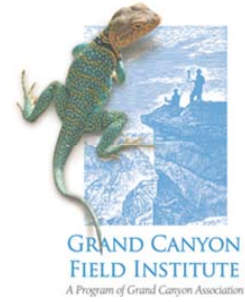


# *Learning & Lodging - A Grand Canyon Adventure*



**Congratulations** on your decision to join us for a Grand Canyon learning adventure! The following is a general outline of what to expect during your field time. This itinerary is subject to the weather and group hiking strength. Rain or shine, fast group or slow, your expert instructor will have plenty to share with you.

## **Day One**

You will rendezvous with your group at 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time) in the lobby of the Maswik Lodge on the South Rim. After a brief orientation and safety talk you will embark on a hike down the nearby Bright Angel Trail. This historic route into the canyon has a great deal to offer the inquisitive hiker. You will brush against rocks and fossils hundreds of millions of years old, see ancient Indian inscriptions, run across desert bighorn (if they cooperate), and take in some of the most breathtaking views in North America.

Lunch (provided) will be consumed either on the trail or back on the rim depending on how the morning hike transpired. The afternoon will include a stroll along the rim through the Historic Village District. Besides enjoying the big views of the canyon you'll hear about the Native Americans (past and present), pioneers, park rangers, and others whose lives are woven into Grand Canyon tapestry.

Our day together will conclude in the late afternoon, allowing time for you recover before dinner and a world-class sunset on your own.

## **Day Two**

Today's rendezvous will take place at the front desk in the lobby of the Yavapai Lodge (or the Maswik Lodge if autumn-spring) at 8:30 a.m. (sharp). A motorcoach will be provided for this exciting day touring the breathtaking Desertview Drive.

This twenty-three mile road hugs the South Rim en route to the East Entrance of the park and the majestic Watchtower designed and built by maverick architect Mary Jane Colter in the 1930s. This landmark perched on one of the highest points along the rim features intricate Native American murals and exhibits, and has a command view of the eastern canyon and the Colorado River below.

On the drive to Desertview you will enjoy a number of other stops that may include a stroll through the forest to secluded Shoshone Point, Moran Point where Spanish explorers first laid eyes on the Grand Canyon in 1540 A.D., and Tusayan Ruins, the remains of a pueblo village abandoned in the 1200s.

The day will end with a return to Grand Canyon Village, a wrap-up session, and heartfelt farewells.

## **Recommended Reading**

Anderson, Michael F. *Living at the Edge: Explorers, Exploiters and Settlers of the Grand Canyon Region.*

Coder, Christopher M. *An Introduction to Grand Canyon Prehistory.*

Houk, Rose. *An Introduction to Grand Canyon Ecology.*

Price, L. Greer. *An Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology.*

Ranney, Wayne. *Carving Grand Canyon.*

These books and other interpretive aids can be purchased at Grand Canyon Association's website at [www.grandcanyon.org](http://www.grandcanyon.org), or by calling toll free (800) 858-2808 extension 7030. Grand Canyon Association is non-profit that has been assisting the National Park Service since 1932 in the areas of education and scientific research, and is the parent of the Grand Canyon Association.