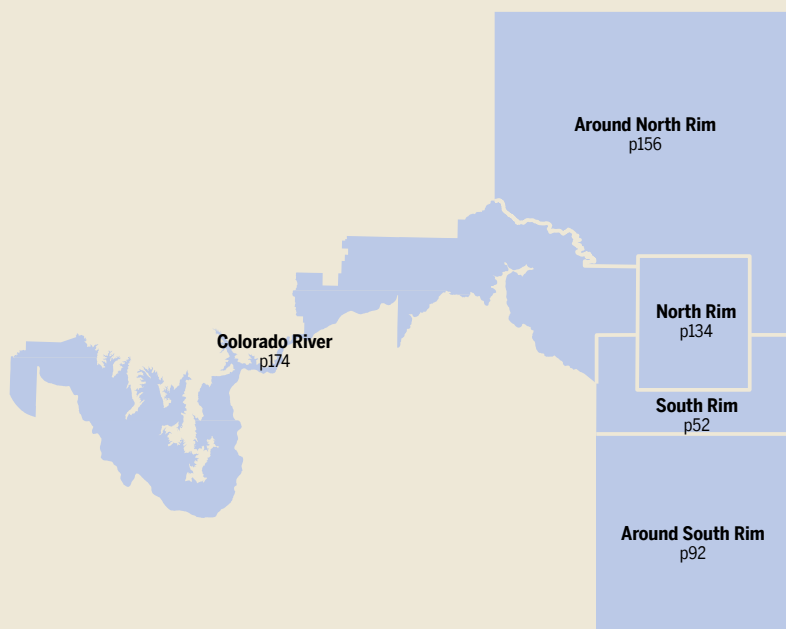




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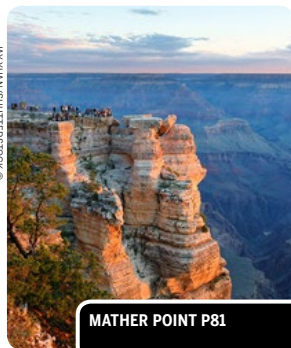
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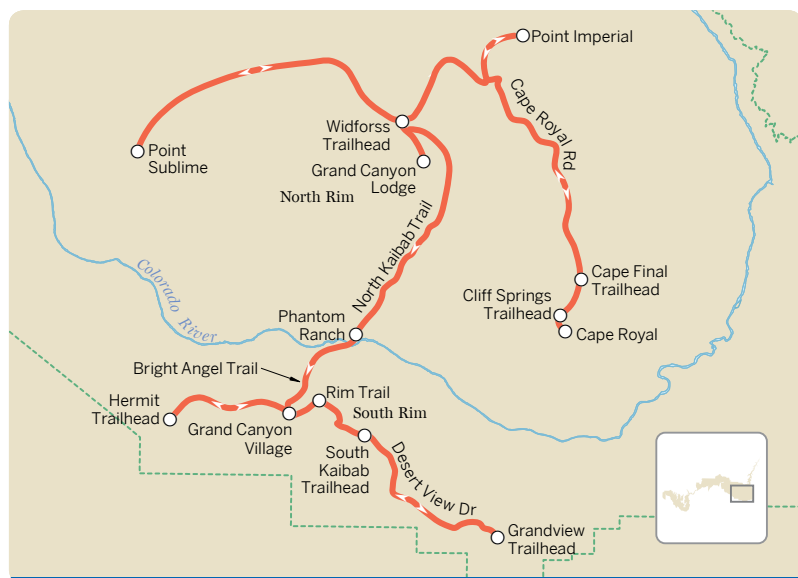


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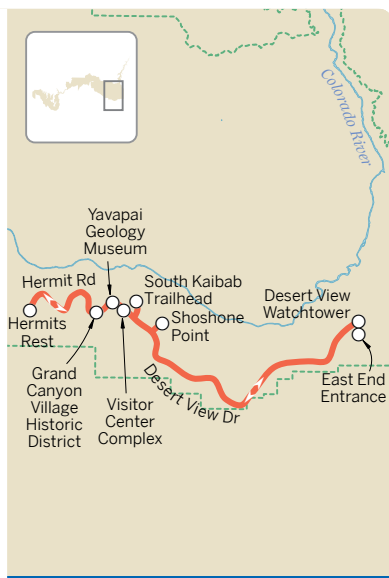


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WEEKS

Rim to Rim

Grand Canyon National Park includes three distinct tourist regions (South Rim, North Rim and Below the Rim), each with its own personality and perspective. This leisurely rim-to-rim expedition covers all three, offering travelers the breadth of the park's sights and activities. Accommodation at Phantom Ranch, on the canyon floor, is available by lottery 15 months in advance of arrival.

