

Grand Canyon Bike

USA, Cycle over 560km from the Grand Canyon to Las Vegas



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Conquer over 560km through unforgettable landmarks

Seeing the iconic majesty of the Grand Canyon National Park first hand allows you to experience why it is one of the World's natural wonders. The perspective you gain by peering over the edge and descending below its rim will fuel you with the determination to complete this challenging bicycle ride.

Our journey begins just outside the National Park on the ancestral lands of the Native American Navajo Nation. Our route takes us over 560km (350 miles) through high desert, forested plateaus, canyon rims, historic towns and landmarks, culminating on the famous Las Vegas Strip!



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart UK to Phoenix, USA

Depart London on day flight to Phoenix. Upon arrival we will be met by our guides and transferred to our overnight hotel in Flagstaff, Arizona where we will have a briefing about the challenge ahead.

Day 2: Grand Canyon 82km/51 miles

The striking colours and undulating hills of the Navajo Nations painted desert set the scene as we make our way to higher elevations, stopping for lunch at the famous Desert View Watchtower where we see the Canyon. We parallel stunning overlooks for the remainder of our ride, ending up at our campsite in the Grand Canyon National Park.



Day 3: Grand Canyon to Williams 119km/74 miles

After a hearty American breakfast, we get back on our bikes for another tough but outstanding day. We experience the best views of the entire Grand Canyon and the Colorado River today before reaching the historical town of Williams, known as the gateway to the Grand Canyon that has Route 66 as it's main street.

Day 4: Williams to Grand Canyon Caverns 71km/44 miles

Straddle your saddle and begin peddling, today we'll ride a beautiful section of Route 66 through ranch land and high plains, keep your eyes out for prairie dogs on the look out and North Americas fastest land animal the Prong Horned Antelope, but don't try to keep up these guys can reach speeds up to 70 miles an hour!

Day 5: Grand Canyon Caverns to Kingman 105km/65 miles

We continue our route on America's "Mother Road" Route 66 - By 1970 almost all portions of the original Route 66 highway were by passed by the new high volume interstate leaving the small towns along the 66 corridor without the precious revenue created by passing traffic, today's route will take us past many of these virtual "ghost town." After approx. 40 miles we start to leave the higher elevation plateaus of Grand Canyons rim and descend into the lower elevation desert climate in Kingman.

Day 6: Kingman to Hoover Dam 116km/72 miles

From Kingman we leave the historic Route 66, and out on to the alluvial plain adjacent to the once lucrative mining claims of the White Hills and Cerbat Mountains of North-eastern Arizona. After lunch we see the mighty Colorado River and Hoover Dam (once know as Boulder Dam). Overnight at a campsite near the Hoover Dam.

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Day 7: Hoover Dam to Las Vegas

82km/51 miles

The final day of this epic cycle challenge following Lake Mead, (the largest reservoir in America, located on the Colorado River, some 24 miles from the strip in Las Vegas) on a beautiful shoreline road with a very little traffic. We join some busier roads for our final leg into Vegas and our finishing line on the strip! This evening we celebrate our achievements with a Vegas - style gala dinner!

Day 8: Departure from USA

We have the morning to take in more of the sights of Vegas, before departing from Las Vegas for a direct flight overnight to London.

Day 9: Arrive London

Challenge grade

Tough

Best time of year

March to June and September to October

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change



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