

Remember that Brady Bunch episode where the Brady's go to the Grand Canyon and Bobby and Cindy get lost and are found by a friendly tribe of Native Americans? Well, forget what you remember because the bottom of the canyon is not an arroyo in California! If you want to see the canyon floor for yourself, this is the most popular route to take. If you're not a Brady Bunch aficionado, then this will be a brand new experience regardless. The 17-mile South Kaibab / Bright Angel Loop is one among many of the most popular Grand Canyon backpacking trails- and for good reason. Hikers are surrounded by breathtaking views as they venture down the South Kaibab Trail to the bottom of the Canyon, crossing the Black Bridge that hovers above the Colorado River. This is also a great hike for most of the year.

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
4	6	3	16.6/26.8 without side hike	4,780/1,457

### **Day 1**

Rise and shine! Get ready for the start of your journey to the Grand Canyon! Once we arrive at the trailhead, we begin our hike down the South Kaibab Trail, which is 7 miles (11.3 km) and 4,800 ft (1463 m) down to Bright Angel Campground, where we camp between the Colorado River and Bright Angel Creek. Unwind at the campsite or grab a drink at the Phantom Ranch canteen- one of the favorite hang outs among canyon hikers. The hike down the South Kaibab Trail to the bottom takes about 5.5 hours.

### **Day 2**

On the second day of the tour, we have several side hike options. The most popular choice is a 12-mile (19.3 km) hike to Ribbon Falls along the North Kaibab Trail. Looking for some R & R? You are more than welcome to use this time to relax or explore the surrounding area. Either way, it is a free day from carrying your large pack.

### **Day 3**

Today we begin our venture out of the canyon, stopping at Indian Garden. We hike 5 miles (8 km), ascending 1,400 ft (462 m) where we will set up camp and take the time to explore the area. We will take an afternoon hike to Plateau Point for some of the best views of the canyon and finish with a unique experience along Tonto Trail as the sunsets. Or, take the time to just relax.

### **Day 4**

Onward and upward! Hiking out of the canyon is a 4.5-mile (7.24 km) hike with a 3,000 ft (914 m) increase in elevation along the Bright Angel Trail. Once at the top, we usually have time for a late breakfast or early lunch. There may also be time to shop for souvenirs before heading back to Phoenix or Flagstaff. We typically return to Flagstaff by 3:00 PM and to Phoenix by 5:30 PM. The average hiking time to the top is 4.5 hours.

### **Cost**

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

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

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!

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