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The oldest continuously standing structure on the South Rim. It is part of the Bright Angel Lodge and now a two-room suite.

Verkamp’s Visitor Center
Verkamp’s opened in 1906 as a curios and souvenir shop. It is currently a pioneer history museum and Grand Canyon Association store.

Kolb Studio
Brothers Kolb built their home and studio teetering on the rim in 1904. It now offers art exhibits, a bookstore, Native American artifacts, and an auditorium.

Lookout Studio
Blending with its environment, Lookout Studio’s multi-level porches give visitors breathtaking views right on the canyon’s edge. Mary Colter designed it and it opened in 1914.

Grand Canyon Railway
Train Depot

Kolb Studio
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HISTORIC VILLAGE ROUTE
(Blue on Main Map)
• 50-minutes round trip
•tram car service runs as a direct walk from some stops
•Grand Canyon Village Core
•Buses run every
• 10 minutes 2-3 am
• 15 minutes 5-8 am
• 10 minutes 8-10 am
• 30 minutes 2-3 pm
• 10 minutes 3-10 pm
• 30 minutes 8-10 pm

SHUTTLE BUS FAQ
1. Are the shuttle buses free? Yes, park entrance fees include shuttle bus transportation.
2. How do I check out? Boarding is first-come, first-served, and shuttle stops drop passengers at convenient viewpoints.
3. Can I park near the shuttle bus stops? Please do not enter shuttle bus stops.
4. Do the shuttle buses pick up passengers at hotels? The shuttle does not pick up at hotels.
5. Are shuttle buses equipped to accommodate passengers in wheelchairs? No.

SHUTTLE BUS ROUTE
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You haven't seen the Historic Village, you haven't experienced Grand Canyon.
Welcome To
GRAND CANYON
HISTORIC VILLAGE at SOUTH RIM

Whether you come for the day or for the week, you’ll find more than enough to fill your hours and free your mind. Stunning panoramas. Rejuvenating nature walks. Native American artistry. Unique shopping. The Grand Canyon Historic Village. Casual and fine dining. All amid the splendor of one of the natural wonders of the world.

The Historic Village is an easy, short ride from the Grand Canyon Visitor Center on the free shuttle system or by car. Once you arrive, begin your adventure at El Tovar — the center of the Historic Village. Then stroll the Rim Trail and experience the grandeur and natural beauty of the canyon up close. As you make your way through this picturesque village, step back in time and wander among the preserved, original buildings dating back to the early 1900s. Daily ranger programs help you discover 1.7 billion years of history embedded in the canyon walls.

There’s so much to see and experience. It’s all waiting for you at the Historic Village at South Rim, and it’s open year-round.
El Tovar (1905)

Begin your walking tour at the centerpiece of the Historic Village — the historic El Tovar. Step inside the hotel to marvel at the dark-stained timbers and walls adorned with moose, deer and buffalo heads, as well as large paintings of Grand Canyon. Designed by architect Charles Whittlesey and completed on January 14, 1905 at a cost of $250,000, it borrows styles from Swiss chalets and Norwegian villas. A must see and a true Historic Village gem.
Take a one to two minute walk northeast from El Tovar to reach Hopi House for an experience in architectural contrasts. Famed architect Mary Colter, debuted Hopi House on New Year’s day in 1905. Colter modeled the red sandstone, multi-story gift shop and cultural center after the buildings at an ancient village on the nearby Hopi Indian Reservation. Today, the building is still a gift shop and a purveyor of American Indian art and jewelry.

Located about 500 feet (150 meters) east of Hopi House, Verkamp’s Curio’s began in a tent in 1898. In 1905 the store was built and owned by the Verkamp family for more than 100 years. Then in 2008, the business was purchase by the National Park Service and converted the shop into a visitor center, pioneer history museum, and Grand Canyon Association store. The interior maintains its original charm and beauty featuring its well-worn fireplace, creaky hardwood floors and dark-paneled wood walls of the original structure.

The five to ten minute walk along the paved Rim Trail from Verkamp’s Visitor center to Bright Angel Lodge offers a chance to take in views of Grand Canyon. Built in 1935 by the Fred Harvey Company to provide moderately priced accommodations, Bright Angel Lodge stands as another Mary Colter masterpiece. Walk in and spend time in the lobby to examine the craggy fireplace and notice the American Indian iconography adorning the doors and panels. A second fireplace, in the History Room, features Colter’s ten-foot high geologic representation of the Grand Canyon rock layers. This room once served as a lounge for long-ago visitors; today it houses the Fred Harvey Museum.

