

## **Driving from Phoenix or Scottsdale (optional Sedona Side Trip) to Canyon Plaza Resort, Grand Canyon, Arizona**

The driving distance from Phoenix to the hotel is 222 miles and takes approximately 4 ½ hours. Take Interstate 17 North to Flagstaff. Get onto Interstate 40 West (Los Angeles) to exit 165. Turn right onto AZ 64 North. You are 50 miles from the Canyon Plaza Resort. We **share** the drive way with the **IMAX Theater** on your left about ½ miles after you enter Tusayan. Please keep in mind that **sunset** is one of the wonderful scenes at the Grand Canyon so if you can arrive by late afternoon you will have a chance to drive into the park for **sunset**. It is magnificent.

**DO NOT** be the fastest car on the road; there are many Highway Patrol cars giving speeding tickets. Also come to a complete stop at stop signs. Tickets are very expensive.

**Be careful of the timing on arriving in Phoenix. From 7AM to 9AM and 4PM to 7PM on you will encounter very heavy traffic Monday through Friday.**

**If you are arriving at the Phoenix Airport and staying in Phoenix overnight:**

The Seventh Ave exit (exit 144A) takes you right into downtown where there are several major hotels and the Center for performing arts and the Convention Center. It is also the location of Chase Field home of the Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball team.

If you are in Phoenix during the summer months you can see if the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team is in town and enjoy the favorite American sport. Check where schedule at [www.arizona.diamondbacks.com](http://www.arizona.diamondbacks.com). If you go to the ball game go to “**Cooperstown**” for a “pre-game” meal. It is owned by Alice Cooper and a fun spot right next door to the ball park. There is a very nice **Hyatt** centrally located with great rates during the summer months. It is my favorite hotel in downtown Phoenix [www.phoenix.hyatt.com](http://www.phoenix.hyatt.com). You can also find many good values in **Scottsdale** during the summer months by shopping around and you are only about 15 to 20 minutes from downtown Phoenix during off peak driving hours. Downtown Phoenix is about 15 to 20 minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport.

Another option if you have a free night would go to Scottsdale for a fun evening. For dinner in Scottsdale (which adjoins Phoenix) a fun family location is Pinnacle Peaks Patio. They have Bar-B-Q steaks, ribs and chicken, usually have western entertainment and lots going on. See it for yourself at [www.pppatio.com](http://www.pppatio.com) – great for families. If you would like something more “upscale” **Tarbell's** is a real locals favorite; you can take a look at it at [www.tarbells.com](http://www.tarbells.com). Reservations are strongly recommended.

For information on local attractions, dining, sightseeing, sporting and cultural events, museums, botanical gardens and general information on this area go to [www.visitphoenix.com](http://www.visitphoenix.com) and [www.experiencescottsdale.com](http://www.experiencescottsdale.com).

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### **At Exit 165 in Williams:**

A few suggestions you might want to consider are –topping off your gas tank in Flagstaff. There price for gas is about \$1.00 a gallon less than here in the canyon. Then you head east on I-40 to Williams and take exit 165. Turn (right) north on highway 64. Or you could also go into Williams and pick up a throw away Ice Chest and some bottled water, power bars, snacks and so forth. Prices in the grocery store here are much higher than in Williams or Flagstaff. We are 56 miles from Exit 165 off of the Interstate 40 freeway.

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### **Sedona Side Trip**

An alternative route for those that would like a more scenic route would be to take Interstate 17 North to Highway 179 into SEDONA. It is a very beautiful drive. Once you enter Sedona and are ready to continue on to the Grand Canyon, take 89A north up through Oak Creek Canyon to Flagstaff. Upon entering Flagstaff you will get onto Interstate 17 north for about one kilometer and take the Interstate 40 West exit and follow the directions above to our property.

In **Sedona** an excellent spot for lunch would be L'auberge. It has patio dining overlooking Oak Creek and has excellent food with luncheon entrees running approximately \$15-\$20 US. You can look at this dining location at [www.l'auberge.com](http://www.l'auberge.com). If you would like to stay overnight we would suggest the Sedona Real. [www.sedonareal.com](http://www.sedonareal.com). The view rooms are the best. You might want to call ahead and ask if they have any promotions going on. One of the high lights for a visit to Sedona is the famous Pink Jeep Tours. [www.pinkjeep.com](http://www.pinkjeep.com). This is the ultimate in off road experience in our area. Also, one of the best railroads in the west can be found just outside of Sedona. The Verde Canyon Railroad offers some spectacular scenery and a great western adventure. [www.verdecanyonrr.com](http://www.verdecanyonrr.com). