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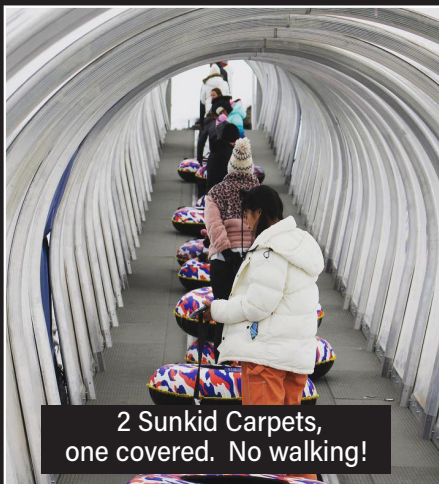
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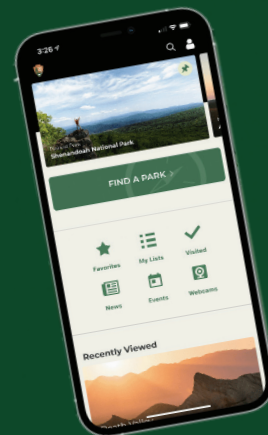


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From the Editor

Welcome to the spring/summer edition of the Grand Canyon Tour Guide. There's a reason millions of people visit Grand Canyon Canyon National Park. Arizona is not only filled with natural wonder, it's a place of adventure, soul seeking and finding, good food and solid travel experiences. This guide gives you an insider's look at some of the best sights to see and attractions to check out. Enjoy.

Stay connected



The NPS App was created by National Park Service rangers—people who know national parks—to help you make the most of your visit. The NPS App takes park information and combines it with a great suite of features.

You can download content from entire parks for offline use. What do you want to do in a park—hike? Take a bus tour or scenic drive? Visit a museum? Join a ranger program? Become a junior ranger? Discover all the fun, entertaining, and educational activities parks have to offer.

Interactive Maps: Each park has a detailed map that includes points of interest, along with roads, trails, and other information to plan your trip.

Nature's beauty is on constant display at the Grand Canyon. Visitors are awed by the canyon's powerful landscapes, its breathtaking plunging depths, the temple-like buttes, and the panoramic multi-colored topography. Scenic wonders within park boundaries include high plateaus, plains, deserts, forests,

cinder cones, lava flows, streams, waterfalls, not to mention one of the world's great whitewater rivers.

Human activity in the Grand Canyon area dates as far back as the prehistoric era. Today, at least 11 Native American tribes are culturally linked to the park.



ASK A RANGER

The Grand Canyon Visitor Center is a must-visit for anyone traveling to the park. It provides a wealth of information, resources, and services that will help visitors make the most of their visit to this iconic natural wonder.

Visitors can start their tour by exploring the exhibits and displays at the center. Here, they can learn about the formation of the Grand Canyon and the various rock formations found throughout the park. There are also interactive displays and multimedia presentations that bring the canyon's history and beauty to life.

The center also features a large bookstore where visitors can purchase souvenirs, books, maps, and other items. There are also several ranger-led programs and walks that visitors can sign up for, including hikes to popular viewpoints and guided nature walks.

Only at Grand Canyon



1. Take a white-water raft trip on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. 2. Visit Desert View Watchtower that was constructed in 1932. 3. See the elk that live in the ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper forests at the Grand Canyon. 4. Watch dancers perform during Native American Heritage Month. 5. Hike across the historic Kaibab Trail Suspension Bridge at Phantom Ranch. 6. Stay at the historic El Tovar hotel on the South Rim. 7. Ride a mule into the Grand Canyon. 8. Attend a free ranger program, constellation tour or star party. 9. Ask a ranger how to hike safely during the hot summer months at Grand Canyon.

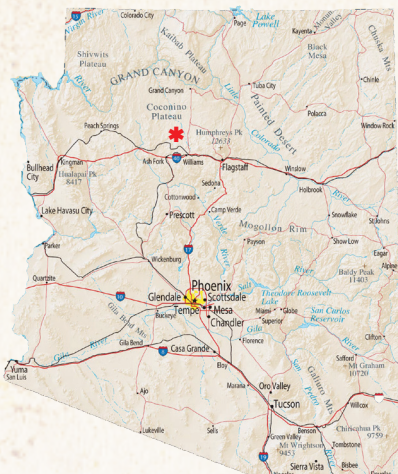
Drive here

Ready for a road trip? There are several ways to drive to Grand Canyon National Park.

From Phoenix: If you're starting from Phoenix, you can take I-17 to Flagstaff, and then take Route 180 to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

From Las Vegas: If you're starting from Las Vegas, you can take Route 93 to Kingman, Arizona, and then take I-40 to Flagstaff, before taking SR 64 to the South Rim from Williams.