The Buckey O’Neill Cabin is significant for its first occupant and for being the oldest continuously standing structure on the South Rim. The cabin today is part of Bright Angel Lodge, functioning as a two-room suite for guests. It stands as a reminder of an important figure in Grand Canyon history.

Just west of the Buckey O’Neill Cabin is Lookout Studio, also designed by Mary Colter. Built of Kaibab Formation limestone, it blends with its environment on the edge of Grand Canyon. The uneven roof line adds to the effect of the studio appearing as if it rose from the Earth. Like Hopi House, Lookout Studio was designed to imitate the stone dwellings of the ancestral Puebloan tribes of the Southwest. The canyon side of lookout Studio features multi-level platforms from which visitors can look out at the canyon, watch mule riders and hikers laboring on the trails, and spot endangered California condors soaring on thermals or perched on the rocky ledges below. Inside, a rocky fireplace contributes to an inviting atmosphere. A must see Grand Canyon experience.

Few buildings demonstrate the quirky personality traits of their original residents like Kolb Studio. Follow the Rim Trail another few hundred feet (about 75 meters) to reach the multi-roomed, multi-storied building. Brothers Ellsworth and Emory Kolb arrived at Grand Canyon in 1902. In 1904, they went to work building their home and studio near the head of the Bright Angel Trail. The brothers became famous for their photographs of Grand Canyon visitors on mule rides, as well as for their explorations of Grand Canyon and the Colorado River.

Pass through the main waiting area of the Grand Canyon Railway Depot and capture a sense of early tourism at Grand Canyon.
A TASTE OF GRAND CANYON

Grand Canyon National Park Lodges offers every choice in dining from family style to the casually elegant El Tovar Dining Room.

El Tovar Dining Room and Lounge Gourmet dining in an atmosphere of historic and casual elegance describes this world-class dining experience. Located in the historic El Tovar, this celebrated and majestic Dining Room is constructed of native stone and Oregon pine. The murals on the walls reflect the customs of four Native American Tribes. The ambience is rustic, but classic and traditional. You can imagine the countless number of intriguing characters that have dined here in the past. Guests such as Teddy Roosevelt, President Bill Clinton and Sir Paul McCartney have dined and shared stories within these walls. The menu is traditional, integrating both international and local Southwest influences. The El Tovar Dining Room is considered the premier dining establishment at Grand Canyon and is recognized internationally. El Tovar Dining Room & Lounge are open year-round.

Bright Angel Restaurant The Bright Angel Restaurant is a family casual restaurant featuring healthy diner-style classics. The setting characterizes the nostalgic and trend setting culinary facets of the Fred Harvey era. First-come, first-served. Reservations are not available. Dress code is casual.

Bright Angel Fountain Visitors hungry for a light snack will find exactly what they need at the Bright Angel Fountain, located right on the rim of the canyon just a short distance from the Bright Angel Trailhead. Choose from a wide selection of hand-scooped ice cream, wrapped sandwiches, hot dogs, pastries or fresh fruit plus a variety of refreshing beverages. All items are served to go. Hours of Operation: Open seasonally.

Bright Angel Bar The Bright Angel Bar is a cozy little western hide-away located in Bright Angel Lodge. Stop in after a hike to cool down and fuel up, with a cold beer and order of wings. The décor highlights historic murals and native scenes.

Canyon Coffee House Located in the Bright Angel Bar, the Canyon Coffee House provides a morning alternative to a hearty sit-down breakfast. So for those on the go, stop in and enjoy a organic coffee, espresso or cappuccino and light breakfast offerings.

Maswik Food Court Maswik is the perfect dining option for families and/or groups with varying pallets and hunger levels. One of our most popular Grand Canyon restaurants, the Maswik Food Court is ready to satisfy any appetite. Located near the rim of the canyon in Maswik Lodge, it’s a great place to stop for a quick bite before heading down the trail. Diners will find four individual food stations including a wide variety of breakfast selections, traditional home-style lunch and dinner entrées, grilled burgers, hot sandwiches and deli sandwiches. Families will love our affordable menu selections and hikers will appreciate the option of several grab-and-go items.

Maswik Pizza Pub Can’t live without your pizza…this is the place to go. The Pizza Pub prepares freshly baked pizzas and salads in a casual fun atmosphere. It is the perfect place to relax and enjoy a cold beer or soft drink while planning your next canyon adventure.

