



8-day Northern Arizona Highlights

Featuring Monument Valley, Antelope Canyon and Lake Powell, Grand Canyon National Park, Route 66, Sedona and Phoenix (Valley of the Sun – includes Scottsdale, Mesa, Tempe, Glendale, Chandler)

Day 1: Arrive Phoenix. Overnight Phoenix – Depending on your arrival time, this is a day to get settled and adjust to the time difference. Perhaps enjoy a relaxing meal al fresco at one of our many acclaimed restaurants or relax by the pool for a couple of hours.

Day 2: Phoenix to Monument Valley. Enjoy a morning hike or leisurely breakfast before your drive to Monument Valley (5 hours). Overnight Monument Valley (alternative stay - Kayenta, Tuba City, Page, Flagstaff)

Day 3: Monument Valley Tribal Park is an iconic landmark located on the Navajo Indian Nation. Most will recognize this spectacular place from many Western films. Guided tours are available and led by Navajo guides who educate guests about culture and traditions and they are able to take guests to areas that others may not go on their own. Reservations are recommended, especially for groups. Drive to Page, Arizona (2.5 hours). This will take you on the Navajo Mountain Scenic Road, a designated Arizona Scenic Byway. Overnight in Page (alternative stay – Tuba City, Flagstaff)

Day 4: In Page, the most popular attractions are Antelope Canyon, Lake Powell cruises and float trips, Glen Canyon Dam, Horseshoe Bend, and scenic helicopter rides. All are spectacular vistas and experiences that include plenty of history, adventure and culture. Not all of these activities can be done in one day. So, you may consider staying more than one night to include all that Page and its surrounding area has to offer. Houseboat rentals on Lake Powell are a unique option for families and friends travelling together. Houseboat stays require at least three days. So, choose your activities and timing accordingly. Overnight in Page (alternative hotel stay – Tuba City, Cameron Trading Post, Flagstaff)

Day 5: Page to Grand Canyon National Park (South Rim). Today you will visit one of the 7 natural wonders of the world. The South Rim of the Grand Canyon is the most visited and most photographed part of the Grand Canyon and offers the most activities to do while you are there. Visitors may take advantage of hikes, flight tours, multiple visitor centers, the train depot, mule rides, bike rentals, picnic areas, camping, scenic drives and overlooks, galleries, historical sites and structures, various accommodations and dining options. Sunrise and sunset are also very popular things to do and overnight accommodations are recommended in order to do this. With all the activities available 1 night may not be enough, so choose your activities and timing accordingly. Whitewater rafting trips require 3 nights or more and typically begin near Page. Overnight Grand Canyon National Park (alternative stay – Tusayan, Cameron, Williams, Flagstaff, Sedona)

Day 6: Grand Canyon to Route 66 and on to Sedona. Whether you are driving to the Grand Canyon or from the Grand Canyon or to any of the cities or towns south of it, you have likely driven on the “Main Street of America”, Route 66. When you drive the route or the more common route today,

Interstate 40 (I-40), you have driven through many of the towns and cities in northern Arizona, such as Kingman, Williams, Flagstaff, Winslow and Holbrook. All of these towns hold a lot of history of Route 66 and proudly hang on to it offering visitors photographic opportunities, a good meal in a nostalgic diner or a funky room to rest your head. You don't have to go out of your way to see a bit of the "Mother Road." Take a couple hours at a Route 66 museum, a night or two to really take in a small town or make a whole trip of it across northern Arizona. Arizona is steeped in Route 66 history!

After you have taken a few Mother Road photos, head to Sedona. Sedona is often touted as one of the most beautiful places on the planet. If you have seen the images of the famous red rocks of the Verde Valley, you know what that means. The most popular activity here is the Jeep tour. Choose from vortex tours to rugged and adventurous rides through the high desert terrain. All of them are informative and fun with educated tour guides. Other activities known in Sedona are hiking, spa getaways or browsing the shops and art galleries in Uptown. The beauty of the land is also sacred to native peoples and there are opportunities to learn about their history and traditions. Sedona is also well-known for the 'zen' and healing properties of the land and many come to the area for inspiration as well as to unwind and rejuvenate. Wellness programs are widely available. One, two or three of these activities will fill up your day, so choose your activities and timing accordingly. Overnight Sedona (alternative stay – Cottonwood, Flagstaff, Williams, Phoenix)

Day 7: Sedona to Phoenix (2 hours). Phoenix is the capitol of Arizona and is the 6th largest city in the United States. Phoenix and its surrounding cities – Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa, Glendale and over 20 other communities – offer every major amenity any traveler might seek - resorts, spas, shopping, events, sports, outdoor activities, culture, history and the arts.

