



Tanner to New Hance 4 Day Tour

This is one of the most challenging routes on the South Rim, but it is one of the few where you have a chance to camp by the river for 2 nights in a row. The views are incredible along almost every mile of this route. Tanner Trail is a natural rim to river trail that was used by native tribes of the Grand Canyon for several thousand years. This unmaintained trail was known as the infamous Horse Thief Route, as well as one of the most difficult hikes in the park, and is perfect for the experienced hiker or backpacker looking for a primitive adventure. Like many hikes in Grand Canyon, this trail can be looped with the Tonto Trail.

New Hance Trail is a steep, but rewarding, backpacking trip. The trail was built right next to the "Old Hance Trail," constructed by the first European Americans to settle the Grand Canyon in 1883. It was originally created for mining, but quickly became a trail used for the tourist trade. The New Hance Trail is very steep and recommended for very experienced hikers. Like many hikes in the Grand Canyon, this trail can be looped with the Tonto Trail.

** This trip is recommended for experienced backpackers.*

| Difficulty | OH @#%&! | Solitude | Number of backpacking (miles/km) | Elevation changes (feet/m) |
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Day 1

Lipan Point trailhead here we come! Once we get on the trail, we will spend the next 6-7 hours hiking down to the Colorado River. This is one of the steepest trails on the South Rim, so there is potential for unplanned, additional trail time. The views are outstanding along the way. By the time we reach camp at the river, we will have covered 9 miles (14.5 km) and dropped 4,850 ft (1478 m)!

Day 2

After breakfast, we will make our way downstream along the Colorado River on the Escalante Route. The first 2 to 2.5 miles (3.2 to 4 km) are fairly straight forward, but the path gets interesting—and difficult—after that point. There will be sections where the path will be less than one foot wide and the going is slow. The goal is to complete about 7 to 7.5 miles (11.3 to 12.1 km) this day and camp at Escalante Creek for the evening. The trail ascends about 1,000 ft (305 m) before dropping back down to river level at the campsite.

Day 3

On this day we will complete the last of the Escalante Route. This will include some scrambling in one section, followed by a descent down a rocky slope. After about 4.5 miles (7.2 km) of hiking, we reach the mouth of Red Canyon at the end of the New Hance Trail. From here, the group will head up the New Hance trail for 2.6 miles (4.2 km), gaining 1,600 ft (487.7 m) in elevation to our camp for the night.

Day 4

Today we cover the remainder of the steep and narrow New Hance Trail. The hike is only 3.9 miles (6.3 km) with a 2,850 ft (868.7 m) gain in elevation, so the group should be out of the canyon by noon. Once at the rim, we set aside time for the group to grab lunch and souvenir shop before heading back to Phoenix or Flagstaff.

Cost

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

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