Hermits Rest is a welcome resting spot for weary hikers, travelers and history enthusiasts. It is a place where you can find a great snack, great staff and even a seat by the enormous alcove stone fireplace. Here you will find many delicious snack items, including, sandwiches, chips, ice cream, and hot chocolate.
SHOP HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Great shopping for unique gifts and beautiful Native American artistry is all within the Historic Village. Browse the shops of El Tovar, Bright Angel Lodge and Maswik Lodge as well as the shops featured below.

Hopi House The Hopi House was designed by renowned architect Mary Colter and opened in 1905. A visit to Hopi House combines retail shopping with museum quality artifact viewing. Here you will find a large selection of native arts and crafts available for purchase. The second-floor gallery, which reopened to the public in 1995, offers a variety of museum-quality items. Hopi House is located next to El Tovar on the Canyon rim. It is open year-round. Hours vary seasonally.

Lookout Studio Lookout Studio was designed in 1914 by Mary Colter as a gift shop and lookout point for the Fred Harvey Company. It is perched on the very edge of the rim, providing spectacular views. It blends exceptionally well with its natural setting. There are two small outdoor over-looks that are open in good weather. It is located a short walk west of historic Bright Angel Lodge. Open year-round. Hours vary seasonally.

ADDITIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Desert View Watchtower Modeled after ancient ancestral Puebloan watchtowers found in the Four Corners region, the Watchtower is a unique example of Mary Colter’s design style. This seventy-foot tower is the highest point on the South Rim and offers stunning 360-degree views of the Painted Desert, the San Francisco Peaks, the Vermilion Cliffs, and beyond. You can climb the stairs all the way to enjoy these spectacular views. The gift shop sells local Native American handicrafts. The Watchtower is located at the eastern end of the Grand Canyon South Rim, approximately 26 miles from Grand Canyon Village. Open year-round. Hours vary seasonally.

Hermits Rest This National Historic Landmark is yet another extraordinary examples of Grand Canyon architecture designed by Mary Colter. Constructed in 1914 for the convenience and comfort of the traveler at Grand Canyon, Hermits Rest offers a far-reaching and interesting view of the canyon. The main structure contains a snack bar and gift shop featuring traditional gifts, park souvenirs and Native American handicrafts. Hermits Rest is located at the western end of the Hermits Rest Tour, a unique building of native stone created by Mary Colter in 1914. This tour returns via the same route.

The Desert View Tour covers some 52 miles in 3.75 hours. This tour focuses on the natural beauty of the East Rim, on Arizona highway 64. From here you can see the Colorado River as it emerges from the depths of the inner gorge. You can even see many of its world class white water rapids. This tour stops at various spectacular viewpoints along the East Rim Drive. There will be plenty of time at viewpoints to take photos and enjoy the amazing view.

The highlight of the tour is the stop at Desert View, an outpost some 25 miles from Grand Canyon Village. Here, you will find the Watchtower, a re-creation of the unusual towers built by the ancient native peoples of the Southwest. The view from atop the Watchtower is nothing short of breathtaking.

Sunrise Tour Viewing a Grand Canyon Sunrise is both peaceful and exhilarating. It combines the quiet of the morning with the brilliant change in colors. Enjoy this spectacular time of day as the sun rises over the ramparts of the Palisades of the Desert. It’s an inspirational way to begin a day of activities and to share this natural wonder with people from all over the world.

Sunset Tour Grand Canyon sunsets are famous around the world and should not be missed. Enjoy this spectacular time of day as the sun sets quietly in the west. The color pallet can be exceptional and very inspirational. No two sunsets are the same. The opportunity to view a Grand Canyon sunset will leave you with lasting memories for a lifetime.
Combination Tour Enjoy the breathtaking Desert View tour along with any rim tour (Hermit's Rest, Sunset or Sunrise) at a special price combination. These tours can be taken in any order or even on different days to best suit your plans while staying at Grand Canyon.

Railway Express Tour Step back in history and ride a vintage train between Williams, Arizona and Grand Canyon! The Railway Express tour is a morning departure from Grand Canyon. The tour begins with a sixty minute van ride to the Williams Train Depot where you will start your day by watching an Arizona gunfight. You will then board the train for a trip back to the canyon, complete with strolling musicians and cowboys to entertain you. This tour is for the true “train enthusiast”. It is an authentic Wild West adventure. The train travels across wide open Arizona landscape. Keep in mind the trip does not offer canyon views. 1950’s era diesel locomotives power the train year-round and steam departures are also offered.

