Grand Canyon Trek

Discover some of the marvels that the Canyon has to offer



The Grand Canyon Trek Conquer one of the seven wonders of the world!

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.

Join us on this stunning challenge to trek through the majestic wonders of the mighty Grand Canyon.

Our challenge starts with an acclimatisation hike through Oak Creek, in the iconic Sedona, Arizona. From here we head to our campsite on the edge of the Grand Canyon National Park.

Our Grand Canyon expedition now begins! We will trek for another 4 days, experiencing a new trail everyday, splitting into smaller groups for three of the days to conquer some of the iconic hikes of the canyon - Bright Angel Trail, South Kaibab Trail and the Grandview Trail! We finish on the Rim Trail, where we enjoy our last views of the Grand Canyon.

Each day will bring a new adventure with breath-taking views of this unforgettable landscapes. At night we will camp under the moon and stars.

We end this incredible challenge with a celebration in Vegas, the city that NEVER sleeps!



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)

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 campsite near the Grand Canyon South Rim.



Day 3: Adventure into the Grand Canyon – Bright Angel Trailhead (16-18km)

Our epic adventure into the Grand Canyon begins – we will be split into 3 groups and switch the trails each day.

Originally used by Native Americans to access the life-giving waters of Indian Gardens 3,000 feet below, the Bright Angel Trail was a hub of commerce in the early 20th century as entrepreneurs and frontiersmen discovered Grand Canyon and its many charms. We will hike the same route these hardened adventurers did. descending through 750 million years of rock layers deposited via ancient oceans, petrified mud flats, and immense sand dune deserts. Our final destination today is flexible depending on the group. Plateau Point is popular where brave souls can inch towards the edge to catch a glimpse of the mighty Colorado River. Those less inclined to venture this far can rest in the shade of gigantic cottonwood trees at Indian Gardens and watch the sky for the recently rehabilitated California Condor. After our lunch, we begin the challenging 4.5-mile climb back up to the rim. Tonight at camp we reflect on our accomplishments and on those that hiked this trail before us.

Day 4: Adventure in the Grand Canyon-South Kaibab Trail (9kms)

This morning we are up early. After we dig in to a nutritious breakfast buffet and pack up camp, we hit the trail and descend again into the depths of the Grand Canyon. Today's route brings us down the South Kaibab Trail, part of the transcanyon trail system that hikers use for rimto-rim attempts from May through to October. Our hike today isn't as long, but the views are equally epic. We pass the aptly named Ooh-Ahh Point, then descend further to rest, relax, and take in the views at Cedar Ridge. Overnight camp.



Detailed itinerary

Day 5: Adventure into the Grand Canyon – Grand View 15km

A tougher days hiking today, but the views and solitude of this trail more than make up for the tougher days trek. Overnight camp.



Day 6: Adventure into the Grand Canyon – the Rim Trail 10km

After breaking camp for the last morning, we hike all together today to enjoy a flatter trail which offers many breathtaking lookouts of the Grand Canyon.

Mid afternoon we will meet up with our vehicles for the transfer to Las Vegas. Tonight we will enjoy our celebration dinner in Vegas. Overnight hotel.

Day 7: Depart Vegas

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

Day 8: Arrive London, UK

Challenge grade

Moderate-Tough

Best time of year

March, September and October

© Ultimate Challenges This itinerary is complex and subject to change

GRAND CANYON TRAIL SPLITTING CHART

| | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
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| Day 3 | Bright Angel | South Kaibab | Grandview |
| Day 4 | South Kaibab | Grandview | Bright Angel |
| Day 5 | Grandview | Bright Angel | South Kaibab |

Breakdown of Costs – Grand Canyon Trek

Included

- Scheduled international return flights from London
- All land transfers
- · Local English speaking guides and support crew
- Current permit and park fees
- Full board (except lunch on day 7)
- Celebration dinner in Las Vegas
- Hotel and twin shared tent accommodation on trek

Not Included

- · Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Single supplement
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- · Personal travel insurance
- Any COVID related expenses