The east entrance of Grand Canyon can be accessed through Cameron, Arizona via SR 64.



Fly here

Grand Canyon Airport, is a small, regional airport located in Tusayan, Arizona, just outside the south entrance to Grand Canyon National Park. The airport has a single runway and offers regular daily flights to and from cities such as Phoenix and Las Vegas, making it convenient for tourists to reach the Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, visitors can take shuttle buses or rent cars to get to the park, which is just a short drive away.

There are also several tour operators and ground transportation providers located in the terminal, making it easy for visitors to plan their Grand Canyon adventures.



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Welcome to the Grand Canyon, a place of wonder and awe. This natural masterpiece is a testament to time, with each layer of rock telling a unique story of the Earth's ancient past.

Its scale is simply breathtaking, with vastness and depth that leave visitors feeling bold. The changing light throughout the day, the vibrant colors of the rocks, and the panoramic views from the rim all contribute to an unforgettable experience.

The canyon is also home to a diverse array of wildlife, from bighorn sheep to elk and even California condors. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy a wide range of activities, from hiking and rafting to horseback riding and camping. The Grand Canyon is truly a place like no other, a world of natural splendor that will leave you in awe.



Top 3 things to do at Grand Canyon

1.

GO ON A HIKING ADVENTURE

Hiking: One of the most popular things to do at the Grand Canyon is to explore its vast network of hiking trails. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just looking for a leisurely stroll, there are options for every skill level. Some of the most popular hikes include the Bright Angel Trail, South Kaibab Trail and the Rim Trail. The hiking trails at the Grand Canyon offer a unique opportunity to explore the depths of the canyon and witness its geological wonders up close. Along the way, hikers will encounter stunning rock formations, ancient fossils, and a variety of plant and animal life.



2.

DISCOVER THE VIEW

Scenic Views: The Grand Canyon is known for its breathtaking views, and many visitors come simply to take in the sights. There are several viewpoints along the rim that offer stunning panoramic views of the canyon, including Mather Point, Yavapai Point, and Hopi Point. Sightseeing at the Grand Canyon is a must-do activity for visitors of all ages and interests. Whether you prefer a leisurely stroll along the rim or a more adventurous excursion into the depths of the canyon, there are endless opportunities to take in the breathtaking views and natural wonders.



3.

THE THRILL OF RIVER RAFTING

River Rafting: Rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many visitors. Rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon is an incredible adventure that offers a unique perspective on the canyon's beauty and history. The river is an important part of the canyon's ecosystem and geology, and a rafting trip provides a chance to experience the canyon from a completely different angle. There are several guided rafting trips available that range from a few days to several weeks, however, trips require advance planning and reservations.



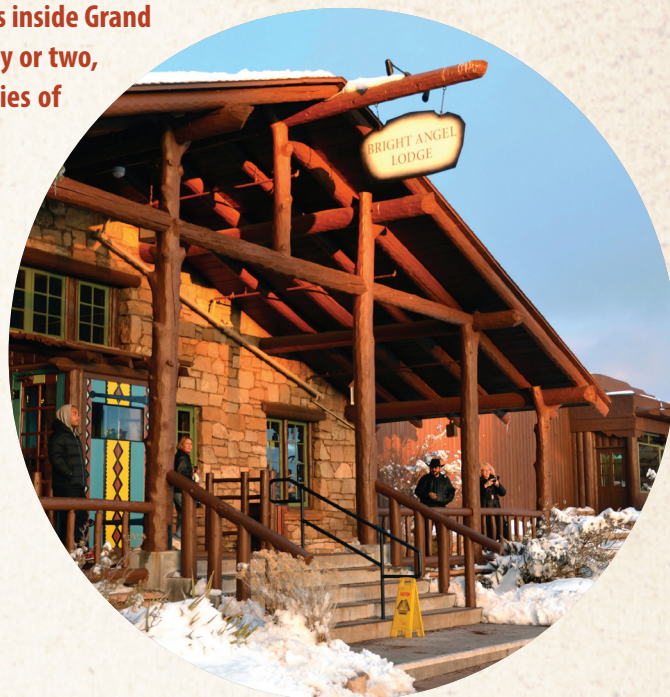
Overnight at the Canyon

BEST LODGING INSIDE GRAND CANYON

It definitely takes more than a few hours — or even one day — to fully experience the canyon. Its best to plan ahead to get a night in one of the fabulous lodges inside Grand Canyon National Park. If you spontaneously decide to stay another day or two, there is a great chance you can find lodging in the nearby communities of Tusayan, Grand Canyon Junction and Williams.