Mule Rides For the more adventurous visitor, looking to create a true lifetime memory, take a mule ride down into Grand Canyon or perhaps along the rim. We offer two guided rides using a time-honored method of canyon transportation: the sure-footed mule.

Horses may be iconic to the American West, but the equine of choice at Grand Canyon has long been its hybrid relative, the mule. These animals combine the sure-footedness of a burro with the larger size and strength of a horse, and have been carrying canyon visitors since the late 1800’s. More than 600,000 people have taken Grand Canyon mule rides since they were first offered in 1887.

There is no Grand Canyon adventure more rewarding or more unique than a mule ride. The overnight rides go deep into the canyon, staying overnight at Phantom Ranch (one or two nights). If you think the view from the rim takes your breath away, wait until you experience Grand Canyon from within. If you only have a short time to visit the South Rim, but are still longing for adventure you can take the Canyon Vistas Rim Ride. While it doesn’t take you into the canyon the views along the way are stunning.

Canyon Vistas Mule Ride The Canyon Vistas Ride is a four-mile, two-hour mule ride that travels directly along the East Rim of the canyon. The entire adventure to include travel time to and from the barn is 3 hours. The Mule Wranglers that lead the trip will stop along the trail to provide interpretive information about the geologic formations, cultural history, the area’s native people, the surrounding forest and more. Water and water bottles are included. Rain jackets are provided.

Reservations: Mule rides may be reserved by calling 1-303-297-2757 or toll-free within the United States at 1-888-297-2757.

Overnight Rides to Phantom Ranch This remarkable adventure begins at the stone corral adjacent to the historic Bright Angel Lodge. Here our Livery Manager will prepare you for the ride by reviewing the safety requirements and provide you with information about the trail and Grand Canyon. The descent down the Bright Angel Trail is 10.5 miles and will take approximately 5 ½ hours and there are rests along the way. You will enjoy lunch at Indian Garden, and then proceed along the Inner Gorge, across the Colorado River on the Suspension Bridge, and up Bright Angel Canyon on the north side of the river to Phantom Ranch. Overnight mule rides stay the night at Phantom Ranch, a rustic historic oasis nestled deep in the canyon. Each cabin is furnished with bunk beds, sink, toilet, bedding, soap, and hand towels. Showers and bath towels are included.

On the evening you arrive you will enjoy a hearty meal served family style in the Phantom Ranch Canteen. After breakfast the morning of your departure, you return via the South Kaibab Trail. The ride back up is about 7.8 miles (5 hours). Upon your return to the rim you will be met by a driver who will bring you and your party back to the Bright Angel Lodge.

Rider Qualifications: (These apply to all mule ride activities)
All skill-levels of riders are welcome
Riders must be in good physical condition
Phantom Ranch: Riders must weigh less than 200 pounds, fully dressed
Canyon Vistas: Riders must weigh less than 225 pounds, fully dressed
Riders must be at least 4 feet, 7 inches tall
Each rider must be able to speak and understand fluent English
Long sleeve shirts, long pants, hats and close-toed shoes are required
Riders should not be afraid of heights or large animals
Riders cannot be pregnant
Grand Canyon has been one of the world’s premier destinations for more than a century. Grand Canyon National Park Lodges — the primary operator of in-park lodging at the South Rim — manages six distinctively different hotel properties.

Many of the structures at the canyon have become recognized for their historical significance. From El Tovar, long considered the crown jewel of Grand Canyon hotels, to Phantom Ranch, the only lodging on the floor of the canyon, you’ll find accommodations to help you get the most out of your visit to Grand Canyon.

**El Tovar** This celebrated Historic Hotel located directly on the rim of Grand Canyon first opened its doors in 1905. The hotel was designed by Charles Whittlesey, Chief Architect for the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway. The Chicago architect envisioned the hotel as a cross between a Swiss chalet and a Norwegian Villa. This was done in an effort to appeal to the tastes of the elite from that era, who at the time considered European culture the epitome of refinement. El Tovar was one of a chain of hotels and restaurants owned and operated by the Fred Harvey Company in conjunction with the Santa Fe Railway. The hotel was built from local limestone and Oregon pine. It cost $250,000 to build, and many considered it the most elegant hotel west of the Mississippi River. In 1987 the Hotel was designated a National Historic Landmark. In the past, the hotel has hosted such luminaries as Theodore Roosevelt, Albert Einstein, Western author Zane Grey, President Bill Clinton, Sir Paul McCartney and countless others.