With a population of approximately 3.5 million, there is diversity in culture and activity in this major metropolitan area that will attract trend setters, business travelers, couples and families.

Overnight in any one of the communities that make up the Greater Phoenix area

Diverse offerings in the metropolitan areas

For those that are interested in history of the Southwest, the Heard Museum, located in downtown Phoenix, is a world-renown museum to see Native American artifacts, history and culture. Two hours will give a visitor a very good insight into the people who lived in the region before we did.

Shopping is a favorite activity of many of our visitors and major shopping destinations can be found all over this large city. Shoppers can find major fashion labels along with unique boutiques as well as crafts and items from local producers and artisans.

Sports lovers can see major league sports teams such as the Phoenix Suns, the Arizona Cardinals, the Phoenix Coyotes or the Arizona Diamondbacks. Phoenix also hosts two NASCAR races, several major golf tournaments such as the Waste Management Open. Phoenix hosts 15 Major League Baseball teams each February and March for Cactus League Spring Training and Phoenix will host the Super Bowl in 2015.

Golf is a no-brainer in Arizona with over 300 courses to choose from. Greater Phoenix boasts approximately 200 of them, so there is golf aplenty. Choose from resort courses, desert courses, even the course your favorite golf pro plays. Bring your clubs, because there is no shortage of great play with spectacular views.

Locals love to spend time outside and Arizona's dry climate allows this year-round. A hike at one of the local trails is a good way to start the morning or end the day. Trail biking and horseback riding are also popular activities for visitors and there are several outfitters that can help arrange this activity. Scenic adventure tours such as Jeep tours and hot air balloon rides are a popular way for visitors to experience the desert region.

A trip to Arizona would not be complete without a spa treatment that uses local botanicals for rejuvenation and well-being. World-class resort spas and day spas are available in every neighborhood in the metropolitan area.

The Greater Phoenix area is a great base for all Arizona activities. Visit for a month with your family to escape cold weather or make it a city escape for romance or fun with friends. There are so many options and we can assist with creating a unique experience for your clients.

Day 8: Depart

****Note:** Many of our spectacular attractions are remotely located and, therefore, often situated in or near small towns or villages. So, accommodations will be limited, especially during high or busy seasons. In this case, for travel in the summer months - May to mid-October - it is recommended you plan your travel well in advance or consider alternative communities in which to book your hotel stays. We have made some recommendations for those instances in which this may be necessary. Consider driving times from these areas when planning.

Driving times (alternative stays): times are approximate and will vary from season to season**

Monument Valley:

To Kayenta – 30 minutes
To Tuba City - 1.5 hours
To Page – 2.5 hours
To Flagstaff – 2.5 hours

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To Tuba City – 1.5 hours
to Cameron – 1.5 hours
To Flagstaff – 2.5 hours

Grand Canyon National Park:

To Tusayan – 10 – 20 minutes
To Cameron – 1 hour
To Williams – 1.5 hours
To Flagstaff – 2 hours
To Sedona – 2.5 hours

Sedona:

Cottonwood – 40 minutes
Flagstaff – 45 minutes
Williams – 1.5 hours
Phoenix – 2 hours

Greater Phoenix :

Because the metropolitan Phoenix area is made up of more than 20 communities and suburbs drive times will vary depending on your activities and where they are located within the city. Communities next to each other may require 10 to 20 minutes to commute (i.e. driving from Mesa to Tempe). Driving across town (i.e. Chandler to Glendale or west Phoenix) could be 1 hour or longer depending on the time of day and events taking place. And, seasonal activities such as Spring Training baseball in the month of March may make drive times across town up to an hour or more. Or, a major event (i.e. the golf tournament at the TPC in North Scottsdale) could impact a commute in the immediate vicinity by 20 to 30 minutes. Plan for additional time in these cases.