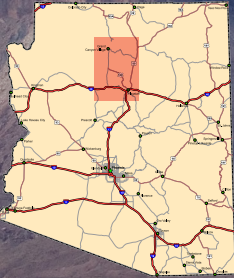


FAMILY FUN—WEEKEND TRIP

WILLIAMS AND THE GRAND CANYON



Day One

8:30 a.m. **Bearizona Drive-Thru Wildlife Park**

No lions. No tigers. But bears? Oh my! At Bearizona you can experience tons of them (literally), plus Mountain Goats, American Burros, Brown and White Bison, Arctic and Tundra Wolves, and Dall and Big Horn Sheep. They're all in large, naturalistic enclosures that you drive through (windows up, please). No binoculars are needed because they're right by the road. After the drive-through portion of the park, park the car and visit Fort Bearizona, a walk-through area with baby and small animals on exhibit.

<http://www.bearizona.com>

11:30 a.m. **Lunch at Cruiser's Route 66 Café**

After the heart-pounding sights at Bearizona, you'll be plenty hungry, so cruise into downtown Williams and make a pit stop at Cruiser's Route 66 Café. This 50s-style diner offers delicious comfort food in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Try the chicken-fried steak with mashed potatoes and coleslaw. Or order the barbecue family platter and feed the whole crew. Don't forget to make a stop at the restaurant's souvenir shop for some Route 66 kitsch. <http://www.cruisers66.com>

1:30 p.m. **Route 66 Zipline**

Just a few blocks from the restaurant, a high-flying adventure awaits with a ride on the Route 66 Zipline. Brace yourself for 30 mph backward and forward rides at 110 feet above the ground. It's not too scary, but thrilling enough for everyone in the whole family. Two riders go at a time sitting side by side so you can share the fun. The Zipline normally operates 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, but extended summer hours begin in June, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Best of all, the zipline is affordable! Two or more riders are just \$12 per person. <http://www.ziplineroute66.com>



Day One continued**3:00 p.m. Grand Canyon Deer Farm (Petting Zoo)**

Want to get closer to nature? At the Grand Canyon Deer Farm, you'll enjoy hands-on contact with all kinds of creatures great and small—from deer and potbelly pigs to wallabies, mini horses and llamas. Go wild and feed 'em, pet 'em and photograph 'em, capturing memories to last a lifetime. From March 16 through October 15 farm hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. <http://www.deerfarm.com>

**6:00 p.m. Spend the night at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel**

The luxury of a bygone era is calling at Grand Canyon Railway Hotel. Located just a block from downtown Williams, this relaxing retreat offers a picturesque Western setting designed to resemble the century-old train depot that housed the original Fray Marcos Hotel. If you'd like to take the Grand Canyon Railway to Grand Canyon National Park, this hotel is the place to stay since the train departs daily right out back. Great package deals are available and the hotel's Grand Depot Café offers sumptuous buffet dining and meal plans to keep all your excursions on track. <http://www.thetrain.com/lodging/the-grand-canyon-railway-hotel/>

**Day Two****8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Grand Depot Café**

Conveniently located across from the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, the Grand Depot Café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. This buffet-only restaurant features an expansive and fresh selection of traditional fare including eggs and breakfast meats, pancakes, oatmeal, fresh fruit and more. Best of all, you can go back for seconds as many times as you'd like! <http://www.thetrain.com/food/grand-depot-cafe/>

**9:30 a.m. Train Departs for Grand Canyon National Park**

Riding the rails to the canyon's South Rim is an unforgettable experience. Enjoy the romance of a voyage by train, and choose from a menu of options that include six classes of service, lodging inside Grand Canyon National Park (if you'd like to stay longer), plus guided tours and meals. The Grand Canyon Railway Hotel makes it easy to get on board with planning and booking by offering a trainload of great packages and one incredible ride.

<http://www.thetrain.com/offers-packages/>

<http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm>

**11:45 a.m. Train Arrives at the Grand Canyon's South Rim**

Your two-hour-and-15-minute trip arrives at the Grand Canyon's South Rim. With its ever-changing and dramatic scenery, it's one of the world's most spectacular landscapes and the only one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World to be located in North America. During your stopover, you can enjoy a motorcoach-guided tour with stops at several scenic viewpoints, as well as explore iconic places like the historic El Tovar Hotel, Hopi House and Bright Angel Lodge.



Day Two continued**12:00 p.m. Lunch at El Tovar Hotel**

The Fred Harvey Company once owned this celebrated 1905 hotel overlooking the Grand Canyon. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987 and has hosted such luminaries as Albert Einstein, President Bill Clinton and Sir Paul McCartney. You can experience its casually elegant charm at lunch in the fine dining room. Be sure to ask for a window table and order something delicious from its Southwest-inspired menu. <http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/lodging/el-tovar/>

**1:30 p.m. Board the Scenic Kaibab/Rim Shuttle Bus**

This 50-minute round-trip ride (if you don't get off) makes stops at scenic viewpoints including the Grand Canyon Visitor Center, South Kaibab Trailhead, Yaki Point, Pipe Creek Vista, Mather Point and the Yavapai Geology Museum. Buses run every 15 minutes.

http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm#CP_JUMP_430078

**3:30 p.m. Train Departs Grand Canyon Depot for Return Trip to Williams**

Board the train for the ride back to Williams. Enjoy serenading cowboys, authentic Old West characters, and be sure to hide your valuables—the Cataract Creek Gang just might attempt a train robbery. You'll arrive approximately at 5:45 p.m.