**Accommodations at El Tovar** El Tovar has 78 rooms many of which are suites. Due to the historic nature of the hotel no two rooms are alike, which gives the hotel distinctive charm. There are 12 hotel suites, each one with a unique name, identity and decor. For example the Zane Grey Suite with sitting room and balcony, appointed with unique wall art specific to the author.

**Bright Angel Lodge** Bright Angel Lodge, designed in 1935 by famed Southwest architect Mary Colter has a natural rustic character, and is a Registered National Historic Landmark. This iconic lodge and its surrounding cabins are rich with cultural history. Over the years it has gone through many transformations – originally a hotel, then a camp and finally a lodge. Under the direction of the Santa Fe Railroad, Mary Colter was tasked to design a fresh look for Bright Angel Lodge in an effort to provide more moderately priced lodging in contrast to El Tovar “up the hill.” Colter drew inspirations from many local sources in her architecture.

Today, Bright Angel Lodge and surrounding cabins serves as an iconic remembrance of its colorful past. Located at the top of the Bright Angel Trail the facility sees visitors from all around the world. Bright Angel Lodge has a family-style restaurant. It is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Another is the Arizona Room with the flavors of Arizona and the Southwest. Open seasonally. There is also a gift shop and old style bar.

**Kachina/Thunderbird Lodges** Kachina and Thunderbird lodges sit directly on the rim of Grand Canyon. For guests seeking a more contemporary lodging option, Kachina or Thunderbird lodge is a great choice. The guest rooms have a comfortable modern ambiance and are all similar in size and amenities. The lodge rooms are designated canyon-side and street-side relating to the view. Both lodges are walking distance to restaurants, gifts shops, Kolb Studio, Verkamp’s Visitor Center, and the Bright Angel Trail.

**Maswik Lodge** The Maswik Lodge building and adjacent hotel rooms are contemporary in style, built in the 1960’s and 1980’s. The area however is rich cultural history. The original “Motor Lodge” was constructed in 1927 by Fred Harvey Company and the Santa Fe Railroad. Traveling by automobile to the parks was quickly becoming fashionable. Rather than arriving by train, people could journey in their own automobile. This is how the term Motor-Lodge originated.

Maswik Lodge today is a 278-room lodging complex nestled within several acres of Ponderosa pine forest. It is located just a short walk or quarter-mile from the canyon’s edge. The complex consists of a main lodge building that houses the Registration Desk, Gift Shop, Maswik Food Court and Pizza Pub.
**Phantom Ranch**

Phantom Ranch is a historic oasis nestled at the bottom of Grand Canyon. It is on the north side of the Colorado River tucked in beside Bright Angel Creek. Phantom is the only lodging below the canyon rim. The Ranch can only be reached by mule, by foot or by rafting the Colorado River.

In the 1920’s, the National Park Service selected the Fred Harvey Company to build a tourist facility within the canyon. Mary Colter was commissioned to draw up the plans. She produced sketches for a series of cabins. Everyone was pleased and announced they would name it Roosevelt’s Chalets. Upon which she snatched up her work and declared, “Not if you are going to be using my work”. A consummate perfectionist, she had already chosen the name: Phantom Ranch. The rustic cabins and main lodge are built of wood and native stone blending with the natural beauty of the setting.

Overnight accommodations at Phantom Ranch consist of dormitory spaces and cabins. Cabins and dormitories are heated in winter and cooled during the summer months.

**Phantom Ranch Canteen**

Dining at the Canteen is absolutely one of the most unique and memorable culinary experiences you will ever have. That is if you can get there. The Phantom Ranch Canteen is located at the bottom of Grand Canyon. To get there you can hike down the Bright Angel Trail 9.6 miles or down the Kaibab Trail 7.8 miles. Don’t forget you will have to hike out.

The Phantom Ranch Canteen is open to the public during limited hours. During this time a small variety of hiker items including snacks, beverages, stamps, T-shirts, postcards, headlamps and first-aid supplies are available for sale. Open all year.

**Meal Reservations**

Breakfast and Dinner meals MUST be reserved well in advance of your trail descent. It is highly recommended that you secure your meal reservations at the same time as your overnight accommodations at Phantom Ranch. There are a limited number of meals available at each seating. Also meals are not exclusively reserved by Phantom Ranch guests. Sack lunches are available.

**Post Office**

Phantom Ranch even has its own post office. So don’t forget to mail postcards to family and friends from the bottom of Grand Canyon that say ”Mailed by mule”!

