



South Bass Trail

4 Day Tour

The South Bass trail is a remote and historic trail that cuts from the South Rim of Grand Canyon to the Colorado River and lies about 25 miles (40.2 km) west of Grand Canyon Village and the Bright Angel Trail. This tour features Native American ruins, remains of old tourist camps 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 Changes (feet/m)
6	6	10	15.6/25	4,396/1.540

Day 1

We will meet you at your hotel in either Phoenix or Flagstaff, drive to the National Park, and then and along dirt roads until we reach the South Bass Trailhead. The drive is 6 hours from Phoenix and about 3.5 hours from Flagstaff. Once at the trailhead, we set up camp for the night and explore the remains of William Wallace Bass's 100-year-old camp on the rim. If time allows, we head over to Ruby Point in the afternoon to soak in the view from one of the most scenic points on the rim.

Day 2

We start our descent down the South Bass Trail. This trail is steep in sections but absolutely flat for about 1.5 miles (2.4 km) along the Esplanade, which is a high plateau in the canyon. The hike to the Colorado River is 8 miles (12.9 km) along with a drop in elevation of 4440 ft (1,353m). On this night we will camp on the beach along the Colorado River on the south side of the river along Bass Rapids.

Day 3

After packing up camp after breakfast, we start our hike out of the canyon along the South Bass Trail to our camp at the Esplanade. The distance from the river to camp is about 5 miles (8km) with a 3,150 ft. (960m) elevation gain. Total hiking time is about 4 to 5 hours. Once on the Esplanade, 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 4:

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 two 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 of the trail. Once at the top, we will head to Grand Canyon Village for souvenir shopping and lunch before heading back to your hotel to complete your journey.

Cost

\$1,000 per person from Flagstaff (7:15 am pickup)
\$1,050 per person from Phoenix (4:30 am pickup)

The following are 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!