



GRAND CANYON VISITOR GUIDE

There are many different Grand Canyon locations for visitors to explore, each offering a variety of activities and experiences for everyone from the casual tourist to the experienced adventurer.

Get ready for your Grand Canyon adventure with our printable guide! Here's what you'll get:

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THE SOUTH RIM

WEATHER

SUMMER

LOW 70S-MID 80S

WINTER

LOW-MID 40S

ELEVATION

7,000 ft

GRAND CANYON VILLAGE

The Grand Canyon Village contains many of the Grand Canyon's most iconic buildings and landmarks.



HOPI HOUSE

Built in 1904, Hopi House still operates as a market for local artisans.



BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE

Check out the lobby fireplace - it showcases the entire geological history of the Grand Canyon!



LOOKOUT STUDIO

Lookout Studio was built using native rocks to appear as though it blends in with the Rim.



KOLB STUDIO

Kolb Studio was one of the earliest businesses at the Grand Canyon.

TOURISM AT THE SOUTH RIM

The South Rim is owned and operated by the National Park Service. As part of the Grand Canyon National Park, the South Rim is the most highly developed region of the Grand Canyon.

SOUTH RIM SERVICES

- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Gift shops
- Museums
- Visitor centers
- Ranger demonstrations
- Shuttle buses



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SOUTH RIM

VIEWPOINTS

HERMIT'S REST ROAD (WEST)



PIMA POINT

Clear views of the Colorado River and over 40 miles of the Grand Canyon.



MOHAVE POINT

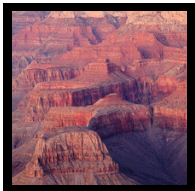
With multiple individual viewpoints, you won't have to fight for that perfect sunset shot!



HOPI POINT

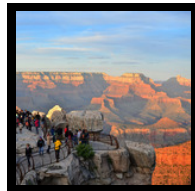
Offers wide-ranging, unobstructed views of the Grand Canyon.

DESERT VIEW DRIVE (EAST)



YAVAPAI POINT

The best place to see all the way into the Inner Canyon.



MATHER POINT

View nearly 1/4 of the Grand Canyon!



YAKI POINT

Head down the South Kaibab Trail to the famous "Ooh Aah Point".



DESERT VIEW

Boasts visibility over 100 miles on a clear day.



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THE WEST RIM

MAJOR VIEWPOINTS



SKYWALK

This open-air glass cantilevered bridge extends 70 from the edge of the Rim and offers views 4,000 feet down into the Grand Canyon.

WEATHER

SUMMER Low 90s-High 100s

WINTER High 30s-High 40s

ELEVATION

4,000 FEET



EAGLE POINT

Keep your eyes open for the eponymous eagle-shaped rock formation!



GUANO POINT

See remnants of a historical tram that once stretched 8,800 feet into a guano mine.



HUALAPAI RANCH

Experience cowboy entertainment and activities.

WEST RIM SERVICES

- VISITOR CENTER
- CABINS
- AMPHITHEATER
- ART & GIFT STORE
- MARKET
- WALKING TOURS
- FOOD SERVICES

VISITING THE WEST RIM

The Grand Canyon West region is owned and operated by the Hualapai Tribe, not operated the National Park Service. If you purchased an entry pass at the South or North Rim, it will not give you access to Grand Canyon West. You can purchase an admission package when you arrive at Grand Canyon West.



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THE SKYWALK

WHAT IS THE SKYWALK?

The Skywalk is a **U-shaped glass cantilever bridge** that extends **70 feet** out from the edge of the **West Rim**.

VISITING THE SKYWALK

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You can purchase an admission package when you arrive at Grand Canyon West. Packages range from \$45-80 for adults and about \$35 for children. Make sure you choose a package that includes the Skywalk!

No cameras or personal items - including smartphones! - are allowed on the Skywalk. Professional photographers are on hand to snap that perfect Skywalk photo!



OTHER WEST RIM VIEWPOINTS



EAGLE POINT

Keep your eyes peeled for the eponymous eagle-shaped rock formation!



