

ARIZONA

GRAND CANYON STATE

Everything but the Grand Sedona, Flagstaff, Page, Tuba City



Although world-famous for the Grand Canyon, Arizona is actually home to dozens of magnificent, lesser-known canyons. Dedicate some time to exploring these hidden gems, and it might just lead you on a road trip around the entire state. This adventuresome tour will explore Boynton Canyon, Walnut Canyon, Glen Canyon, Lower Antelope Canyon, Blue Canyon and Coal Mine Canyon.

Day 1 – Arrive in Phoenix

Arrive in [Arizona](#) and check in to your hotel. Relax and prepare for the adventure ahead.

Day 2 – Phoenix – Sedona

Morning Drive from [Phoenix](#) to [Sedona](#). The drive is 125 miles or 201.2 kilometers. Surrounded by magnificent red rock formations, cooled by the rushing waters of Oak Creek, Sedona offers world-class resorts, inns, restaurants, 40 galleries and hundreds of unique shops. Experience many arts and cultural activities, plus golf, hiking, jeep tours and other adventures in the stunning surroundings. Enjoy mild weather year round. Known worldwide for its red rock beauty, the community of Sedona sits in the heart of Central Arizona, 120 miles north of Phoenix and 30 miles south of Flagstaff. At an elevation of

4500 feet, Sedona enjoys four delightfully mild seasons. The breathtaking natural



beauty, climate, clean air and water combine to make Sedona Arizona's second most popular tourist attraction. Sedona's cultural richness and diversity make it a haven for artists, writers, entrepreneurs and visitors, as well.

Afternoon

Arrive in Sedona and enjoy lunch at [Orchard Canyon on Oak Creek](#). The lodge, which is located in Oak Creek Canyon along the lush banks of Oak Creek, is a scenic treasure that boasts mature sycamore and ash trees, green grass, and a trickling mountain stream running alongside. Views of the red rock cliffs towering above can be enjoyed through the canopy of trees.

Tel: 928) 282-3343

8067 N. State Route 89A, Sedona, Arizona 86336

Take a Polaris Tour by [Sedona Off-Road Center](#). The Sedona Off-Road Center offers fun tours or self guided experiences on tom cars and ATVs through Red Rock Country. Travel at your own pace, when, and where you want, on all of the famous jeep and off-roading trails of Sedona.

Tel: 928-284-4735

145 West S.R. 89A, Sedona, AZ 86336

Visit [Boynton Canyon](#), one of the most scenic box canyons in the Southwest. Boynton Canyon is popular for its outstanding scenery, as well as its reputation as a location for a New Age "vortex" – a sort of energy field emanating from inner earth. Whether or not you subscribe to this bit of modern mysticism, you'll no doubt agree that some sort of magic exists here among the towering buttes, crimson cliffs and natural desert gardens.



Tel: (928) 527-3600

2 miles west of Sedona, AZ 86336

Evening



Check in for an overnight stay at [Enchantment Resort](#). In Sedona, surrounded by the majestic red rock formations of Northern Arizona's Boynton Canyon, Enchantment Resort combines luxury with rugged grandeur inspired by Native American culture which is honored every day through the resort's Native American Program. The resort's adobe casita-style

accommodations offer world-class comforts amid its pristine 70-acre setting. Activities include hiking, mountain biking, croquet, tennis, swimming, and Mii amo, a destination spa at Enchantment. In Travel + Leisure's 2009 "World's Best Reader Survey," Enchantment Resort was awarded the #1 Resort in AZ, the #1 Resort for Families in the US & Canada, and Mii amo achieved World's Best Destination Spa.

Tel: (928) 282-2900

525 Boynton Canyon Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336

Indulge in a wine dinner at [Che Ah Chi](#), of the Enchantment Resort property.

Che Ah Chi, the signature dining experience at Enchantment Resort is graced with 180-degree views offers an impressive menu for breakfast, dinner and brunch on Sundays. The contemporary atmosphere, coupled with the dramatic views of the canyon, creates a unique and visually engaging



backdrop for an intimate dinner and truly memorable evening. An innovative menu utilizing a diverse selection of regionally sourced ingredients emphasizes the chef's passion for experimenting with flavor combinations.

Tel: (928) 204-6000

525 Boynton Canyon Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336

Day 3 – Sedona – Flagstaff

Morning

Enjoy a breakfast in Sedona at [Mii Amo Café](#). Mii Amo Café offers private tables, plus a 16-seat community table where spa guests can meet new friends and enjoy the delicious and intelligent cuisine. The exhibition-style kitchen showcases Mii Amo Café's own style of contemporary, eclectic cuisine. Organic ingredients from local sources, as well as the chef's garden adjacent to the spa, are used whenever possible. Along with savoring the tasty cuisine at Mii Amo Café, guests are also invited to participate in a



Journey of Teas, organic garden tours, and cooking demonstrations to learn great culinary tips for some favorite dishes.