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**Things to Do**

**Activities Overview**

At any time of year, you’ll find plenty of activities at Grand Canyon. Here are just a few suggestions to include on your itinerary: bicycling, bird watching and wildlife viewing, bus/motorcoach tours, camping and backpacking, family/children’s programs, hiking (100+ miles of premier hiking trails), historical sites, interpretive programs: ranger-led walks and talks, museums and galleries, mule rides and trips, nature walks, gifts and souvenirs, stargazing (Grand Canyon National Park is famous for its night skies!), train rides on Grand Canyon Railway, visitor centers.

**Bicycling**

If you plan to bring a bicycle, be aware that in Arizona bicycles are subject to the same traffic rules as automobiles. A new bicycling / walking path, the Greenway, connects the historic village with the Visitor Center. Bicycle rentals, supplied by Bright Angel Bicycles, are available at the Visitor Center.

**Camping & Backpacking**

Please note that we are not a reservation resource for camping in the park. To reserve a campsite, please call 1-877-444-6777 or make a campsite reservation online at www.recreation.gov.

**Nature, Interpretive and Educational Programs**

National Park Service rangers offer a wide variety of interpretive programs throughout the year on the South Rim and seasonally on the North Rim. Programs include ranger talks and Junior Ranger programs at the Visitor Center. All ranger programs are free and open to the public.

**Train Rides on the Grand Canyon Railway**

Long before there were Grand Canyon helicopter, air and white water rafting tours there was the Grand Canyon Railway.

The Railway brought interested travelers from across the globe to stand on the rim, gaze upon the canyon and ponder the feeling that touches all of humanity in a similar manner.

The Grand Canyon Railway was the lifeline to Grand Canyon National Park in the early 20th century. It was the railroad and Fred Harvey that commissioned and built most of the historic structures that still exist at Grand Canyon.

The historic train almost faded into history itself when passenger service to Grand Canyon National Park stopped in 1968, as train travel gave way to the popularity of automobile travel. But like any legend, it refused
to die. As fate would have it, the Grand Canyon Railway was reborn in 1989 when entrepreneurs brought Grand Canyon’s train back to life. Today, the Grand Canyon Railway is owned and operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts and carries about 200,000 people to Grand Canyon National Park each year.

Plan a complete Grand Canyon vacation by beginning your trip with an historic train ride from Williams, Arizona to Grand Canyon. Ask about the overnight package staying at the Maswik Lodge. For more information contact any lodge transportation desk within the park or the Grand Canyon Railway at 1-800-THE-TRAIN or visit THETRAIN.COM.

Grand Canyon Adventure Planners We suggest ordering a Grand Canyon Adventure Planner at our online gift shop, a must for anybody who is looking forward to an excellent Grand Canyon adventure. We’re confident that by using the resources included in this planner your visit to one of the world’s most famous national parks promises countless and priceless memories.

Museums, Galleries and Other Must-see Sights Grand Canyon National Park is home to a number of historical buildings along the South Rim. Today, these buildings house museums, galleries, gift shops and information centers. We encourage you to take the time to visit them.

Tusayan Museum Tusayan Museum features exhibits of Pueblo Indian life at Grand Canyon 800 years ago. See original artifacts, including split twig figurines and ancestral Puebloan pottery. The museum is located 3 miles west of Desert View and 22 miles east of Grand Canyon Village on Desert View Drive. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Yavapai Geology Museum The museum received a major renovation and is located 5 miles north of the park’s south entrance, and just a short walk or free shuttle ride from Grand Canyon Village. It offers a spectacular panorama of the canyon through large windows. Exhibits help park visitors to see and understand the complex geologic story of the area. Yavapai Geology Museum is open year-round; hours vary seasonally.

Trail of Time The Trail of Time is an interpretive walking timeline that focuses on Grand Canyon vistas and rocks and invites visitors to ponder, explore, and understand the magnitude of geologic time and the stories encoded by Grand Canyon rock layers and landscapes.

Mule Rides For the more adventurous visitor, looking to create a true lifetime memory, why not take a mule ride down into Grand Canyon or perhaps along the rim. We offer two guided rides using a time-honored method of canyon transportation: the sure-footed mule. For Mule Ride details, see our Tours section on page 10.

Bank & ATM Chase Bank and 24-hour ATM are located at Market Plaza (adjacent to Yavapai Lodge). Open year-round. Call 928-638-2437. An ATM is available in the Maswik Lodge lobby.

Fuel Gasoline and diesel are available at the Desert View Service Station. It is located at the East Entrance at Desert View, 26 miles east of Grand Canyon Village on Hwy. 64. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available in the community of Tusayan just outside of the Park via the Texaco Gas Station/ Express Mini Mart (928) 638-2608.

