



Arizona Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch Rim to Rim Hiking 5 Day - 2026

Legendary Grand Canyon Rim to Rim Hike & Stay at Historic 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

Classic Grand Canyon views, challenging hikes, geological wonderland. Explore inner depths and stay at historic Phantom Ranch lodge at bottom of Canyon.



LODGING

Comfortable Park lodging on the South Rim. Phantom Ranch is shared, mixed gender cabins reserved exclusively for MTS guests and guides.



CLIMATE

Be prepared for anything as the weather varies. North Rim temperatures range from 32 F to 77 F. Phantom Ranch temperatures range from 63 F to 100+ F. South Rim temperatures range from 35F to 84F.



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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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 a comfortable lodge perched near the rim of the canyon.

5 Days

Start: Phoenix, Arizona

End: Phoenix, Arizona

Departing: June

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging

Group Size: 3-8 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

Meet in the Phoenix & View the Vermilion Cliffs

Meet your guides and fellow travelers this morning near Phoenix, Arizona. Today you shuttle to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon with some interesting stops along the way. You will 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), you will stop for lunch at the base of the Vermilion Cliffs. The day's end will find you settling into comfortable accommodations at the Grand Canyon's North Rim, packing your daypacks for two nights at Phantom Ranch, and preparing for the challenge awaiting you in the morning.

ACCOMMODATION: Grand Canyon Lodge or Kaibab Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 6 hours private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 miles hiking with minimal elevation gain and loss

DAY 02

Descend into the Canyon on the 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' 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

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

DAY 03

Explore Hidden Depths of the Park on the Clear Creek and 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



Climb to the Rim via the Bright Angel Trail through 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.

ACCOMMODATION: Thunderbird Lodge or Kachina Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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



A Final Hike and a Stop in Grand Canyon Village Ends your Adventure

For those who can't get enough of the canyon, the fantastic Rim Trail awaits. You can hike one way along the rim. This is a great way to stretch your legs and get a bird's-eye view of the route you traversed in the days prior. Other interesting cultural sites include Hopi House and the many interpretive centers. Following this relaxing morning, you will depart for your drop-off location in the Phoenix area, arriving in the late afternoon.

MEALS: Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 4 hours private van transfer

ACTIVITY: #3 miles 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 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.

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.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June

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

June 22-26, 2026

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

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