Grand Canyon

- Bright Angel Lodge – a great place to rest. Call (928) 638-2631 for same-day reservations and (303) 297-2757 for advance or grandcanyonlodges.com.
- El Tovar Hotel – located on the South Rim for more than 100 years. Call (928) 638-2631 for same-day reservations and (303) 297-2757 for advance or visit grandcanyonlodges.com.
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- Yavapai Lodge – occupies a prime location. More information available at www.visitgrandcanyon.com/yavapai-lodge.
- Phantom Ranch – located at the bottom of the Canyon. Call (928) 638-2631 for same-day reservations and (303) 297-2757 for advance or visit grandcanyonlodges.com.
- Grand Canyon Lodge – located on the North Rim of the Canyon. Sitting at 8,000 feet in elevation, guests are greeted by breathtaking views of the canyon. Visit grandcanyon-northrim.com.



The lodging options at the Grand Canyon are truly unique and offer an incredible experience for visitors to this stunning natural wonder. There are a variety of different types of lodging available, each with its own set of features and amenities.

These lodges were built in the early 20th century and offer a classic, rustic charm that is unlike anything else you'll find in the area. Many of these lodges are located right on the edge of the canyon, providing breathtaking views from your room or cabin.

To make reservations for lodging at the Grand Canyon, there are several options available. You can book online www.grandcanyonlodges.com.



Life is a train ride

Step into a historic train car from a bygone era at Grand Canyon Railway

Since 1901, the Grand Canyon Railway and Hotel has been taking passengers on a fabled journey to the heart of one of the seven wonders of the world. Grand Canyon Railway is more than just a mode of transportation: it's a trip back in time on lovingly restored rail cars with entertaining musicians and the antics of cowboy characters. Out your window, the terrain changes from high desert to prairie, prairie to pine. It's a view that's ever-changing until you come across a view so brilliant, it could very well change you.

The trip to the Canyon covers 65 miles of classic Old West territory, including high desert plains with endless vistas, small arroyos and portions of the world's largest ponderosa pine forest.

Passengers can sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery during the two-hour journey while strolling musicians and western characters provide entertainment.

Passengers traveling on Grand Canyon Railway may choose from five classes of service ranging from the pullman, coach and first class, aboard steamliner-era Budd coaches, to luxury dome and parlor class.



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Sleep Away

CAMPING OPTIONS AT GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

The Grand Canyon is one of the most stunning Natural wonders in the world, and camping in the park allows you to immerse yourself in its beauty and serenity. Whether you're camping on the South Rim or the North Rim, or exploring the backcountry, you'll have access to breathtaking views and awe-inspiring landscapes.

Sleeping under the stars offers a chance to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and to enjoy the peace and quiet of nature. Whether you're sitting by the campfire or simply enjoying the sounds of nature, camping at the Grand Canyon is an opportunity to connect with the great outdoors.

The Grand Canyon is a great place for families to create memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're hiking to a scenic overlook, roasting marshmallows by the campfire, or simply exploring the park's many wonders, camping at the Grand Canyon is a fun and educational experience for all ages.

Whether you're a seasoned camper or a first-timer, the Grand Canyon is sure to provide you with an unforgettable camping experience.

*"Leave it as it is. The ages
have been at work on it
and man can only mar it."*

— Theodore Roosevelt

Which Rim? NORTH VS. SOUTH

The Grand Canyon **South Rim** offers several camping options for visitors. The most popular option is the Mather Campground, which is located within the park and has over 300 sites for tents and RVs. The Desert View Campground is another option located on the South Rim and offers 50 sites for tents and RVs. There are also several commercial campgrounds located near the park, including the Trailer Village RV Park and the Grand Canyon Camper Village, which offer RV sites with full hookups.

The Grand Canyon **North Rim** offers several camping options for visitors looking for a more remote and serene experience. The North Rim Campground is the only campground located within the park and has sites for tents and RVs. If the North Rim Campground is full, there are places you can camp near the park. Camping options include the USFS DeMotte, Jacob Lake and Tuweep campgrounds, and the commercially operated Kaibab Camper Village.

Life is better by the campfire

MATHER CAMPGROUND

Mather Campground is located on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and is open year-round. It offers over 300 campsites, which can accommodate tents, RVs and trailers. There are flush toilets and drinking water is available throughout the campground. No hookups are available. Pine loop is a tent-only area where generators are not permitted. From March 1 through Nov. 30, most campsites are by reservation through recreation.gov. This campground offers 10 first-come, first-served sites during peak season.