GUANO POINT

See remnants of a historical tram that once stretched 8,800 feet into a guano mine.



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THE NORTH RIM

WEATHER

SUMMER

LOW 60S-MID 70S

WINTER

HIGH 30S-LOW 40S

ELEVATION

8,000 ft

MAJOR VIEWPOINTS

BRIGHT ANGEL POINT

The most popular viewpoint at the North Rim.

POINT IMPERIAL

The highest viewpoint at the North Rim, where Marble Canyon opens into the Grand Canyon.

CAPE ROYAL

Offers seemingly infinite views to the east and west. Perfect for watching the sunrise or sunset!

KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST

Visit in the autumn for stunning views of the forest as it changes color.



NORTH RIM SERVICES

- ONE LODGE
- VISITOR CENTER
- CAMPING
- RANGER PROGRAMS
- HIKING

SEASONAL CLOSURES

During the winter months, the North Rim closes due to snow. Lodging, restaurants, and shops are open May 15-November 15.

The North Rim remains open dawn till dusk for day use until November 31.



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THE EAST RIM

WEATHER

SUMMER

MID 80S-HIGH 90S

WINTER

LOW-HIGH 50S

ELEVATION

4,000 ft

MAJOR VIEWPOINTS

HORSESHOE BEND

A horseshoe shaped meander of the Colorado River, located 5 miles downstream from the Glen Canyon Dam.

THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE

With almost colorless gray walls, the Gorge is strikingly different from the rest of the Grand Canyon

ANTELOPE CANYON

Don't miss this slot canyon located on Navajo land east of Page, AZ.

CAMERON TRADING POST

A vital and historical part of the local economy.

MARBLE CANYON

Marks the beginning of the Grand Canyon, where the Colorado River and the Little Colorado River meet.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

One of the world's largest known natural bridges.



EAST RIM SERVICES

- TRADING POST
- SEASONAL CAMPING
- GENERAL STORE
- SERVICE STATION
- VISITOR CENTER
- BOOKSTORE
- SNACK BAR
- RESTROOMS



GRAND CANYON VISITOR GUIDE BEFORE YOU GO

WEATHER

	SUMMER	WINTER
SOUTH RIM	Low 70s-mid 80s	Low-mid 40s
NORTH RIM	Low 60s-mid 70s	Mid 50s-low 60s
RIVER LEVEL	Low 90s-mid 100s	High 30s-low 40s

SEASONS

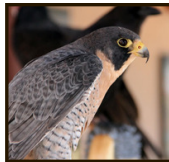
The North Rim closes every year from November to May, but the South and West Rims are open year-round.

WILDLIFE

The Grand Canyon is home to over 1,700 species of plants and animals. Keep your eyes peeled for these commonly-spotted Canyon-dwellers:



PINK
RATTLESNAKE



PEREGRINE
FALCON



ELK



RED-SPOTTED
TOAD



BIGHORN
SHEEP



CALIFORNIA
CONDOR

WILDLIFE WARNINGS

**DO NOT FEED
THE ANIMALS!**

The #1 injury sustained at the Grand Canyon are squirrel bites received while attempting to feed the squirrels on the Rim.

Feeding the animals also disrupts their feeding habits and has a powerful impact on the Canyon's delicate ecosystem.



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WHAT TO WEAR

LIGHT LAYERS

Light layers give you the most flexibility to adapt your outfit to the Canyon's weather.

In the summer, wear shorts, a t-shirt, and running shoes with a light jacket or sweater.

In the winter, opt for jeans, good shoes (or even boots – it snows at the Grand Canyon!) and a long-sleeved shirt with a jacket or sweater.

COMFORTABLE, STURDY SHOES

Terrain can be rough and unpredictable. Running shoes, sport sandals, or hiking boots are ideal. Avoid flip flops, high heels, or new shoes that you're still breaking in.

Hikers should wear a mid-weight boot with lots of ankle support.

