## **Grand Canyon Tour Insider's Secrets**





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## **Tour Summary**

Grand Canyon National Park attracts over 4.5 million visitors per year. People come from all parts of the world to stand on the rim and view the glory of the rock chasm below. However, visitors are frequently frustrated by the vast geography when attempting to experience the park in one day. This tour reveals insider secrets on how to plan a satisfying day trip to the Grand Canyon. You'll see more than the average visitor will by avoiding heavy crowds at peak times. Flagstaff travel writer Stacey Wittig knows the area and leads many visitors along this extraordinary, lesser-known route.

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## **Intro to Perfect Day Trip**

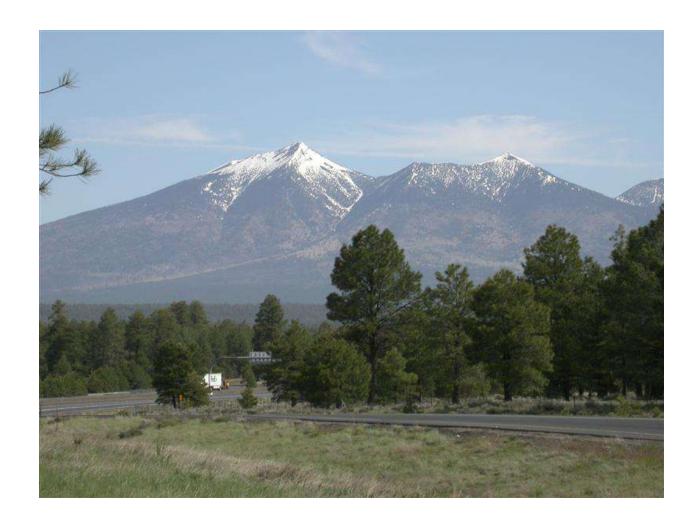




The Grand Canyon National Park attracts over 4.5 million visitors per year. People come from all over the world to stand on the rim and view the glory of the red rock chasm.



However, the park is so vast that many visitors are surprised and frustrated when they find they cannot see it all in a day. This tour gives the inside scoop on how to plan your time in the Grand Canyon while avoiding heavy crowds.



You will get all the tips to help you experience the canyon in one perfect day. The trip starts and ends in Flagstaff, Arizona, the ideal launching pad for Grand Canyon adventures.



We'll learn about Native American arts including silver and turquoise jewelry, Navajo rugs, and handmade pottery. We'll brush up on the geology of the canyon,

learn about the people who lived there, and find fun places to eat.



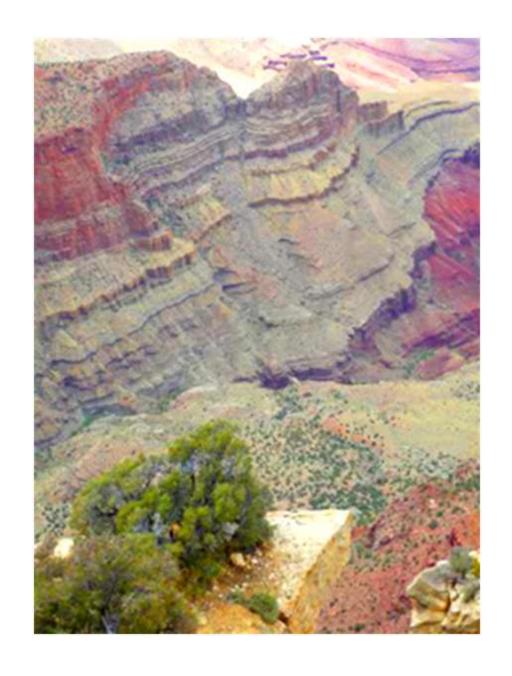
You'll be introduced to colorful characters like the one-armed Civil War veteran, John Wesley Powell. And cigarette-puffing Mary Colter, Roaring Twenties architect.



We'll take you to a traditional trading post on the Navajo Reservation. Its reputation has traveled to Europe, but few U.S. visitors find this "off-the-beaten-path" treasure. Talk with Native Americans about how recognize authentic Indian goods.

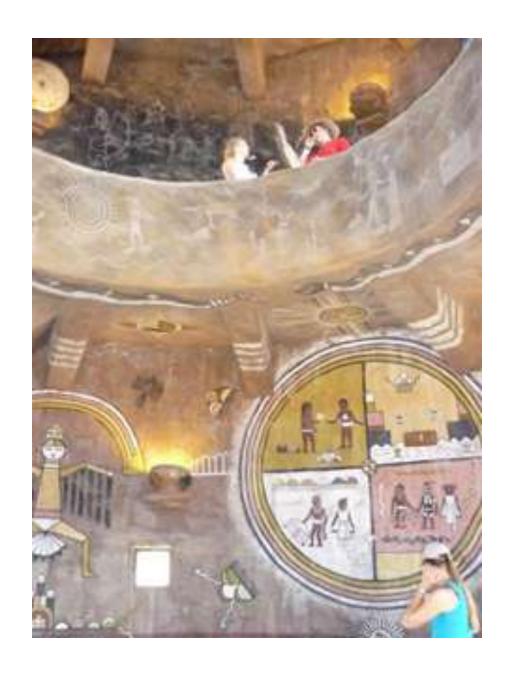


We'll avoid all the heavy lines at Grand Canyon's main entrance by slipping in "the back door." You will see all the important sites but we'll steer clear of the crowds by arriving at a popular site during off-peak times of the day.



Desert View Drive has to be one of the most spectacular pathways in the world. However, few Grand Canyon visitors ever traverse its full length. You'll have photo ops galore on spectacular overlooks, as we

drive from the east entrance to the busier west side of the park.



Aside from the well-known overlooks, you'll discover lesser-known sites. We'll climb spiraling stone staircases that transport you to magical encounters with Hopi customs; park rangers will interpret ruins of ancient

cultures; and you can view stick figures made to resemble mountain sheep, that date back to the time of the pharaohs.



After experiencing the wind in your hair and the Arizona sun on your face, we'll finish The Perfect Day Tour with a ramble through historic Bright Angel Lodge and El Tovar Hotel.



Teddy Roosevelt dined at the famous El Tovar, and we recommend that you do, too. This insider's view of the Grand Canyon will give you experiences to talk about for years to come.

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