DESERT VIEW CAMPGROUND

Desert View Campground is located on the South Rim, 25 miles east of Grand Canyon Village. The campground is open from early May to mid-October, weather permitting. It has 50 campsites that can accommodate tents, RVs and trailers up to 30 feet in length. Each site is equipped with picnic tables, fire rings and food storage lockers. The campground does not have hookups. Campsites available by reservation only at www.recreation.gov, and can be made up to 6 months in advance at (877) 444-6777 or www.recreation.gov.

GRAND CANYON NORTH RIM

The North Rim Campground is open seasonally from May 15 through Oct. 15 and is located inside Grand Canyon National Park. The Canyon's rustic and less populated North Rim is home to abundant wildlife, hiking trails and unparalleled views. The 85 campsites are by reservation only through www.recreation.gov. There are no walk-up sites available. The campground is equipped with restroom facilities, drinking water and picnic tables.



TRAILER VILLAGE

Trailer Village is the only in-park RV campground with full hookups (sewage, water, and electrical with 30 amp and 50 amp sites available). Open year-round, Trailer Village features paved pull-through sites which can accommodate vehicles up to 50 feet long. Trailer Village is operated by Delaware North. Reservations can be made up to 13 months in advance. If visiting during the busy season (May through October) making reservations one year in advance is recommended. Visit their website to make reservations at visitgrandcanyon.com.

Unique things to learn and do

Inside the Park

GRAND CANYON HISTORY



The Grand Canyon measures over 270 miles long, up to 18 miles wide and a mile deep, making it one of the biggest and grandest canyons in the world.

On February 26, 2019, Grand Canyon National Park celebrated 100 years since its designation as a national park.

For its 100th birthday, Grand Canyon commemorated the past and inspired future generations to experience, connect with, and protect the park's unique natural, cultural and historic resources.

As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Grand Canyon National Park visitors travel from around the globe to visit the canyon.

In the last 100 years Grand Canyon has boomed as a mecca for visitors, explorers, adventurers and others.

It was U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt who first created Grand Canyon National Monument in 1908, and in 1919 President Woodrow Wilson upgraded Grand Canyon from a monument to become the 15th national park in the United States. Around 40,000 people visited the park that year, but by 1956 the number surpassed one million. On an average year, Grand Canyon has nearly 5 million visitors annually.



PAYING TRIBUTE

In 2016, Grand Canyon commemorated the grand re-opening and rededication of Desert View Watchtower located at the east entrance of the park. Desert View went from a souvenir shop to a place to pay tribute and highlight Native American cultural heritage.

The park began to use the Watchtower as a place where Native Americans could display and demonstrate various artforms. The cultural demonstrations continue to take place regularly during the spring and summer and include jewelers, silversmiths, weavers, potters and musicians. Demonstrations are intended to help park visitors learn more about the history and diverse cultures of the region.

The Desert View area has been used as a gathering place for thousands of years. Visitors can see a glimpse of the ancient past at the Tusayan Ruin and Museum. Today Desert View represents the physical and cultural gateway from Grand Canyon National Park to the Navajo and Hopi reservations.

The revival of Desert View as a cultural heritage site provides opportunities for the public to continue to connect and learn about the park's associated tribes.



DAY HIKING AT THE GRAND CANYON

Hiking at the Grand Canyon isn't for the faint of heart. There are no easy trails that descend the rim, and all trails require a steep climb out.

Over 250 people are rescued from the canyon each year, many from heat related illnesses or poor conditioning. The difference between a great adventure in Grand Canyon and a trip to the hospital is to be prepared. Visit the Grand Canyon Visitor Center and/or do research before hiking. Always carry plenty of water and avoid hiking in the summer months as temperatures increase as you descend.

Both the South Rim and the North Rim offer rim trail hikes that have spectacular views of the inner canyon, some on paved trails.

Rim Trail. This trail runs from the village area to Hermits Rest and offers easy walking with beautiful views of the inner canyon. You can start at any viewpoint in the Village or along Hermit Road. Just be aware that there is no water west of Bright Angel Lodge. You can customize your hike by using the shuttle buses, and part of the trail is paved and accessible.

Bright Angel Trail. This trail is steep, but offers day hikes ranging in distance up to 12 miles (round trip). You'll find some shade along the way, but the upper portion of the trail may be icy in the winter or early spring. Be sure to check the water status at the Visitor Center or Backcountry Information Center before you go.

South Kaibab Trail. Another steep trail, the South Kaibab Trail offers some of the best views for a relatively short hike. The trail descends to the river, but there you can turn around at anytime. The trailhead is only accessible by shuttle bus (Kaibab Trail Route) for day trips. There

is no water and little shade, so be sure to bring plenty of your own.

