

Driving from Las Vegas to the Canyon Plaza Resort, Grand Canyon, Arizona

The driving distance from Las Vegas to the hotel is 270 miles, and takes approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes. You will depart Las Vegas on Highway 93 South headed to Kingman. The fastest route would be to get onto Interstate 40 East to Williams and take the 165 Grand Canyon exit, AZ Highway 64 North to Tusayan, which is about one hour. **Watch speed limits.**

With the addition of the Hoover Dam bypass you will now need to take the Hoover Dam Exit if you want to stop and see the Dam. If you do not take the exit you will be directed over a new bridge.

Let's start right off by getting you off to an early start to **beat the traffic** and get you to the best breakfast in the Las Vegas area. Once you are headed on 93 South you will come to Bolder City. You want to stop for **breakfast at Mel's Diner**; it is a real treat and is famous for **great food** and homestyle hospitality. Located at 558 Nevada Highway (93 South), it is open from 7AM to 3PM.

A few suggestions that you might want to consider are - Top off the gas tank in Kingman as after Kingman the price of gas goes up, up, up. You might want to consider stopping on Stockton Hill Road. Go under the freeway, north, there are several Super Markets. Get a throw away Ice Chest and provisions. After Kingman prices go up so purchase health bars, snacks, soda and so forth.

There is alternate route, prettier, and much more enjoyable way to get here that takes about 30 minutes longer, not taking in the amount of time you spend at stops. It offers some very nice scenery and takes you back in time through some of the **real old west**. It is really worth the time if you are not in a hurry to arrive at the Canyon. This is **Historic Route 66**. Go back into the '50s.. At Kingman get onto Route 66 heading east. About 20 miles east you will come to **Hackberry**. The town consists of one store: an old 1900's style **General Store** with a 66 Red Corvette in front. Inside the store is very interesting; take a few minutes to look around. As you continue east You will drive about 30 minutes you will find the **Grand Canyon Caverns**. Continuing east, about 20 miles further you will come to Seligman -- **the best!** If you are hungry, stop at **Westside Lilo's**. It is on the right hand side of the road as you come into town, next door to the Post Office. Say hi to Lilo; she is a nice German lady. Everything is **great** -- the best Hamburgers in the west; (mention to your waitress GC Rich sent you for a **10% local's** discount). And, of course, you must save room for dessert. After you eat continue about ½ mile and on the same side for the road is the **Snow Cap**. It is a hysterical Landmark -- **a must!! Say hi to John from Grand, Canyon Rich** and you will get a **surprise!!** They have the best Ice Cream west of the Mississippi to boot.

If you do not want to take Route 66, you can just take I - 40 to exit 121 and drive through Seligman, stop at the Snow Cap and get back on I - 40 at the other end of town on exit 123. You will get on Interstate 40 East after leaving Seligman. It will be 40 miles to Williams. Take **Grand Canyon Exit #165**. I would go right a couple of miles into Williams and top off your gas tank. It is about a dollar a gallon less in Williams. Then head up the road (64 North) and you will be just about 1 hour from the hotel (don't be the fastest car on the road-**speed traps**). The Route 66 trip including stops should not take more than about 5 hours. Give or take. We **share** the **driveway** with the **IMAX**. I do not know what time you plan to leave Las Vegas, however sunset is special here so if you can arrive around late afternoon you can catch the sunset. Our **restaurant** has an **excellent** buffet diner which is served until 9:00PM with **ala carte** service until 9:30PM. You will find it hard to eat after 9:30PM in Tusayan. Also be sure to take a look around our **gift shop** which features the finest in southwest jewelry, apparel and novelties. We **highly** recommend setting up site **seeing tours** in advance. Call me or send an email, guestservices@cprgc.com. I will send you a list of all the tours offered in the area. Reserve in and we will make arrangements that will suit your needs and maximize your time at the canyon.

Our address 406 Canyon Plaza Lane, Tusayan, AZ 86023. Using a **GPS**, go to points of interest and program IMAX, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. Or use Grand Canyon Airport, Tusayan, AZ 86023

Any comments on your holiday and/or Pictures are always appreciated; enjoy the journey!

Happy Trails,

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