



# Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Weekend 3 Day

## Hike to the Bottom of the Grand Canyon & 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.



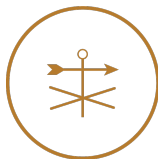
### LODGING

Spend a night at renowned Phantom Ranch, with a stay at a comfortable lodge near 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

**Important Note:** The Transcanyon Waterline Construction Project in the Grand Canyon is underway through May 14, 2025 which means the **April 18, 2025 trip has a modified hike due to the closure of Bright Angel Trail.** Instead of the usual route, we will be ascending and descending the South Kaibab Trail (7 miles; 4,780' elevation gain/loss).

### 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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Challenge yourself on an unforgettable hiking trip to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back, covering 17 miles in just two days! Beginning on the canyon's South Rim, descend almost 4,500 feet along the spectacular South Kaibab Trail, enjoying classic Grand Canyon views the entire way down. Your overnight at Phantom Ranch provides an opportunity to relax and recharge your muscles before the long ascent back up Bright Angel Trail the following day. During hikes, your guides will share their deep knowledge of this geological wonderland and offer encouragement to keep you motivated along the way. Although the hiking can be demanding, this trip provides a fantastic opportunity for very fit hikers to enjoy a truly immersive experience in the Grand Canyon wilderness, in a short amount of time.

### 3 Days

**Start:** Phoenix, Arizona

**End:** Phoenix, Arizona

**Departing:** April, November, December

**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

### Travel to the Grand Canyon & Take in Spectacular Views

Begin your adventure near Phoenix, AZ, where you'll meet your MT Sobek guides for a brief orientation before driving north through the Sonoran Desert towards Grand Canyon National Park. Entering the park from the east, and stop for lunch at iconic Desert View Watchtower, a 70 foot tall stone tower perched on the canyon's edge. Designed by Mary Colter in 1932, Desert View contains a wealth of murals depicting various Hopi traditions and stories. Continuing to your hotel near the South Rim, check in with time to stretch your legs on a walk along the Rim Trail enjoying panoramic views of this awe inspiring natural wonder. At dinner this evening get excited as your guides describe what to expect during tomorrow's adventure down to Phantom Ranch. Spend tonight at a South Rim hotel.

**MEALS:** Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 4.5-hours private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3 miles of hiking with 100' elevation gain and loss

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## DAY 02

### Descend to Phantom Ranch on Breathtaking South Kaibab Trail

Gather for an early breakfast before slinging on daypacks and tightening up laces in preparation for today's big hike. Begin our 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 the 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, enjoy a hot meal at the Phantom Ranch Canteen before stepping outside to gaze up at an inky canopy speckled with countless twinkling stars. Sleep in mixed gender cabins at Phantom Ranch tonight.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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

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## Hike Bright Angel Trail to the Rim & Return to Phoenix

Rising before the sun this morning, eat a hearty breakfast in the canteen before beginning the demanding but dazzling 10-mile hike back to the South Rim. Exit the canyon on Bright Angel, a classic Grand Canyon corridor trail. Unlike the South Kaibab Trail which follows a ridgeline, Bright Angel follows a natural fault, making it less exposed but equally awe-inspiring. After bidding an early farewell to Phantom Ranch, cross the Colorado River and follow the trail as it snakes its way up to the shady oasis of Havasupai Gardens, your halfway point. After a short rest, tackle the final steep ascent up Jacob's Ladder through the canyon's Redwall layer. While always a tremendous challenge, your guide is nearby sharing helpful tips and stories to keep you energized along the way. Reaching the South Rim by early afternoon, celebrate your epic accomplishment and gaze into the depths of the canyon one last time, enjoying a newfound appreciation for its hidden treasures that only a small percentage of visitors ever get to see. Loading into the van, begin the drive back to the Phoenix area, planning to arrive late this evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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



# Where You'll Stay

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

## **The Grand Hotel at the Grand Canyon**

The chalet-style Grand Hotel boasts an indoor swimming pool and hot tub. Located in the town of Tusayan, it sits just six miles from the breathtaking rim of the Grand Canyon and offers an upscale experience with amenities nearby.

## **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.

## **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.

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: April, November, December

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

April 18-20, 2025

November 1-3, 2025

November 30-December 2, 2025

December 23-25, 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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