Hermit Trail. This trail offers hikes to Santa Maria Spring (5 miles round trip) and Dripping Springs (7 miles round trip). It's a tougher trail than the Bright Angel and South Kaibab Trails, with an unmaintained steep trail that requires caution. The trail starts 500 feet west of Hermits Rest and water from springs must be treated before drinking. This hike is recommended for experienced desert hikers.

Grandview Trail. The Grandview Trail is very steep and offers hikes to Coconino Saddle (2.2 miles round trip) and Horseshoe Mesa (6.4 miles round trip). Like the Hermit Trail, it's a tougher trail than the Bright Angel and South Kaibab Trails, with an unmaintained steep trail that requires caution. The trail starts on the canyon side of the retaining wall at Grandview Point on Desert View Drive (12 miles east of the village). This hike is more difficult than other hikes at the Canyon.

BACKCOUNTRY HIKING

If you wish to camp anywhere in the park, other than in developed campgrounds on the North Rim or the South Rim, you must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center.

A backcountry permit is required for overnight camping outside of Mather Campground, Desert View Campground and North Rim Campground.

Backcountry camping requires planning ahead. Visit <https://www.nps.gov/grca/playourvisit/backcountry-permit> for more information.



BECOMING A JUNIOR RANGER

Are you ready for an exciting and educational journey at Grand Canyon? The Junior Ranger program is for young explorers who want to learn more.

Junior Ranger books are filled with fun and engaging activities that you can complete during your visit here. Head over to one of the park's visitor centers to pick up your very own Grand Canyon Junior Ranger Activity book.

This program is specially tailored for young adventurers. To earn your badge, you'll need to complete the requirements listed in the booklet for your age group. This may include attending a ranger-led program in the Village or at Desert View, writing your observations, drawing pictures, and even creating poems. You can get your hands on the Junior Ranger Activity Book at locations such as the Grand Canyon Conservancy Main Store, Yavapai Geology Museum, or Kolb Studio.

If you plan to visit between May 15 and October 15, you can become a Junior Ranger on the North Rim. Head to the North Rim Visitor Center to pick up the North Rim Junior Ranger Activity Book.

Grand Canyon Explorer Junior Rangers is available for all ages. Pick up the Canyon Explorer Junior Ranger Adventure Guide when you hike or ride a mule into the Grand Canyon's backcountry. You can find the guide at corridor trail campgrounds or backcountry ranger stations.



Visit the North Rim

A UNIQUE VIEW OF GRAND CANYON

Because of its location, the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is known for having less tourism and unlike its adjacent rim, it is only accessible seasonally, opening in mid-May and closing in October.

Those wanting to visit the North Rim from the South Rim can access it via a 4.5 hour drive of 220 miles. The only other access point is hiking across the canyon from the South Rim, a total of 21 miles. Those hiking should keep in mind that the North Rim sits at 8,000 foot elevation.

Upon arrival, visitors will find one lodge, Grand Canyon Lodge and one campground, operated by the National Park Service. Other campgrounds are available outside of the park.

The Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim operations include lodging, groceries, retail, food and beverage services, and the gas station. At the lodge, food and beverage services are available.

In addition to the Lodge, visitors will find services that include the Backcountry Information Office and Grand Canyon Trail Rides, offering seasonal operations.



The North Rim is known for plentiful wildlife including the Kaibab squirrel with its large bushy white tail, deer, mountain lion, chipmunks, Dusky grouse, wild turkey and gopher and king snakes.

Grand Canyon Lodge

The Grand Canyon Lodge was built in 1928 by architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood. Native stone and timber were used to make the lodge with much of the main lodge featuring Kaibab limestone that makes up the cliff at Bright Angel Point.

A fire burned the main lodge and several cabins, however, it was rebuilt in 1936. It was designated a National Historic Landmark on May 28, 1987.

Grand Canyon Mule Rides

For those wanting a unique experience, Grand Canyon Mule Rides offers trips of a life-time.

With three rides to choose from, visitors are sure to find an option that fits their needs. Rides include a one hour rim ride, three hour mule ride to Supai Tunnel or a three hour trip to Uncle Jim's Point along the Ken Patrick Trail. All rides are with experienced guides and mules are selected for their gentle temperament, being trail wise and sure footed.

Getting there:

The North Rim is located 30 miles south of Jacob Lake on Highway 67. Once you reach the gates of the park, the rim lies an additional 14 miles south. Jacob Lake is located on Highway 89A.

Overnight lodging reservations for North Rim facilities may be made by contacting Forever Resorts at (877) 386-4383 or by visiting www.grandcanyonforever.com. Reservations for the North Rim Campground (May 15-October 31) must be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or at www.recreation.gov.

For information on Grand Canyon Trail Rides call 435-679-8665 or visit www.canyonrides.com.





Who knew you could paddle the Grand Canyon in a day?

