



## Hermit Trail 4 Day Tour

At one point in time, this trail was considered the best in the canyon. Some sections of the trail are still paved with stones that were laid by the Santa Fe Railroad 100 years ago. On this tour you have a chance to see two of the largest rapids on the Colorado River, as well as an opportunity to explore parts of the Grand Canyon's history. From Monument Creek, you can set your eyes on one of the steepest drop-offs in the canyon as well as the 168 ft pillar of rock that gives this area its name. From Hermit Creek, you can swim in tranquil pools formed by 10-foot waterfalls or sift through 100-year-old remnants of the early canyon tourism trade. These areas hold all the ingredients for what a vacation should be- unforgettable.

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
6	7	7	24.5/39.4	4,340/1,323

### **Day 1**

Get ready for a full day of adventure! We will pick you up from your hotel and drive to the South Rim of Grand Canyon, where we head to the Hermit trailhead. When we reach the trailhead, we begin our 9.3 mile (15 km) hike to Monument Creek, descending around 3,800 ft (1158.2 m). Monument Creek offers breathtaking views and a peaceful environment. After about 8 hours on the trail, we set up camp at Monument Creek, which only has a handful of campsites and therefore, few people.

### **Day 2**

After breakfast, the group has the option of taking a 3.2 mile (5.1 km) side hike to the Colorado River at Granite Rapids. Then, we pack up and head to Hermit Rapids. The hike totals 5.3 miles (8.5 km) with a relatively small elevation change. Since we are spending much of our time along the river today, we see rafting tours run the rapids throughout the day.

### **Day 3**

Today, we have a short hike when we move to Hermit Camp along Hermit Creek. You can cool off in the waterfalls at Hermit Creek or explore the remains of the 1920's Hermit Camp. This is a laid back day and we will only have to hike 1.5 miles (3 km) with our backpacks.

### **Day 4**

As the tour comes to a close, we hike back to the Hermit trailhead. The day starts early, as we have about 7 hours of hiking ahead. The hike is 8.2 miles (13.2 km) with approximately a 3,800 ft (1158.2 m) gain in elevation. When we make it to the rim, we may have time to relax and head to Grand Canyon Village to enjoy lunch. You may also have time to shop for souvenirs before heading back to your hotel.

### **Cost**

\$1000 per person from Flagstaff (7:15 AM pick up)

\$1050 per person from Phoenix (4:30 AM pick up)

The following is included in the tour price:

- Round trip transportation from Phoenix or Flagstaff.
- All permits, fees and taxes.
- All food while on the trail prepared on the trail by your guide.
- All necessary gear (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, backpack, meal kit, trekking poles, headlamp, etc.) – Check out the "About Us" section on our website for more information about our gear.
- A certified, medically trained guide that will lead you safely on your journey.
- An unforgettable experience!

Our prices do not include guide gratuity (10% of the tour price is recommended).