



GRAND CANYON: SOUTH KAIBAB TO BRIGHT ANGEL

DAY ONE

To get to our Grand Canyon hiking tour, you can fly to the Phoenix airport and rent a car to drive to Grand Canyon National Park. Alternately, you can take an airport shuttle to our home base in Prescott, meet your guides there, and transfer with them up to the Canyon. Prescott is a charming small town tucked at the base of the Bradshaw mountains, and would be a great place to spend additional days. After arrival at the Canyon, take a short walk along the rim, and settle in to your comfortable lodge, either the El Tovar or Maswik. Dinner pre-hike meeting at the classy El Tovar restaurant.

DAY TWO

You'll start hiking in the morning, trekking down into the Canyon on the very scenic South Kaibab trail. The trail is steep, almost 4800' downhill, but you will have all day, so there will be plenty of time to stop and take in the vistas. You'll pass Ooh-Aah point and Cedar Ridge as you descend layer after scenic layer, deep into the Canyon. Eventually you'll reach the Colorado river, surrounded by rocks approximately 2 billion years old, and you'll reach the oasis of Bright Angel campground. This Campground sits along Bright Angel Creek, and is a very pleasant camp shaded by huge cottonwood trees, with bathrooms and running water. Perhaps you'll visit nearby Phantom Ranch for an afternoon drink while your guides set up camp and prepare dinner. (Bright Angel Campground)

	ELEVATION	MILEAGE
S. Kaibab Trailhead	7260' / 2213m	0
To Cedar Ridge	6320' / 1926m	1.5 / 2.4km
To Tonto Trail Jct.	4000' / 1219m	4.4 / 7.1km
To River Trail Junction	2640' / 805m	6.0 / 9.7km
To Bright Angel Camp	2480' / 756m	6.8 / 10.9km
ELEVATION LOSS	4,780' / 1457m	6.8 / 10.9km

DAY THREE

Continuing through the inner corridor of the Canyon, you'll hike along the Colorado river and up the Bright Angel trail. Today you'll hike about half-way out of the Canyon, reaching Indian Garden campground shortly after lunch. Indian Garden is another beautiful campground, filled with cottonwoods and providing bathrooms and running water. You can take an afternoon detour out to Plateau Point, an easy walk from Indian Garden to one of the best viewpoints in the Canyon.

	ELEVATION	MILEAGE
Bright Angel Camp	2480' / 756m	0
To River trail Junction	2446' / 746m	1.6 / 2.4km
To Plateau Point	3740' / 1140m	3.2 / 5km
To Indian Garden	3800' / 1158m	4.7 / 7.5km
ELEVATION GAIN	1320' / 402m	4.7 / 7.5km

DAY FOUR

After breakfast in the morning, you'll continue up on Bright Angel trail, hiking 3000 feet up (about 4 hrs) to return to the Grand Canyon South Rim, and depart for your post-tour destinations.

	ELEVATION	MILEAGE
Indian Garden	3800' / 1158m	0
To 3.0 Mile Resthouse	4760' / 1451m	1.5 / 2.4km
To 1.5 Mile Resthouse	5720' / 1743m	3.0 / 4.8km
To Bright Angel Trailhead	6860' / 2091m	4.5 / 7.2km
ELEVATION GAIN	3060' / 932m	4.5 / 7.2km
TOTAL ELEVATION GAIN/LOSS	9160' / 2791m	16 / 25.6km