Garage Services Mechanical services for your car, truck, RV, etc. may be obtained at the Xanterra Garage, located on the main park loop road, near the Grand Canyon Railway Depot, just east of the Xanterra General Office Building.

The Xanterra Garage provides basic mechanical repairs such as tires, belts, batteries, fuses, hoses etc. Tow Service is provided to Williams or Flagstaff for more advanced repairs. Call our central switchboard at 928-638-2631.

Grand Canyon Association — (GCA) The GCA is the official non-profit partner of Grand Canyon National Park, raising private funds to benefit the park. For more information or to offer a donation go to gcaassociation@grandcanyon.org. Or call 800-858-2808, you can also talk with a Front Desk Agent at any of the park lodges.

General Store — Canyon Village Market Located at Market Plaza, the General Store carries a full line of groceries as well as hiking equipment and gift items. Call 928-638-2262.
**OTHER RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

**Backcountry Information Center** If you wish to camp anywhere in the park, other than developed campgrounds on the North Rim or South Rim you must obtain a permit from the backcountry information center. It is located across the train tracks from Maswik Lodge. Or go to www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry-permit.htm

**Desert View Information Center** Discover how Grand Canyon continues to inspire a variety of people. This visitor center is located at the park’s east entrance, 26 miles from Grand Canyon Village on hwy. 64. Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., during the winter months it is open as staffing permits. Public restrooms located nearby.

**Laundry and Showers – Camper Services**
Coin-operated laundry and shower facilities are available next to Mather Campground. Hours vary seasonally.

**Lost & Found** For items lost or found in any of the hotels or restaurants call 928-638-2631. For all other lost items call 928-638-7798. Please take found items to any lodge front desk.

**Pet Kennel** Pets are allowed on South Rim trails throughout the developed areas of the park. Per the NPS pets are required to be on a leash 6’ in length or less. Pets are NOT permitted below the rim or on park buses (except for service animals). Pets are also not permitted in guestrooms in any of Grand Canyon National Park Lodges accommodations. Overnight pets must be boarded at the kennel. The kennel accepts dogs and cats only, reservations are recommended (especially for the summer months and holidays). Pets are accepted for day or overnight boarding, food is included. All dogs must have proof of current inoculation against rabies, DHLP, bordetella and parvo. All cats must have proof of current inoculation against rabies, feline leukemia and distemper combo (FDVR). The park kennel is located at the South Rim near Maswik Lodge. For reservations and more information call 928-638-2631 or 928-638-0534.

**Post Office** Located at Market Plaza (adjacent to Yavapai Lodge). The Post Office is open year-round.
Monday thru Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Call 928-638-2512.

**Taxi Service** Taxi service is available to the Grand Canyon Airport, trailheads, and other destinations. This service is provided daily, 24-hours. Call 928-638-2822 or 928-638-2631. Note: If you leave the park a park entry pass is required for re-enter.
**VISITOR CENTERS AND PARK INFORMATION**

Grand Canyon National Park is a place of remarkable beauty, peace, and scenic grandeur. Designated as a national park in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson, this park holds an important position in our American heritage and Western legacy.

The park encompasses 277 miles of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands in northern Arizona. Its lush forest of Pinyon and Ponderosa Pine and Utah Juniper interspersed with shrubby cliff rose, blackbrush and sagebrush provides the botanical backdrop for squirrels, mule deer and the silver-gray coyote, known as the Song Dog of the West. Hawks and condors soar majestically above the rim. Ravens are the most common bird observed soaring above the rim.

Open year-round, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Grand Canyon National Park South Rim offers something for everyone!

**GETTING INTO THE PARK: ENTRANCE FEES, PASSES AND PERMITS**

Grand Canyon National Park is a designated Federal Recreation Fee Area. Fees collected directly benefit Grand Canyon National Park and the National Park Service. Entrance fees are not refundable (even due to inclement weather) and may not be sold or given to another person. Visit the Grand Canyon National Park website for additional information about entrance fees: www.nps.gov/grca

**GETTING AROUND IN THE PARK: ACCESSIBILITY**

Facilities vary a great deal. To obtain a temporary parking permit for designated parking, inquire at the park entrance. Note: All in-park shuttle buses are accessible. Wheelchairs are available at Bright Angel Bike Rentals. Call 928-638-0591 or visit the Grand Canyon National Park website at www.nps.gov/grca for more information regarding accessibility in the park.

