



# Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Rim to Rim Hiking 7 Day - 2025

## Legendary Grand Canyon Rim to Rim Hike & Stay at Phantom Ranch

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## 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 Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

## 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

Spend two nights at renowned Phantom Ranch, book-ended by two nights at comfortable lodges near the rim of the canyon.



### 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.

### Transcanyon Waterline Project Trail Changes

The National Park Service has extended the closure of the Bright Angel Trail through October 1, 2025 (originally set to reopen on May 15, 2025). Guests visiting Phantom Ranch on one of our trips before that date will hike out via the South Kaibab Trail instead of the Bright Angel Trail. Learn more about the project and current updates [here](#).



# Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Rim to Rim Hiking 7 Day - 2025

## Legendary Grand Canyon Rim to Rim Hike & Stay at Phantom Ranch

This weeklong ultimate Grand Canyon hiking adventure plunges nearly two billion years into the Earth's geological past, through the vastness of the canyon's wilderness, then emerges again on the other side having spent two nights at renowned Phantom Ranch. Experience the maze-like depths of the canyon and relax on the banks of the raging Colorado River while staying at legendary Phantom Ranch. Your time here is book-ended by two nights at a comfortable lodge perched near the rim of the canyon. Quite simply one of Earth's most awe-inspiring landscapes, the majesty of the Grand Canyon will not soon be forgotten.

### 7 Days

**Start:** Phoenix, Arizona

**End:** Phoenix, Arizona

**Departing:** June, July, August, October

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking

**Lodging:** Rustic Lodging, Comfortable Hotel

**Group Size:** 4 to 12 guests

#### ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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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

### Get Ready for Your Epic Grand Canyon Adventure

Meet your MT Sobek guides and fellow travelers this evening near Phoenix, Arizona. Head to a nearby restaurant where your guides will give a rundown of the trip itinerary, gear check, and packing tips, plus answer any questions you may have. Over a tasty dinner and drinks, begin getting to know each other in eager anticipation of the upcoming adventure.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Fairfield Inn & Suites Tempe or TownPlace Suites Tempe

**MEALS:** Dinner

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

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## DAY 02

### Visit Astonishing Vermilion Cliffs en route to the Canyon

Travel today to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon with some interesting stops along the way. Take a break at Cameron Indian Trading Post, which was established in 1916. It is now a famous showplace for fine Native American art and Southwest art. After crossing the Colorado River near Lees Ferry (the launch point for rafting the Grand Canyon), stop for lunch at the base of the extraordinary Vermilion Cliffs and marvel at their striated sandstone spires. Days end will find you settling into comfortable accommodations at Grand Canyon's North Rim.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 6-hours private van transfer

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

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## DAY 03

### Catch Canyon Views from Cape Final & Cape Royal Trails

After breakfast, stretch your legs and learn the Canyon's natural history on a moderate hike and scenic drive. Begin with a hike to the rim of the Grand Canyon, at 8,000 feet above sea level. From the trailhead, follow the Cape Final Trail through beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and arrive at the canyon's edge with magnificent views into Marble Canyon, Mount Hayden, and beyond. Following the rim hike, drive out to the remote peninsula of land leading to Cape Royal, which offers yet another fantastic vantage point to Angel's Window. The remainder of the day will be spent packing daypacks for two nights at Phantom Ranch and preparing for the challenge awaiting you in the morning.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4.2 miles of hiking with minimal elevation gain and loss

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## Hike Down North Kaibab Trail to Phantom Ranch

An early wake-up call signals the start of your big hike! Today's descent is 14 miles and 5,700 feet into the grandest of canyons through nearly every biological life zone in North America. As you drop from 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-foot waterfalls, green spring-fed oases, plus fascinating trail design and workmanship, the North Kaibab Trail is a national treasure. At trail's end find Phantom Ranch nestled on the banks of Bright Angel Creek just before its confluence with the mighty Colorado River. A former hunting camp founded in 1903, Phantom Ranch is your home for the next two nights in shared mixed gender cabins.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Phantom Ranch

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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

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## Explore Trails at the Bottom of the Canyon

A day in the very bottom of Grand Canyon is all yours with the canyon walls blocking out the rest of the world, affording a feeling of tremendous peace and tranquility. Today you have the option to hike the beautiful Clear Creek Trail and River Trail. Or 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 of hiking with 1,000' elevation gain and loss

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## Climb to the Rim on Bright Angel Trail

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. Refuel and refill with water here 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 food the entire group will soon be high-fiving on the rim. Walk just a few more steps to our lodge perched right on the rim of the canyon. Tonight celebrate your accomplishments at a lodge near the canyon's rim before retiring to your rooms for some well deserved rest.

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

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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

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## **A Final Hike and Stop in Grand Canyon Village**

For one last taste of the canyon, the fantastic Rim Trail awaits. This optional hike is a great way to stretch your legs and get a birds-eye view of the route you traversed in the days prior. Other interesting cultural sites include Hopi House and the many park interpretive centers. Following this relaxing morning, drive to the drop off location in the Phoenix area, arriving in the late afternoon.

**MEALS:** Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** 4-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.**

## **Fairfield Inn & Suites Tempe**

The Fairfield Inn & Suites in Tempe offers comfortable accommodations with a modern touch. The rooms are spacious, featuring separate living areas with a sofa. The hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi, an outdoor pool and fitness center.

## **TownPlace Suites Tempe**

TownePlace Suites in Tempe, Arizona, offers a welcoming stay with all the comforts of home. Each spacious suite is designed for functionality and relaxation, featuring fully equipped kitchens, Wi-Fi, and a separate living area.

## **Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim**

The only North Rim lodging inside the park, this rustic National Historic Landmark has limestone walls, timbered ceilings, and a magnificent dining room with canyon views. Cabins are within easy walking distance of the canyon rim at Bright Angel Point.

## **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.



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## **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.

## **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.

# Departure Dates

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

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

August 30-September 5, 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)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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