For the Rim trail, wear a running shoe with good tread.



HAT

Some areas of the Grand Canyon, such as the West Rim, don't provide much shade. A hat with a wide brim is always essential to protecting yourself from the hot sun. If you're visiting between November and April, consider packing a warmer hat.

SUN PROTECTION

The sun shines brightly all year at the Grand Canyon, so bring sunscreen and a pair of sunglasses no matter what season you visit in.

If you're taking a guided tour, read the tour description carefully in case you need to pack or wear anything special, such as close-toed shoes or a bathing suit.



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WHAT TO PACK

- COMFORTABLE, STURDY SHOES
- LIGHT LAYERS
- HAT
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSCREEN
- WATER AND REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES
- SNACKS
- CAMERA
- SPARE BATTERIES
- MINI FIRST AID KIT
- SMALL BACKPACK
- ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



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VISITING WITH KIDS

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Kids ages 4-14 can earn their official Junior Ranger badge by completing the Ranger Badge booklet, available for free at visitor centers throughout the park.

CHECK OUT THE SKYWALK

Take a walk on the wild side! The glass Skywalk extends 70 feet out from the edge of the West Rim and offers views 4,000 feet straight down to the Canyon floor.

HIKE THE RIM TRAIL

The Rim trail is mostly paved and doesn't descend into the Canyon, so it's perfect for active families. Just remember to keep an eye on your kids – the trail isn't entirely fenced.

KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE

ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE

Don't let your kids wander off on their own or explore beyond the safety railings – many accidents occur when children and adults leave the trails and get lost or enter an unsafe area.

BRING LOTS OF SNACKS AND WATER

Save time and money by bringing along packable snacks like granola bars, apples. There are also water refill stations located throughout the park, so be sure to pack a reusable water bottle.

PACK TOYS & ACTIVITIES

Toys, books, and other activities will keep your kids occupied while you wait in line for food, shuttle buses, or ranger demonstrations.

DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS

One of the most common injuries reported at the Grand Canyon is squirrel bites sustained trying to feed the squirrels. Feeding the animals also disrupts their natural diet and encourages the wildlife to stay in busy, populated areas rather than their natural habitat.





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PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

BE AWARE OF HAZE

There's a lot of atmosphere between your camera and the Canyon, so the image on your camera's LCD screen may appear more washed out than you expected.

WATCH OUT FOR CONTROLLED BURNS

Be sure to check on any plans for controlled burns so you can avoid reduced visibility due to smoke.



BALANCE YOUR LIGHTING PROPERLY

A properly exposed Canyon shot will likely result in a white sky, so use your tripod and exposure bracketing to capture lowlights and highlights.

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE

Keep an eye on the sky for the California Condor. If you see one, consider making a quick dash to the rim so you can capture both bird and Canyon in a single shot.

CONSIDER A WINTER VISIT

Snow may make taking photos more challenging, but you may be rewarded with a rare and beautiful shot of the Canyon blanketed in snow. Plus, there are fewer visitors competing for golden photo opportunities in the winter.





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PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

MISTAKES TO AVOID



QUANTITY OVER QUALITY

The more photos you take, the less time you'll have to pause and reflect on what might make for an interesting composition. Take a few moments before deciding.



IGNORING THE FOREGROUND

Including something in the foreground, such as wildflowers, trees, rocks, or even people adds perspective and scale, helping viewers to experience the Canyon more completely.

WHAT TO PACK

TRIPOD

Tripods will prevent blurry photos. They're essential for sunrise, sunset, or night shots.

POLARIZER

This will help separate the clouds from the blue sky and reduce glare on the Canyon.

NEUTRAL DENSITY FILTER

The Canyon can appear dark next to the sky. A neutral density filter can help you properly expose your photo.

CABLE RELEASE

This will help you take multiple shots and reduce camera shake. You'll need one for sunset photos!

FLASH

You'll need fill light for proper exposure to snap photos of people with the Canyon in the background

AIR BLOWER

It gets dusty around the Canyon.