Begin with several nights in a Western Cabin at **Grand Canyon Lodge**, on the bucolic and intimate North Rim. Drive to **Point Sublime**, **Point Imperial** and **Cape Royal**, hike the **Widforss Trail**, **Cape Final Trail** and **Cliff Springs Trail**, attend a ranger talk and stargaze on evening strolls. Relax with a glass of wine on the lodge's rim-side veranda, and eat dinner in its spectacular rim-side restaurant. Hike 14 miles down the **North Kaibab Trail**, spend a couple of nights by the river at **Phantom Ranch**, and start at dawn for the 10-mile haul up the **Bright Angel Trail** to the South Rim. Reward yourself with a hearty dinner at **El Tovar**, and spend four or five nights taking in South Rim hikes, overlooks, museums and historic buildings. Walk the **Rim Trail**, take a bus tour of **Desert View Drive**, and day-hike the **Hermit Trail**, **South Kaibab Trail** and **Grandview Trail** before catching a shuttle back to the North Rim.



1/2 DAY

South Rim in an Afternoon

A full half-day includes lunch at an historic lodge, a rimside stroll and a quiet sunset.

Start with views, museums and historic buildings in **Grand Canyon Village Historic District**. Admire the classic park architecture of **El Tovar** over lunch in the dining room, check out American Indian art at **Hopi House** and stroll west along the Rim Trail. Stop at the History Room in Bright Angel Lodge, the Lookout Studio and Kolb Studio before descending far enough down the Bright Angel Trail to marvel at the canyon's scale from the first tunnel, below the rim.

Catch a Hermit Rd shuttle to **Powell Point**, walk the rim to **Hopi Point** and **Mohave Point**, hop a shuttle to **Hermits Rest** and sit quietly in the picnic area with a snack before heading back to the village. Then stroll east along the rim, pausing at the installations along the Trail of Time and visiting the **Yavapai Geology Museum**, then hop a shuttle to the **Visitor Center Complex**. Grab a sandwich to go at Bright Angel Bicycles & Cafe, hop on a shuttle to **Yaki Point**, wander away from the parking lot and find a spot from which to enjoy the evening light or sunset.

1 DAY

South Rim in a Day

In one full day, you can take in the highlights of the South Rim, including museums, hikes, overlooks and a ranger talk.

Arrive at the park before breakfast – park at **Grand Canyon Visitor Center Complex**, grab a breakfast burrito and a snack for your pack at Bright Angel Bicycles and catch a shuttle to the head of the South Kaibab Trail for a 1.5 mile hike down the **South Kaibab** to Cedar Ridge. Remember to bring plenty of water. Shuttle to **Yavapai Geology Museum**, and walk west along the Rim Trail through the Trail of Time. Relax over lunch at **El Tovar** and pop into museums in **Grand Canyon Village Historic District**. Fill up your water bottles, and take an afternoon stroll along the Rim Trail to overlooks along Hermit Rd, hopping on the shuttle whenever you get tired. At **Hermits Rest**, pause for a moment to relax in the silence of the Hermit Trail before taking a shuttle back to the village to connect with a village shuttle to your car. Take Desert View Drive east to exit the park at the **East End Entrance**, stopping at scenic overlooks including **Shoshone Point** and **Desert View Watchtower**.



