

This hike offers amazing scenery along every mile of the trip, accompanied by riverside camping for 3 consecutive nights. 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 primitive adventure. Like many hikes in the Grand Canyon, this trail can be looped with the Tonto Trail.

* We recommend this tour for experienced backpackers only.

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
8	9	7	32.3/52	4,850/1478.3

Day 1

After the drive north, we start our hike at Lipan Point. 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 feet (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 steep 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. This will be our campsite for the night on the beach beside Hance Rapids. There is time in the afternoon to explore Red Canyon or just kick back and relax under the shade of the mesquite trees.

Day 4

Today we take the Tonto Trail westbound, away from the river towards Hance Creek. We will be camping in an intimate side canyon. We also begin our climb out of the canyon. The hike this day is 5.7 miles (9.2 km) with a 1,300 ft (396.4 m) gain in elevation. There is time in the afternoon to take a side hike down the Hance Creek drainage to see some of the oldest exposed rocks on the planet- 1.6 billion years old!

Day 5

From Hance Creek, we head up to Horseshoe Mesa, climbing over 1,000 feet (305 m) in the process. As we finish the trip, take in the "grand views" as we hike out of the canyon along Grandview Trail. The last section of the hike gains 2,600 ft (792.5 m) over 3 miles (4.8 km) and usually takes about 3 hours. Once at the top, we set aside time to get a bite to eat and souvenir shop before heading back to Flagstaff/Phoenix to complete the journey.

Cost

\$1200 per person from Flagstaff (7:15 AM pick up)

\$1250 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!