



# Hermit to Bright Angel Loop 4 Day Tour

The Hermit Trail is a great alternative to the South Kaibab/Bright Angel Loop for thrill seekers and novice backpackers alike who seek a more secluded, less trodden path. Constructed by the Santa Fe Railroad in 1911, the Grand Canyon's Hermit Trail was originally carved out for tourist access to the Colorado River.

From Hermit Creek, you can swim in tranquil pools formed by 10-ft waterfalls or sift through 100-year-old remnants of the early canyon tourist trade. A night's camping at Granite Rapids will allow you a night on the beach of the Colorado River along one of the biggest rapids in the canyon. You may even see a few rafting trips run through as you're soaking in the views from the beach. Regardless the route, these areas all hold the ingredients for what a vacation should be— unforgettable!

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
6	7	7	30.4/48.9	4,340/1,323

## **Day 1**

We will pick you up in Phoenix or Flagstaff and head north to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Once we reach the canyon, we'll take Hermit Trail approximately 8.2 miles (13.2 km) to the campground at Hermit Creek, which is 3,740 ft (1,140 m) below the rim. The average hike time is 6 hours. If time permits, we can take some side hikes up the creek or to the abandoned Hermit Camp. Hermit Camp was used back in the early 1920s when Santa Fe railroad started tourism in the area.

## **Day 2**

Today we move camp up river along the Colorado River on the beach at Granite Rapids. Our route takes us to Monument Canyon and past the 168-foot sandstone monolith called the "Monument", which gives this area its name. While we are camping at the beach, we usually catch a river trip or two floating down the river. Our hike this day is 5.1 miles (8.2 Km) with only about 600 ft (183 m) of elevation change.

## **Day 3**

This is the day we cover the most miles but the terrain is over rolling hills and through arroyos along the Tonto Trail. We will cover 10.1 miles (16.25 km) of magnificent views of the inner canyon as we hike the from Granite Rapids to Horn Creek. This is our last day of quiet before we head to the busier Bright Angel trail and Indian Garden. If time permits, we will head to Plateau Point to experience some of the best views of the inner canyon.

## **Day 4**

Today we hike to the rim via the Bright Angel Trail from Indian Garden. From here, we have a 3,000-ft (914 m) gain in elevation over the 7.0 miles (11.3 Km) before we reach the rim. Once at the top, there may be time to have lunch and souvenir shop before heading back to Flagstaff/Phoenix to complete your journey.

**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).