



Rim to Rim North to South 3 Day Tour

This is the classic adventure that should be on your "bucket list" and is one of the most popular backpacking trips we—and Grand Canyon—have to offer!

Hiking from one rim of the canyon to the other allows you to experience breathtaking views and the vast expanse of the canyon. This tour has you hiking from the over 8,000 ft. in elevation from the North Rim to the almost 7,000 ft South Rim. Along the way, we will pass waterfalls, hike along Bright Angel Creek, visit Phantom Ranch, dip your toes in the Colorado River and see evidence of the ancient civilizations that once called Grand Canyon their home.

Since the road to access the North Rim does not open until May 15th of every year and is closed through the winter months, there is a small window of opportunity to complete a Rim to Rim backpacking trip. This trip is great for the first time backpacker that has an above average level of fitness. You are hiking the main trails of the canyon where there are amenities such as toilets, running water and even a canteen at Phantom Ranch where you can buy a lemonade or a Snickers bar! These trails are also well maintained and considerably wider than most other trails in the canyon- almost 6 feet wide in most places. Plus, this is one of the two trips we will run in the summer months since there is ample shade, water and creeks to stay cool and hydrated.

Because the Rim to Rim trip has such high demand, we recommend reserving at least five months in advance. If you would prefer a hike from the South to the North Rim, we can do that as well.

NOTE – due to extreme temperatures in Grand Canyon June through mid-September, the 3 Day Rim to Rim is not an option.

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
4	4-5	4	24/39	5,780/1,762

Day 1

Let the adventure begin! Today we're off to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The drive is 4 hours from Flagstaff and 6.5 hours from Phoenix. From the trailhead, we hike 7 miles (11.26 km) and 4,200 ft (1280 m) down to Cottonwood Campground where there are only 11 campsites making it very peaceful. Jump into Bright Angel Creek to cool down or wander along the area for a relaxing evening of stargazing. Our average time to reach Cottonwood camp is around 5 hours.

Day 2

After breakfast, we follow Bright Angel Creek another 7 miles (11.26 km) and 1,500 ft (457.2 m) down to Bright Angel Camp. On the way, we drop our packs for a side hike to Ribbon Falls – a 100-foot water fall that flows out of a side canyon. Bright Angel camp is nestled between the Colorado River and Bright Angel Creek. We can also get a drink at the Phantom Ranch canteen- one of the favorite hangouts among canyon hikers. Although, this is the busiest of the campgrounds (32 campsites plus Phantom Ranch .25 miles away) overcrowding is not a problem and it is relatively quiet. We usually take 4.5 to 5 hours to reach Bright Angel Camp, including the time to hike to Ribbon Falls.

Day 3

After the gear is packed, we hike all the way out of the canyon along Bright Angel Trail—9.5 miles (13.5 km). The hike takes us 4,500 ft (1371 m) up in elevation. Expect a long day today – about 7-8 hours to get out of the canyon. You may have some time to grab a bite to eat, souvenir shop and hang out with all the bus tourists. The drive back to Flagstaff and Phoenix is much shorter today– 1.5 hours to Flagstaff and 4 hours to Phoenix – expect a later arrival than our standard trip.

Cost

\$900 per person from Flagstaff (7:15 AM pick up)

\$950 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).