Tel: (844) 993-9518
525 Boynton Canyon Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336

Drive from [Sedona](#) to [Flagstaff](#). The drive is 29.7 miles or 47.8 kilometers. At 7,000 feet elevation, Flagstaff rests in the middle of the largest ponderosa pine forest in the world. It is home to galleries, stores, restaurants, hotels, craft breweries, and Northern Arizona University. Many of the businesses in the historic downtown are housed in buildings dating back to the 1880s.



Afternoon

Visit [Walnut Canyon National Park](#). Hundreds of years ago, the Sinagua Indians arrived at Walnut Canyon with new ideas and skills including masonry. They built more than 300 small cliff rooms in the recesses of the canyon's limestone walls, the ruins of which still stand. The visitor's center and hiking trails are located within the monument. No camping facilities are available in the park, but a picnic area is provided. The main trail involves a climb of 185 ft. on a stairway. The monument is located 10 miles east of Flagstaff off of I-40.



Tel: (928) 526-3367
3 Walnut Canyon Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Drive from Walnut Canyon to [Hotel Aspen](#) and freshen up. The drive is 7.8 miles or 12.6 kilometers. The Hotel Aspen is part of the Inn Suites boutique hotel collection and is located on historic Route 66 less than a mile from downtown Flagstaff. The Hotel Aspen offers a complimentary hot breakfast buffet and an evening social hour. Hotel guests will rest easy on their Pillow-top Cloud 9 Beds with Deluxe Bedding.

Tel: (928) 774-7356
Location: 1008 E Rte 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Evening

Enjoy a dinner at the [1899 Bar and Grill](#). Located on the Northern Arizona University campus, the university opened its historic North Union doors to a brand-new dining experience in early 2011. Called the 1899 Bar and Grill, this upscale restaurant is named after Northern Arizona University's founding year and is a testament to the university's modernization, and also a nod to its history and roots. The restaurant combines an American bistro with a contemporary Southwest steakhouse. It features many foods native to the southwest. A full bar, with regional tap beers and wine list, complete this dining experience.

Tel: (928)523-1899

307 W. DuPont Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Day 4 – Flagstaff – Page

Morning

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure at [PJ's Historic Route 66 Café](#), located within Hotel Aspen. The buffet is open between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Complimentary breakfast features scrambled eggs, potatoes, homemade Belgian waffles and cereal.

Drive from Flagstaff to [Page](#), where you will visit gems like [Glen Canyon and Lake Powell](#). The drive is 129 miles or 208 kilometers.



Lake Powell and the encircling Glen Canyon National Recreation Area are located in the spectacular high desert of the southwestern United States. The National Park is protected in its natural state by legislation and encompasses over 1,900 square miles of southern Utah and northern Arizona. The cool, azure waters of Lake Powell meander for 186 miles through majestic sandstone rock formations, towering canyon walls and vibrant red rock buttes. The shoreline is seemingly endless in scope, stretching for nearly 2,000 miles, a distance greater than the entire Pacific coast of the United States. It would take a lifetime of visits to explore all 96 major canyons on this enormous lake. Lake Powell is an oasis, a crystal, clear body of water framed by what many consider to be the most breathtaking landscape on earth. The allure of the untamed terrain and surprising solitude invites one back again and again. Today's visitors find a myriad of

recreational activity at Lake Powell. Hikers are free to explore wondrous nature trails, while boaters cruise the lake to explore the mysterious canyons and surrealistic rock formations. Those seeking excitement can skip across the water on jet or water skis, and those looking for tranquility can cast a fishing line from the dock or a boat. There's literally something for everyone at Lake Powell.

Embark on a tour of [Lower Antelope Canyon](#). Approximately 15 minutes east of Page, we will enter one of the most exciting slot canyons in the Southwest, United States. Over the years, Lower Antelope Canyon has become a favorite gathering place for photographers, tourists, and visitors from around the world. The Navajo name for Lower Antelope Canyon is Hasdeztwazi or "Spiral Rock Arches." Many years ago, herds of Pronghorn Antelope roamed freely in and around the canyon, which explains the English name. This incredible canyon has been created over many thousands of years by the relentless forces of water and wind, slowly carving and sculpting the sandstone into



forms, textures and shapes, which we observe today. The views in Lower Antelope Canyon change constantly as the sun moves across the sky, filtering lights softly across the stone walls. These ever-moving sun angles bounce light back and forth across the narrow canyon's walls, creating a dazzling display of color, light, and shadow.

Tel: (928) 606-2168
Page, AZ 86040

Afternoon

Enjoy lunch at [Jádí To'oh Restaurant](#) at [Antelope Marina](#). Jádí To'oh is Navajo for 'Antelope Springs.' The marina is a new, architecturally significant marina on the southwest shores of Lake Powell. Located just seven miles from the City of Page, Arizona, the resort-marina is uniquely positioned within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. With its striking architecture, generous use of glass, and southwest design elements, Marina Village adds to the magnificence of its backdrop, while paying homage to Native American culture and the surrounding environment. The result? A Marina unlike any other.