Rent a kayak and see the Grand Canyon and Colorado River up close and personal

Get ready for an epic day trip between the North and South Rim of the Grand Canyon that you won't forget. Join **Kayak the Colorado** for an adventure that includes paddling down the scenic Colorado River and viewing the magnificent Horseshoe Bend from a unique perspective.

First things first, you'll need a backhaul service to transport you and your kayak upriver. Don't worry, Kayak the Colorado's expert guides have got you covered. They also offer a variety of kayak and watercraft rentals, so you can choose the perfect vessel for your

adventure.

Start your day trip at Petroglyph Beach and paddle 10 miles to see ancient carvings that are estimated to be up to 6,000 years old. On your way back downstream, stop at one of the many picturesque picnic spots to refuel and relax. Make sure to pack an extra set of clothes in case of a capsizing event – safety first.

Be on the lookout for the diverse wildlife that inhabits the Grand Canyon, including horses, big horn sheep, and even the endangered California Condor. If you're planning on staying overnight,

take advantage of the hiking trails along the route to fully immerse yourself in the natural wonder of the area.

Keep in mind that grocery and dining options are limited until you get to Page, so it's a good idea to pack your own food for the day. And once you're ready to end your adventure, what better way to do so than by viewing the sunset on the cliffs with a drink in hand?

Don't wait any longer – book your day trip now and get ready to experience the beauty of the Grand Canyon in a whole new way. Book your trip online at kayakthecolorado.com.



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Grand Canyon National Park free shuttle bus schedule

Key information for shuttle routes

The Village Route (Blue) first bus 4:30 a.m.
Every 30 minutes 4:30 - 6:30 a.m.
Every 10-15 minutes 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Every 30 minutes 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Last bus 9:30 pm

Hermit Road (Red) first bus 4:30 a.m.
Every 30 minutes 4:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
Every 10-15 minutes 6:30 a.m. to sunset

The Kaibab Rim (Orange) first bus 4:30
Every 30 minutes 4:30 -6:30 am
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There is no Grand Canyon adventure more unique than a mule ride. The overnight rides go deep into the canyon, staying overnight at Phantom Ranch. If you only have a short time to visit the South Rim, but are still longing for adventure, you can take the 2-hour Canyon Vistas Rim Ride. While it doesn't take you into the canyon itself, the views along the way are stunning.

Grand Canyon National Park Lodges offer a four-mile, three-hour mule activity (two-hours in the saddle) that departs five miles east of the Village at the Yaki Barn. Bus transportation is included to and from Yaki Barn. The mule ride travels along the East Rim Trail. There are up to 20 riders per departure. Visit <https://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/plan/mule-rides/> for information.

Grand Canyon fun facts

- The Grand Canyon is one of the few places on Earth where you can find fossils of marine animals like sharks and shellfish in the middle of a desert.
- The Grand Canyon is home to one of the world's most remote post offices, located on the Havasupai Indian Reservation.
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- Grand Canyon National Park allows leashed dogs on named trails above the rim (not on any inner canyon trails for their safety and yours).
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UTV AND JEEP TOURS



There are many options for UTV rides, Jeep tours, and Hummer adventures that promise to take you on unforgettable journeys through some of the most scenic landscapes in the country out of Tusayan. All-terrain vehicles and 4X4s can take you to some of the most remote and scenic locations in the area. Many local companies offer UTV rentals and guided tours, so you can choose the option that suits you best.

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Grab some food

When it comes to dining out, Tusayan has a variety of options to suit every taste and budget. There are casual dining restaurants like JJK's Restaurant and the Wagon Wheel Saloon at the Grand Canyon Plaza Hotel, and Canyon Star Steakhouse and Canyon Star Saloon at the Grand Hotel at the Grand Canyon.

At Grand Canyon Plaza Hotel, you can indulge in an array of dining options that showcase the local flavors. Whether you prefer to share a bottle of wine and small bites or savor Southwest-inspired cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere, the Wagon Wheel Saloon has got you covered. For a delicious range of food choices before embarking on your Grand Canyon adventure, check out JJK's Restaurant.

At The Grand Hotel, the Canyon Star

Steakhouse and Canyon Star Saloon bring that old time rustic sensibility to life with exposed timber, stone, ironwork and décor that's influenced by the area. Try the Canyon Burger or the Cowboy Salad. The restaurant also prepares boxed breakfast and lunch that are available to take on Grand Canyon adventures.

Other restaurants include Plaza Bonita Mexican Restaurant, Big E Steakhouse & Saloon, Squire Pub and Canyon Room, We Cook Pizza and Pasta, Foodie Club, Explorer's Cafe With Pizza Hut Express, RP's Stage Stop, Starbucks, Wendy's, McDonald's and the Tusayan General Store and Deli.

