay at Phantom Ranch

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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!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

Our expert guides provide travelers with helpful hints, techniques and hiking tips, plus knowledge on local wildlife, geology, and history.

REASON 2

Be one of the few to hike famed trails all the way to the canyon floor and spend two magical nights at the historic and highly coveted Phantom Ranch—the only lodge below the canyon rim.

REASON 3

MT Sobek's legacy of preservation and protection enables us to operate over 30 Global National Park adventures.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Legendary hikes, paired with vistas of magnificent gorges, massive cliffs and plateaus, giant meadows and creeks, volcanic cones, and wildlife.



LODGING

Camping, a night at Phantom Ranch, the only lodging located in the heart of the Grand Canyon and capped off with a landscape-inspired lodge at the end.



CLIMATE

Be prepared for anything as the weather varies. Inner-canyon temperatures are generally very mild. South Rim temperatures range from 34 F to 62 F. Phantom Ranch temperatures range from 55 F to 82 F.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Phantom Ranch Accommodations

During your stay at Phantom Ranch, you will occupy shared, mixed-gender cabins reserved exclusively for MTS guests and guides. Single rooms are unavailable for the nights in the canyon. Each cabin varies in size, accommodating anywhere from two to ten occupants, and is equipped with bedding, a cold-water sink, a toilet, liquid soap, and hand towels. Showers, hot-water sinks, bath towels, and a combined liquid soap and shampoo are provided at a central facility available to all ranch guests.



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Beginning on the North Rim, follow your experienced guides down the 14-mile-long North Kaibab Trail to the canyon's inner sanctum, enjoying awe-inspiring views the entire way. At canyon bottom, the Colorado River and historic Phantom Ranch await. Overnight at Phantom allows you to relax and soak in the lush riparian world created by the Colorado and its tributaries before beginning the 4,300-foot climb up Bright Angel Trail to the South Rim. Upon reaching the rim, relish the feeling of accomplishment gained from having crossed the Grand Canyon on foot, and spend a final evening celebrating with your hiking companions and newfound friends at a South Rim hotel.

5 Days

Start: Phoenix, Arizona

End: Phoenix, Arizona

Departing: May, June, July, August

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Adventure Camping, Rustic Lodging,
Comfortable Hotel

Group Size: 4 to 12 guests

ACTIVITY:



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*Thank you for a wonderful trip!
The guides, the meals and the prep
materials were great.*

- Fay S.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Enjoy Grand Canyon Views From the North Rim

Your trip begins early this morning in the Phoenix area. Rendezvous with your MT Sobek guides for a brief orientation before driving north through the Sonoran Desert, past Lee's Ferry (the launch point for Grand Canyon rafting trips), and towards the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. Arriving in mid-afternoon, set up camp at our campground near the North Rim and stretch your legs on a short hike along the Transept Trail before enjoying a dinner with your group and guides at the North Rim Lodge.

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 7-hours private van transfer (frequent stops)

ACTIVITY: 1-2 miles of hiking with minimal elevation gain and loss

DAY 02

Take a Hike Through Ponderosa Forest to the Canyon Rim

After an early start and hearty breakfast at the North Rim Lodge, set out on a morning warm-up hike along a mostly forested trail to Cape Final, a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the Grand Canyon. From Cape Final, you can make out some of the canyon's iconic formations, including Vishnu Temple and Jupiter Temple, and distant views of the Vermillion Cliffs and Navajo Mountain. Although the hike is not a particularly challenging one, it's a chance to begin acclimatizing to the North Rim's 8,000-foot elevation and its arid desert climate. After returning to the trailhead, take a short van ride to Cape Royal, another fabulous North Rim viewpoint, where you'll eat lunch and discuss the plans for tomorrow's big adventure with your guides. Back in camp by mid-afternoon, you have the rest of the day relax and prepare for a very early wake-up call and the hike down to Phantom Ranch.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5 miles of hiking with 425' elevation gain and loss

DAY 03

Hike Down Stunning North Kaibab Trail to Phantom Ranch

Rise before dawn and get ready for a challenging trek into the heart of the Grand Canyon. Dropping 5,900 feet in 14 miles, today's hike down the North Kaibab Trail descends from the alpine to the desert, each step taking you thousands of years back in geologic time through ancient oceans, deserts, lakes, and swamps. With mind-blowing vistas, 100-foot tall waterfalls, green spring-fed oases, and astonishing trail design and workmanship, the North Kaibab Trail is truly a national treasure. The end of your epic hike brings you to Phantom Ranch, nestled on the banks of Bright Angel Creek, not far from its confluence with the Colorado River. Phantom Ranch was founded in 1903 as a hunting camp and named by Mary Jane Colter after nearby Phantom Creek. You will sleep in mixed gender cabins at Phantom tonight.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 14 miles of hiking with 5,900' elevation loss



Complete Your Traverse, Ascending Bright Angel Trail

Up before the sun once again, have breakfast at Phantom Ranch before setting your sights on the South Rim. Your rim-to-rim adventure culminates with a 4,300-foot ascent up Bright Angel Trail, an iconic Grand Canyon hike! After crossing the Colorado River, the trail snakes its way up and out of the inner gorge to Havasupai Gardens, a welcome oasis and rest stop. Refuel and refill with water here before tackling the steep hike up Jacob's Ladder through the Redwall layer. While always a tremendous challenge, your guides provide interpretation and encouragement to keep you engaged and energized throughout the climb. With proper preparation, hydration, and timing, we push through the final uphill section of trail and are soon high-fiving on the South Rim. Take a moment to reflect on your grand accomplishment, then head to your nearby hotel for a celebratory dinner with our hiking companions and newfound friends.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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



Hike the Rim Trail or Relax & Return to Phoenix

If you are interested in packing in a few additional hiking miles before departing this morning, your guides will be waiting after breakfast to lead a short hike along the Rim Trail. While the elevation gain is minimal, the trail provides outstanding bird's-eye views of the canyon and offers some perspective on the fantastic route hiked during the previous two days. Or if you prefer to relax and learn more about the natural history of the Grand Canyon (or doing some last-minute souvenir shopping), you can spend the morning hours in Grand Canyon Village at the village's museums and shops. Regroup mid-morning and begin the drive back to the Phoenix area, stopping for lunch in Flagstaff en route.

MEALS: Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 4.5-hours private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 miles of hiking with minimal elevation gain and loss (optional)



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Grand Canyon North Rim Camping

Camping on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon offers a tranquil escape for stargazing, wildlife spotting, and enjoying the grandeur of the canyon in a peaceful setting. The campground features shaded sites, picnic tables, fire rings, and restrooms.

Phantom Ranch

Founded in 1903 as a hunting camp, Phantom Ranch is a National Park Service-owned and operated outpost in the depths of the Grand Canyon, and the only lodging below the canyon rim. Made up of a main lodge and shared dorm-style cabins, it's known for its hearty meals prepared by the rangers. The cabins are traditional and very comfortable, providing a peaceful place to rest your head.

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 (literally) of a natural wonder of the world. Comfortable rooms have all the expected amenities but the biggest draw is the location.



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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.

Maswick Lodge

Maswick 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.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: May, June, July, August

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

May 19-23, 2025

May 20-24, 2025

June 6-10, 2025

June 15-19, 2025

July 5-9, 2025

July 6-10, 2025

August 20-24, 2025

August 23-27, 2025

August 27-31, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners 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
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
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