**GETTING AROUND IN THE PARK: SHUTTLE BUSES**

Free shuttle buses operate on three routes at Grand Canyon National Park: Hermits Rest Route, Kaibab Trail Route, Village Route. No tickets are required, and bus stops are clearly marked throughout the park by signs. The National Park Service offers a selection of maps, including a map of parking and shuttle bus routes in the park. Visit the Grand Canyon National Park website for additional information.

**GETTING AROUND IN THE PARK: GOING RIM TO RIM**

The Trans-Canyon Shuttle runs between the North and South rims once each day, in each direction, and the travel time is about 4-1/2 hours each way. There is a fee for this service. For more information call 928-638-2820.

**PARKING IN THE PARK**

When visiting the South Rim, park your vehicle and ride the Village shuttle bus to the Grand Canyon Visitor Center. At the Visitor Center you will find informative exhibits about Grand Canyon, a movie, and an inspiring view of the canyon is only a short stroll away.

Parking is available in lots throughout Grand Canyon Historic Village and at the Visitor Center. Please avoid parking along the roadside except where signs or lines on the road indicate that it is permissible.

The National Park Service offers a selection of maps, including a map of parking and shuttle bus routes in the park. Visit Grand Canyon National Park Service for additional information.

**PARK INFORMATION CENTERS**

The Grand Canyon Visitor Center is located near Mather Point and open daily year-round, additional open hours vary seasonally:
- Winter: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Summer: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Available facilities include restrooms, pay phone, bicycle rentals, bookstore, and shuttle bus stops. Several outdoor exhibits provide a variety of information about Grand Canyon National Park and what to do once at the park.

The Desert View Information Center is located at the park's east entrance on the South Rim. Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., except during the winter months when open as staffing permits. Orientation, park information, and books are available. Public restrooms are located nearby.

Verkamp’s Visitor Center is located within the Historic Village on the canyon rim, just east of the Hopi House is one of the oldest buildings in the park. National Park Service rangers and Grand Canyon Association staff will answer any questions you may have regarding the park and its natural and cultural resources. Hours vary seasonally; check the park newspaper for current schedule.

**PROGRAMS IN THE PARK**

National Park Service rangers offer a wide variety of interpretive programs throughout the year on the South Rim. All ranger programs are free and open to the public. Schedules and programs vary seasonally.
THINGS TO KNOW

Grand Canyon National Park Lodges is the approved concessioner for operating and maintaining all of the in-park lodging facilities at the South Rim of Grand Canyon. Reserving a room through the Xanterra central reservations office or on our website ensures that you receive the most accurate information available and never pay a booking fee.

We are committed to helping you find your ultimate Grand Canyon experience, while working to protect and preserve the park for future generations.

How To Make A Reservation

You can quickly and efficiently make a reservation or check availability online at GrandCanyonLodges.com. You can talk with one of our knowledgeable reservations agents toll free:

Central Reservations Hours of Operation
Daily: 7:00a.m. – 7:00 p.m., MST (Mountain Standard Time)
Toll-free within the U.S. 888-29-PARKS (888-297-2757)
Outside the U.S. 303-29-PARKS (303-297-2757)

Note: The reservations office is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

For same day reservations or to reach a lodge guest call the property direct: Grand Canyon South Rim switchboard operator 928-638-2631.

You may also contact us at:
Xanterra Parks & Resorts
Central Reservations
6312 South Fiddlers Green Circle, Suite 600N
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

Reservations for Phantom Ranch
We are happy to process your reservation for Phantom Ranch or add to your existing reservation through our central reservations department. Unfortunately Phantom Reservations cannot be made online due to high demand.

Toll-free within the U.S. 888-29-PARKS (888-297-2757)
Outside the U.S. 303-29-PARKS (303-297-2757)

Reservations for Grand Canyon Activities/Tours
We are happy to process your reservation or add tours to your existing reservation through our central reservations department. Unfortunately activities and tours cannot be made online.

Toll-free within the U.S. 888-29-PARKS (888-297-2757)
Outside the U.S. 303-29-PARKS (303-297-2757)

Reservations for Camping and Backpacking

The Mather and Desert View Campgrounds are operated by the National Park Service (NPS). To reserve a campsite, please call 1-877-444-6777 or make a campsite reservation online at www.recreation.gov

Permits are required for all overnight backcountry camping, with the exception of guests with reservations at Phantom Ranch. You can obtain a permit from the park’s Backcountry Information Center up to four months in advance. Please keep in mind that permits are limited.
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