Tusayan offers a range of dining options to suit every taste and budget, making it easy for visitors to enjoy a delicious meal after a long day of exploring the Grand Canyon.

GREENWAY HIKING TRAIL IN TUSAYAN

This 6.6 mile trail stretches from Tusayan to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. About half of trail is paved, the other is packed gravel. To access the trail park on the north end of Tusayan. The trail is open to both hikers, bikers and equestrians. One option is to hike the trail from Tusayan and take the free NPS shuttle back.

Tusayan annual events



- Raptor Ranch July 4th Celebration
- Town of Tusayan 4th of July Drone Show
- The Grand Canyon Trail Half Marathon November
- Tusayan Christmas celebration December
- Raptor Ranch "Birds of Play" event September
- Tusayan Trunk or Treat October
- Tusayan turkey distribution November

A wrangler's dream



“ I got the impression that they didn't think someone from New York City would make the cut as a wrangler.”

Mule wrangler Lisa “Tex” Parker went from a life in New York City to guiding mule rides to the bottom of Grand Canyon National Park

By Veronica Tierney

Three mule rides to Phantom Ranch is what it took to convince Lisa “Tex” Parker that at some point she would have to come back to the Grand Canyon to work.

She vowed she would make that happen...and she did, having now worked three seasons as a wrangler for Xanterra Travel Collections South Rim Mule Operations.

“My boyfriend Jack Rinaldi and I first visited the Grand Canyon in 2011,” Parker said. “We then came back in 2013 and signed up for a mule ride to Phantom Ranch. We had Assistant Livery Manager Don Bristow as our lead wrangler at the time — he cracked jokes the entire ride and we had the best time of our lives. We fell in love with the inner canyon.”

The couple's next visits were in 2014 and 2015 where they once again signed up for a Grand Canyon mule ride to Phantom Ranch.

“We planned to ride down again in 2016 but the trail was closed due to a rock slide, so we settled for the two-hour Canyon Vista Ride instead,” Parker said.

A few years later, Parker contacted the mule barn to see about employment. At the time she was living in New York City working for Belgian designer Diane von Furstenberg.

“I got the impression that they didn't think someone from New York City would make the cut as a wrangler,” she said. “I had to be persistent because I had been brushing up on my riding skills on the beach in Brooklyn and also gaining experience as a guide.”

“When she was applying for the job, she said she was from Queens so I kept asking her if she was sure she knew how to ride,” said Xanterra Livery Manager John Berry.

In March of 2019, Parker was hired as a wrangler.

“I worked through to November then we headed back to New York City,” Parker said.

Last year, Parker returned to the Grand Canyon.

“You just fall in love with the place, the human history, the beauty...it's such an incredible national park,” she said.

In 2021, Xanterra South Rim Mule Operations employed 13 guides, 10 are women and they have one woman packer.



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You never know what unexpected treat might be waiting for you in a quiet corner or under an old-west lamp post down one of the charming alleyways - maybe a cozy bistro or a wall-sized mural featuring street art of Route 66 and the wild west.

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- Roger Naylor,
Arizona travel writer



Explore Williams



Kids got the wiggles?

Stop at Cureton Park on N. Grand Canyon Boulevard for a little playground time before exploring Williams. Swings, slides, grass and ball-fields await restless young travelers.

Route 66 through downtown Williams

The Mother Road is just one highlight for those visiting Williams. Perhaps one of the best restored sections of Route 66, friendly faces, bursts of flowers, holiday lights, inviting restaurants and plenty of neon await in downtown Williams.

Historic Route 66 is more than just a collection of great shops and eateries, or open-air music venues and park spaces, or charming flowers, it's a place that has a feeling that you can't put your finger on, but it has something to do with the cheerful people who live in and visit Williams.

Street performances and family fun, downtown Williams has a little something for everyone. Visit several growing breweries, witness real action cowboy shootouts in the street and visit with friends in one of the many restaurants.

After sundown

Williams offers several night life options for those who want to mingle with the locals and explore the streets of a wild west town. Visit the world famous Sultana Bar, sing karaoke at the Canyon Club and sample local taps at the Grand Canyon Brewery and Historic Brewing Company.



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The park also has a 20-acre walk through area where visitors will stroll along winding paths to view smaller animals on exhibit.

Canyonlands, a themed restaurant featuring soaring canyon walls and ancient ruins, allows diners to immerse themselves in the true spirit of the Southwest. The expansive two-story covered deck includes priceless views of the park's spectacular jaguar exhibit, which features a 25-foot waterfall.

