

Grand Canyon Trek

Discover some of the marvels that the Canyon has to offer



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Trek through the iconic Grand Canyon

When the first European explorers came to the edge of the Grand Canyon on their search for El Dorado in 1540, they were overwhelmed by what they found.

The visual vocabulary for a gorge a mile deep, 6 miles wide and 277 miles long was not available; distances were deceptive, the scale unimaginable.

On this stunning challenge we will descend into the Grand Canyon at Havasu Canyon, to our base camp near Havasu Falls.

We will spend another 3 days exploring this incredible landscape, crossing pools of turquoise blue water, jumping into breath-taking waterfalls, traversing massive fields of grapevines and spend our nights under the stars learning from our hosts, the Havasu 'Baaja' Native American tribe.



Detailed itinerary

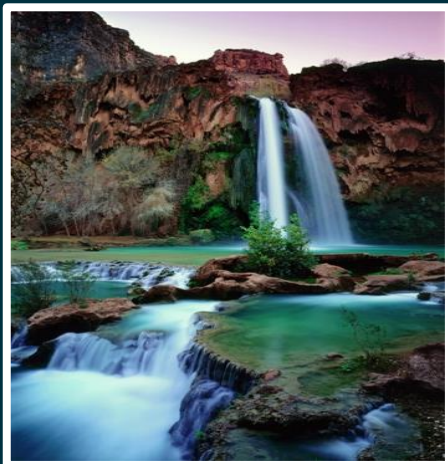
Day 1: Depart UK to Phoenix, Arizona

We depart London for our flight to Phoenix, Arizona. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel where we will meet our guides. Tonight we will have a briefing about the challenge ahead.

Day 2: Phoenix to Oak Creek (10km) 3-5 hours trekking

After an early breakfast we transfer through the Sonoran Desert to Sedona. From here we have an acclimatisation trek of about 10km along Oak Creek.

We stop for a picnic lunch before our transfers through Oak Creek Canyon to our motel on the famous Route 66.



Day 3: Oak Creek to Havasu Falls (16km) 5-7 hours trekking

We start early with a transfer to Hualapai Hilltop for the start of our trek. We join the trail at 5,400ft, following it until we reach a dry stream bed and the trail begins to level out. After a picnic lunch, we descend deeper in the labyrinth of red sandstone. At 3,200ft we continue on the cottonwood-lined paths through the Indian village into the canyon's back-country. A further 3km trek brings us past the Havasu Falls and into camp – home for the next three nights.

Day 4: Mooney Falls to Beaver Falls 12km (5-7hrs trekking)

After a quick session on techniques for the descent we will work our way down the precipitous trail, tunnels, and ladders to the base of Mooney Falls and descend further down the canyon. After a successful descent we will continue down the canyon, crossing the creek several times before we reach the top of Beaver Falls.

Day 4: cont.

Only those brave enough to jump 10 feet into a deep pool will be able to continue along this trail, but there is an alternative 'dry route' for those not wanting to take the jump! The next thrill is to climb down a series of limestone ledges to a giant, beautiful pool at the base of the main cascade of Beaver Falls. From here we have a return trek to camp, with our guides taking us off the beaten track to explore.



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Day 5: Havasu Falls and Carbonate Canyon (10km) 5-6 hours trekking

Today we will hike up Carbonate Canyon and look for fossils, explore the area, and then swim and relax at Havasu Falls. Over the past several million years, Havasu Creek has carved out a natural amphitheatre for itself 150 feet high and maybe six hundred feet wide. Carbonate Canyon holds most of the evidence of mining done here during the 1800's and early 1900's, mining calcite and lead last occurred here during WWII. With permission from Supai rangers some of these mines can still be explored today. After a delicious lunch at base camp we'll spend the afternoon hiking up to two new waterfalls for some swimming, relaxing and exploring of this the idyllic blue water paradise. We will climb around where the former Navajo Falls used to be before the floods of 2008 and swim in the new 50 ft. Falls and 35 ft. Rock Falls which both have wonderful afternoon sun exposure, perfect for a late day dip.

Tonight we will celebrate our time in the Grand Canyon with a festive meal and group reflection!

Day 6: Havasu Falls to Las Vegas (16km) 4 - 6 hours trekking

We start very early this morning, leaving camp at 5am. We trek back along the same path that brought us to the canyon floor. The trek to the rim is tough going, but reaching it brings us to the end of our challenge. We are transferred to Las Vegas for a celebratory dinner. Overnight hotel.

Day 7

We transfer back to the airport for our return flight to the UK.

Day 8

Arrive UK.

Challenge grade

Moderate-Tough

Best time of year

March, September and October

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change

