

Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Weekend 4 Day

Hike Down into the Grand Canyon & Stay at Phantom Ranch

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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.



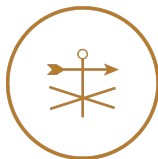
LODGING

Spend two nights at renowned Phantom Ranch and a night at a comfortable park lodge near the South 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

Important Note: The Transcanyon Waterline Construction Project in the Grand Canyon is underway through May 14, 2025 which means the **April 5, 2025 and April 27, 2025 trip has a modified hike due to the closure of Bright Angel Trail**. Instead of the usual route, you 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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Travelers have long been lured by what lies deep inside the Grand Canyon. This trip takes us right into the heart of adventure on a hike down to the spectacular Colorado River. Stunning landscapes and intriguing formations await those who take the journey. We spend our first night just steps away from incredible views of the canyon, nestled comfortably in contemporary canyon lodging. Then, we descend the awe-inspiring South Kaibab Trail to the long bridge spanning the Colorado River. We emerge to find ourselves at idyllic and historic Phantom Ranch. We spend two nights and a full layover day here; plenty of time to immerse ourselves in the splendor of the area. Intricate paths on the canyon's depths remain largely unexplored and are ours to roam. Relax along the riverbanks before winding back to the canyon rim via the scenic Bright Angel Trail.

4 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:



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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

Catch Your First Unforgettable Views of the Grand Canyon

Your trip begins this morning near Phoenix, Arizona. Ryendezvous with our guides for introductions and a brief orientation before driving north through the Sonoran Desert towards Grand Canyon National Park. Enter 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. Continue 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. Overnight 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

DAY 02

Descend via the South Kaibab Trail to Arrive at Phantom Ranch

Get ready to burn off that big breakfast! Today's descent is 7 miles and 4,780 feet into the grandest of canyons. The route takes you down a ridgeline affording 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 before resuming your descent 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. The last part of the hike runs 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 just before its confluence with the mighty Colorado River, this former settlement and hunting camp is a "bucket list" destination for many. The current camp was designed by famous architect, Mary E. J. Colter, and was completed in 1922. This highly sought-after piece of history, where reservations can be a challenge to come by on your own (often sold out a year in advance), will be your home for the next two nights. Overnight tonight and tomorrow night in mixed gender cabins at Phantom Ranch.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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



Enjoy a Full Day Exploring on the Clear Lake & River Trails

A day in the very bottom of Grand Canyon is all yours, with the canyon walls blocking out the rest of the world and affording a feeling of tremendous peace and tranquility. Today you have the option to hike the spectacular Clear Creek Trail and River Trail. Beautiful panoramas await, as you climb this trail sometimes referred to as one of the canyon's best kept secrets. If you'd like to take it easy and rest up for tomorrow's ascent, you may choose to use this day for relaxation, cheering on the rafters, socializing with other adventurers, or stretching out in the shade with a book and a cold beer. Photographic and bird watching opportunities abound in this lush green riparian habitat fenced in by sheer walls of rock. Your guides will be available all day to share with you the secrets of one of the world's most special places.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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



Climb to the Rim via Bright Angel Trail & Return to Phoenix

The rising sun finds you preparing to conquer the canyon. Your exit is via the classic Bright Angel Trail. After crossing the Colorado River, follow the trail as it 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. While always a tremendous challenge, your guides 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 on the rim. Take a brief pause to celebrate your accomplishments before hopping in the van to make the return trip to the Phoenix area. Stop in Flagstaff for a light farewell meal, returning to the Phoenix area later this evening.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4.5-hours private van transfer

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.

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 5-8, 2025

April 27-30, 2025

November 28-December 1, 2025

December 9-12, 2025

December 11-14, 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
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