Bearizona's mission is to promote conservation and preservation through safe, affordable, memorable and educational encounters with North American wildlife. Bearizona is a vehicle for connecting visitors to wildlife and the land in which they inhabit, while using best practices for economic, environmental and social sustainability.

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Outings in the community

Raptor Ranch Birds of Prey Park & Historic Bedrock City

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More information and reservations, visit www.raptor-ranch.com.



Canyon Coaster Adventure Park

Canyon Coaster Adventure Park had a successful first winter in Williams, and now begins its second summer.

It offers year-round fun for the entire family with attractions that include a coaster, summer and winter tubing hill, base lodge with a grab and go grill, and a snow play area.

The lodge serves as the entry and exit for the coaster park and includes a conveniently located ticketing counter, snack bar with seating, a gift shop and restrooms.

The lodge features an outdoor deck, that has seating and a view of all the activities, and an area with iPad portals and four big screen monitors where customers can review and purchase videos and photographs of the rides.

More information is available at canyoncoasteradventurepark.com

SUMMER ADVENTURES

Grand Canyon Deer Farm

The Grand Canyon Deer Farm is on a section of old Route 66 in Williams. The Deer Farm is 10 acres of animal wonderland. Visitors can purchase food to feed the deer, and also pet and take photos with the animals. Walk a path around the park to view wallabies, llamas, coati-mundi, bison, peacocks and more. Chat with the silly umbrella cockatoo, Mozart, pet a goat and kiss a camel. You will have a blast here if you are an animal lover – children and adults alike. Visit deerfarm.com for more information.



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Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center

Lorenzo Hubbell Trading Post, once the premier Trading Post Company of the American southwest territories, is now Winslow's Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center. This location is a historic destination unto itself. At the Visitor Center, travelers will find historic displays, great architecture, racks of information about Winslow, the region and the state of Arizona. A friendly staff with a wealth of knowledge is ready to assist visitors to Winslow make the most of their travels.

Standin' on the Corner Park

It's a rare person who has not heard the famous line from the Eagles' first hit single, "Take It Easy." The song includes the lyric "standin' on a corner in Winslow Arizona, such a fine sight to see, it's a girl my lord in a flatbed Ford, slowin' down to take a look at me." Visitors come from far and wide to stand and take advantage of the photo opportunity located on the most famous corner of Historic Route 66.

La Posada Hotel

Winslow's crown jewel and an American Treasure is La Posada. This amazing piece of historic architecture is often referred to as the last great trackside hotel in the country. It is ranked as one of the Top Ten Historic Hotels in the United States. Originally a Fred Harvey House (America's first hotel/restaurant chain) it was the finest and most expensive of all of the hotels built for the Santa Fe Railroad Co. Constructed in 1929, this legendary "resting place" is the masterpiece of Mary Jane Colter, one of America's most renowned female architects. Closed for decades, the grounds were watered and preserved by a few visionary citizens. The hotel was purchased before it was destroyed and has been beautifully restored.

Old Trails Museum

Located in the heart of Winslow's historic district, the Old Trails Museum is an outstanding source of discovery for Winslow's unique and interesting history. It houses numerous exhibits and collections including ancient Native American artifacts, Santa Fe Railroad equipment that includes tools of the industry and Fred Harvey memorabilia, original western art, Wild West territory information, Route 66, Meteor Crater and much more. Visitors will find a knowledgeable staff eager to share Winslow's rich history.

Homolovi State Park

Located three miles northeast of downtown Winslow Homolovi will give visitors insight into the cultural perspective and history of the Hopi Tribe. Tour the ancient ruins of pueblos that were built by the ancestors of the Hopi people from between approximately 1260 - 1400 AD. Marvel at the colorful pottery and shards on display and ponder the meanings of ancient petroglyphs.

Clear Creek Kayak and Canoe Rentals

Clear Creek Rentals, located in Winslow off Interstate 40, offers friendly, customer service and top rental gear including kayak, canoe and stand up paddle boards.

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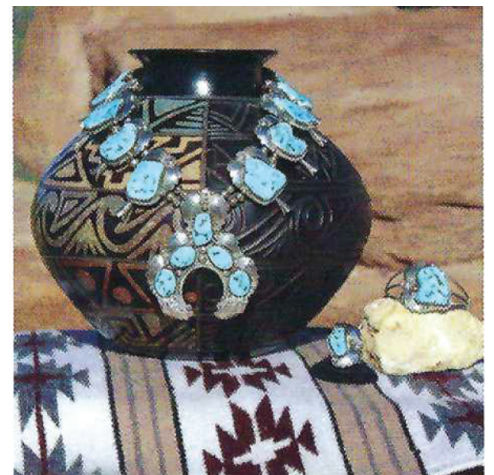
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