Tel: (928) 645-5900
537 Marina Parkway, Hwy N22 B, Page, AZ 86040

Head out on a [powerboat tour](#) or a [truck and walking tour of Upper Antelope Canyon](#) and Navajo Canyon.

Antelope Canyon is the most-visited and most-photographed slot canyon in the American Southwest. It is located on Navajo land near Page, Arizona. Antelope Canyon includes two separate, photogenic slot canyon sections, referred to individually



as Upper Antelope Canyon or The Crack; and Lower Antelope Canyon or The Corkscrew. Upper Antelope Canyon is called Tsé bigháníliní, "the place where water runs through rocks" by the Navajo. It is the most frequently visited by tourists, due to two considerations. First, its entrance and entire length are at ground level, requiring no climbing. Second, beams (shafts of direct sunlight radiating down from openings in the top of the canyon) are much more common in Upper than in Lower. Beams occur most often in the summer months, as they require the sun to be high in the sky. Winter colors are a little more muted like the photo displayed here. Summer months provide two types of lighting. Light beams start to peek into the canyon March 15 and disappear October 7 each year. Antelope Canyon is a popular location for photographers and sightseers, and a source of tourism business for the Navajo Nation. It has been accessible by permit only since 1997, when the Navajo Tribe made it a Navajo Tribal Park. Photography within the canyons is difficult due to the wide exposure range (often 10 EV or more) made by light reflecting off the canyon walls. Entry to Antelope Canyon is restricted to guided tours led by authorized guides.

For boats:

Tel: (888) 896-3829
100 Lake Shore Dr, Page, AZ 86040

For trucks:

Tel: (928) 645-9102
22 South Lake Powell Blvd, Page, AZ 86040

Evening

Check in for an overnight stay at the [Toroweap Villas of Page](#). Enjoy views of Lake Powell, Glen Canyon Dam, and the Colorado River from these luxurious Townhomes. Located minutes from Lake Powell, these well appointed villas will put you in the center of all the hiking, boating, and exploring that the American Southwest has to offer. Choose from 1 or 2 story buildings, with sleeping for up to 10 people. 3+ bedrooms, fully furnished with kitchen appliances, utensils, laundry, cable TV and Internet. With plenty

of boat parking and storage, you can bring your own water toys or ATV's for an on-your-own adventure. The staff can help make arrangements for lake rentals, guided trips of nearby canyon's and attractions, helicopter or flights over Lake Powell, or a float down the Colorado River.

Tel: (928) 362-4050

Scenic View Drive, Page, AZ 86040

Day 5 – Page – Tuba City

Morning Drive from [Page](#) to Tuba City. The drive is 74 miles or 119.1 kilometers.

Afternoon Explore [Coal Mine Canyon](#). Drive 1 hour west on Highway 264 to the Coal Mine Canyon. Located on the border between the Hopi and Navajo Indian Nations in the vast desert of northeast Arizona, Coal Mine Canyon is a long way from any famous attraction and is not signposted in any way, yet it has become quite well known because of the amazingly colorful formations that line the upper end of the ravine. The canyon is one of many remote, little-visited sites in the Southwest, where the main interest comes from the detail of the rock - the colors, forms and textures of the eroded sandstone - rather than the large scale appeal of grand places such as Zion and Monument Valley. There must be dozens more similar places as yet unpublicized, hidden away in the high desert plains of this part of Arizona. Coal Mine Canyon sits at the edge of the 120 mile wide Painted Desert, a sparsely settled region without many roads but covered by extensive areas of exposed, weathered rock.

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Explore [Blue Canyon with a Hopi Guide](#). Right from Moenkopi, enjoy a tour to the remote locale of Blue Canyon located on tribal lands. Start with a hike through Blue Canyon. The trail leads past the ruins of a historic trading post, a slim slot canyon with a

hundred-year-old Anglo inscription, and rare geology such as blue shale and red-and-white-striped monoliths.

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Evening

Drive from Blue Canyon to [Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites](#) for an overnight stay. The drive is 28.7 miles or 46.2 kilometers. Drive thirty minutes west and you'll find the quintessential Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites. The Moenkopi was the first hotel to be built on Hopi tribal land in 50 years, and it connects travelers with the traditions and culture of the Hopi people. A three story fireplace is the center piece of the lobby, and the hotel features custom-designed carpet and furnishings that use Hopi traditional art and symbols. Enjoy all the conveniences travelers expect with wireless internet, complimentary continental breakfast, meeting rooms, and a swimming pool with a giant turtle design (significant in the Hopi culture) inlaid into the bottom of the pool. The village is the western gateway to Hopi tribal lands and is located adjacent to the Navajo community of Tuba City on a well traveled route between the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley.

Tel: (928) 283-4500

1 Legacy Lane, Tuba City, AZ 86045

Day 6 – Tuba City – Phoenix

Morning

Drive from Tuba City to [Phoenix](#). The drive is 222 miles or 357.3 kilometers.
Spend a few more days exploring all that the state has to offer, or depart Arizona.