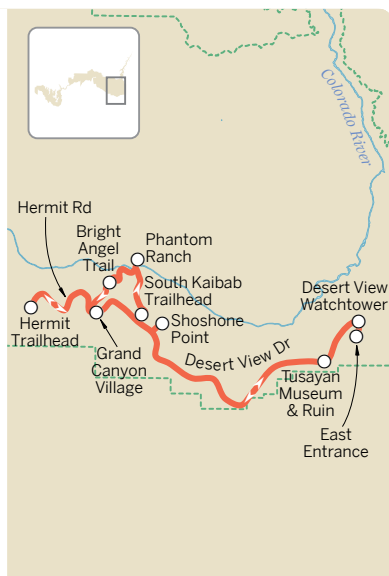
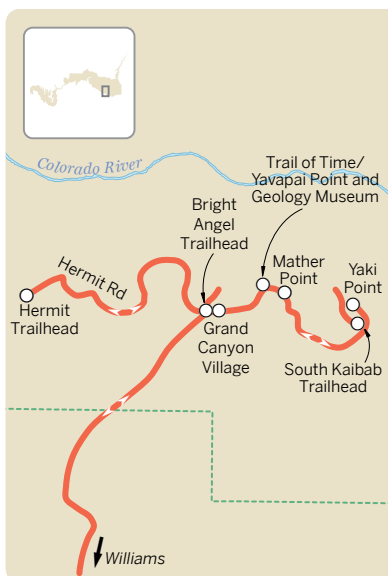
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Above: Views from Yaki Point (p79)

Left: Mather Point (p81)

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DAYS

South Rim in Three Days

Three days without a car allows a leisurely pace.

Catch the Wild West shoot-out and board the **Grand Canyon Railway** train in Williams. Upon arrival at **Grand Canyon Village**, check into a cozy Bright Angel Lodge cabin or a room at El Tovar, both just steps from the canyon edge. Meander through the village, stopping at historic buildings and museums, stroll the **Trail of Time to Yavapai Point and Geology Museum**, continue on the Rim Trail to **Mather Point**. Rent a bike and ride along the rim to the trailhead of the **South Kaibab Trail** and **Yaki Point**, and enjoy dinner at **El Tovar**.

The next day, wake up early and head down **Bright Angel Trail**. Hike and shuttle overlook-to-overlook along Hermit Rd, descend into the canyon just a bit on the **Hermit Trail** and shuttle back to the village. Sip a cocktail as you wait for a table at the **Arizona Room**, and attend an evening ranger talk. On your final day, hike the South Kaibab Trail to **Cedar Ridge** for a picnic lunch, and catch the 3:30pm train back to Williams.

1
WEEK

South Rim in One Week

This trip requires a car and advanced planning for overnight mule trips and accommodation at Phantom Ranch.

Enter Grand Canyon at the **East Entrance**, climb the spiral staircase for spectacular views at **Desert View Watchtower**, and explore overlooks along **Desert View Dr**. Learn about the canyon's human history at **Tusayan Museum & Ruin**, before picnicking at **Shoshone Point**. Spend a few nights at a Grand Canyon Village lodge or campground to enjoy South Rim attractions and activities. Check out Mary Colter architecture and museums in **Grand Canyon Village Historic District**, walk the Rim Trail to the **South Kaibab Trailhead**, and attend a few ranger walks and evening programs.

Catch the pre-dawn Hikers' Express Shuttle to the South Kaibab Trailhead, and hike (or take a mule ride) down the **South Kaibab to Phantom Ranch**; spend a night or two, and then hike out on **Bright Angel**. If you have camping gear, you can camp at Bright Angel Campground. On your last full day, walk or bike to overlooks along **Hermit Rd** and **Hermit Trail**, and catch a sunset from the canyon edge.



1 DAY

North Rim in a Day

For a day at the North Rim, you'll want to spend two nights at **Grand Canyon Lodge** or the **North Rim Campground**.

Wake up with the sun and hike (or ride a mule) into the canyon on the **North Kaibab Trail**. Pause at Coconino Overlook and relax at Redwall Bridge, 2.6 miles from the rim, before tackling the haul back out of the canyon in time for lunch. Take your tray from Deli in the Pines to the lodge's sun porch and kick back in the Adirondack chairs, soaking in the view. Once you've refueled, head out to Cape Royal Rd. Pull over for a rim-side stroll at **Roosevelt Point** and a scramble to **Cliff Springs Trail**; on the way check out ancient Puebloan ruins at **Walhalla Glades** and, at the road's end, walk out to Angel's Window and **Cape Royal**. On the drive back, detour a few miles to **Point Imperial** before returning to the lodge. Grab a beer from the Rough Rider Saloon, amble out to **Bright Angel Point** and watch the sun set over the canyon. After dinner at the lodge, take in an evening ranger talk and collapse into bed.



