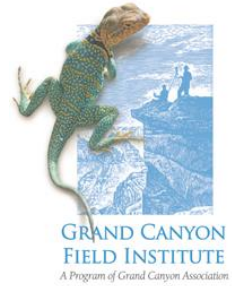


Meet the Canyon



Thank you for choosing GCFI to lead your party. You will meet your guide/instructor in the lobby of the **El Tovar Hotel** at 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time), for a full day of learning and adventure.

After a brief introduction you will venture down the 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.

Just how far into the Grand Canyon your guide will take you depends upon your group's hiking strength, interests, and the day's temperature and weather conditions.

In the afternoon your instructor will introduce you to the historic architecture and sweeping views to be found in the Historic Village District along the South Rim.

Note: Please bring a sack lunch for each person in your group. A sandwich, piece of fruit, and salty snacks would be an ideal combo.

RECOMMENDED READING

The following books provide an excellent overview of Grand Canyon National Park.

Anderson, Michael F., *Living at the Edge: Explorers, Exploiters and Settlers of the Grand Canyon Region*, 1998.

Coder, Chris, *An Introduction to Grand Canyon Pre-History*, 2000.

Houk, Rose, *An Introduction to Grand Canyon Ecology*, 1996.

Price, L. Greer, *An Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology*, 1999.

Ranney, Wayne, *Carving Grand Canyon*, 2005.

Sadler, Christa, *Life in Stone*, 2005.

Thybonny, Scott, *The Official Guide to Hiking Grand Canyon*, 1997 Second Edition.

Most of these books may be purchased over the phone through the Grand Canyon Association (GCFI's parent organization) at 800-858-2808 or online at www.grandcanyon.org. GCA members receive a 15% discount.