



Bass Trail Packraft Rim to Rim North to South 6 Day Tour

The North and South Bass trails are about 25 miles west of the main trails in a little used section of the park. The Bass trails were the first used in Grand Canyon for tourism and the Bass Rim to Rim is the original Rim to Rim trip in the canyon. In order to get to the trailhead, we will drive along dirt roads for about 2 hours. This route features one night of camping on the North Rim before entering the canyon on the second day and one night of camping on the Colorado River at one of the major rapids in the canyon. Of course this tour features the amazing views that the canyon is famous for.

As featured in *Outside Magazine*, this trip is a new type of Grand Canyon adventure. On this tour, we follow a Rim to Rim route that can only be achieved by paddling across the Colorado River in a pack raft. In addition to the regular backpacking gear, we outfit each member of the group with his or her own inflatable Alpaca raft and paddle that will be our transport across the Colorado River. The tour features Native American ruins, remains of old tourist camps, one of the cabins once visited by President Theodore Roosevelt and amazing views of the inner canyon in an area that few people reach when they visit the park.

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Backpacking Distance (miles/km)	Elevation Change (feet/m)
9	9	10	21.3/34.2	5,300/1,615

Day 1

We will meet you at either Phoenix or Flagstaff, then drive to the National Park along dirt roads until we reach the North Bass Trailhead. The drive is 8 hours from Phoenix and about 5.5 hours from Flagstaff. Once at the trailhead, we set up camp for the night and explore the area along the North Rim at Swamp Point.

Days 2 – 4

We start our descent down the North Bass Trail. This is a steep and narrow trail so the going is slow. We have three days to reach the river so there is no rush. The North Bass Trail is 13.5 miles (21.7km) long from the Rim to the River with a drop in elevation of 5,300 ft (1615.4m). Our journey to the river takes us up past Teddy's Cabin; along the beauty of White Creek and Shinumo Creek and eventually to historic Bass Camp. As we hike along Shimuno Creek, we must wade cross the creek several times before reaching the beach campsites along the Colorado River downstream from Bass Rapids.

Bass Camp was one of the tourist camps that William Wallace Bass operated over 100 years ago. At one time there was a small orchard of peach, fig, and apricot trees. Some of the remnants of this camp still remain.

Day 5

Today after breakfast and packing up camp we start our hike out of the canyon along South Bass Trail to our camp at the Esplanade, which is a high plateau along the trail. To reach the south side of the Colorado River we will inflate our rafts and float across the River. The distance from the river to the Esplanade is about 5 miles (8km) with a 3,150 ft (960m) elevation gain. Hiking time is about 4 to 5 hours. Once there we take a cross country, off trail hike on the plateau out toward Spencer Terrace for some incredible views of the inner canyon. This is one of the few places in the canyon you can hike off trail with relative ease.

Day 6

On this day, there is a short 2.8 mile (4.5km) hike back to the top with a 1,250 ft. (380m) elevation gain. It usually takes about 2 hours to hike out from here. About half way to the top, we pass by ancient Native American ruins that are tucked away just yards off the trail. Once at the top, we will drive along a 25 miles dirt road with some 4-wheel drive excitement and head to Grand Canyon Village for souvenir shopping and lunch before heading back to your hotel to complete your journey.

Cost

\$1650 per person from Flagstaff (7:15 AM pick up)

\$1700 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 price does not include guide gratuity (10% of the tour price is recommended).