4 DAYS

North Rim in Four Days

Grand Canyon's North Rim transports even the most wearied spirits from harried lives of emails and deadlines into a slower time. With four days you can settle into a slow-paced groove that returns folks to the real world feeling just a little bit less weary and a little more inspired.

On the North Rim, it's easy to find a quiet place to be alone with the canyon. Plan ahead for a Western Cabin at **Grand Canyon Lodge**. Enjoy one day taking in sights along Cape Royal Rd to **Cape Royal** and driving to **Point Imperial**; another hiking through meadow and woods along **Widforss Trail** to **Widforss Point**; a third day hiking or riding a mule down the **North Kaibab Trail**; and a fourth hiking **Cliff Springs** and **Cape Final** trails. Spend an evening walking the **Transept Trail**, perhaps catching the sunset over the side canyon; have a dinner or two in the lodge. Pepper in ranger talks on stargazing and condors, long stretches reading on the lodge's rim-side sun porch and picnic lunches among the aspen, and you'll have experienced some of the best the Grand Canyon has to offer.

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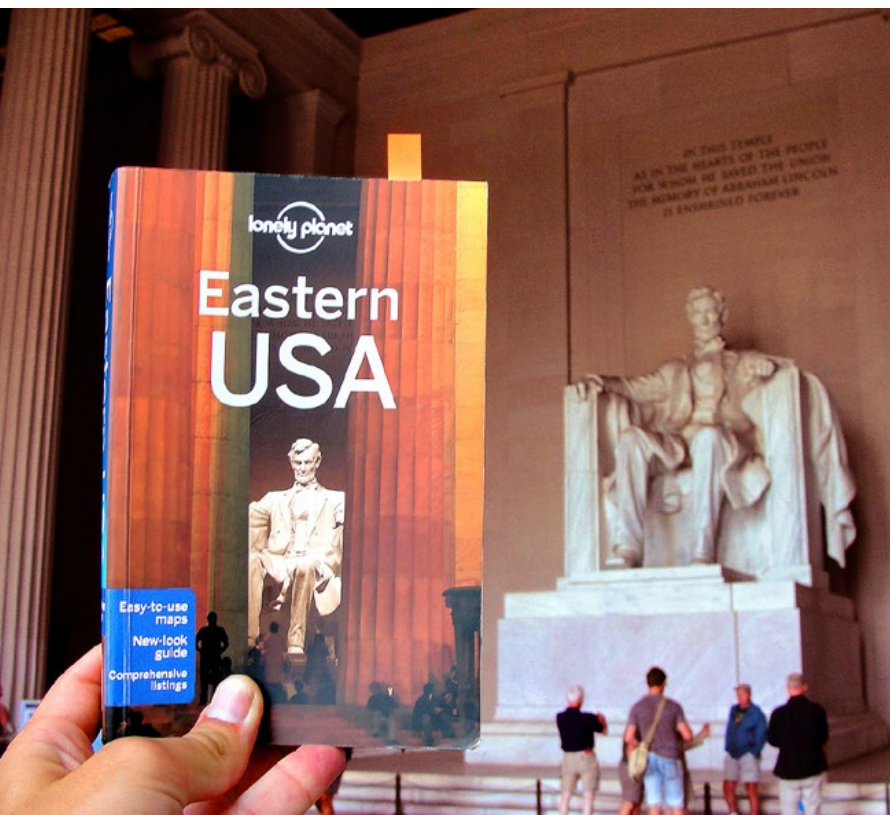
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- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkeling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping
- Hut/Shelter

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- BART station
- Border crossing
- Boston T station
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro/Muni station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Subway/SkyTrain station
- Taxi
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Underground station
- Other Transport

Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

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