



GRAND CANYON: NORTHERN ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS: PRESCOTT, GRAND CANYON, SEDONA

ACTUAL HIKES VARY FROM TRIP TO TRIP, BUT OUR ITINERARY WILL GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

DAY ONE

The Arizona Red Rocks tour starts with arrival at the Phoenix airport, where you can transfer by shuttle to our meeting point in Prescott. Prescott is a charming small town tucked at the base of the Bradshaw mountains. Wander by Victorian homes and Old West bars in the quaint downtown shopping district. We'll have a welcome dinner and introduction to Prescott before settling in to our lovely downtown hotel. (Springhill Suites)

DAY TWO

Prescott, named one of the next great adventure towns by National Geographic Adventure, is surrounded by great hiking trails. One of my favorite hikes in Prescott is through the Granite Mountain Wilderness, a beautiful hike through forests of pine, oak and agave with the rounded boulders of Granite Mountain towering thousands of feet above us. Return to Prescott for a 2nd night. (Springhill Suites)

DAY THREE

We'll transfer in the morning to Williams, Arizona, the gateway to the Grand Canyon, where you'll board the vintage Grand Canyon railway train for an historic ride to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is an extraordinary sight - one of the wonders of the world. Enjoy an easy walk along the rim of the canyon, with many beautiful views into this geologic wonder. Stay at a comfortable lodge at the rim. (Maswik Lodge or El Tovar)

DAY FOUR

Our 2nd day at the Grand Canyon gives us a chance for a full dayhike, so we can appreciate its beauty from below as we hike down into the canyon on one of many beautiful trails, perhaps Hermit Trail to Dripping Springs, a lush oasis 1,000 feet below the rim. Return to the rim for a second night at the Grand Canyon. (Maswik Lodge or El Tovar)

DAY FIVE

Leaving the Grand Canyon, we'll drive through Oak Creek Canyon to Sedona, one of the prettiest locations you'll ever find. Sedona is surrounded by a brilliant landscape of red buttes, natural arches, ancient archeological sites, and lush streams. The sunsets here are simply unforgettable! Stay in the impeccable Arroyo Roble Hotel, with fabulous views and situated an easy walking distance to Sedona's shops and restaurants. Enjoy a short hike, head out on a back-country jeep tour, or just relax in town. (Arroyo Roble)

DAY SIX

With towering sandstone formations in every direction, countless canyons and numerous creeks, we have many hikes to choose from today. Return to Sedona for a farewell dinner. (Arroyo Roble)

DAY SEVEN

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll say our good-byes and leave for our post-trip destinations. A shuttle van can take you back to Phoenix.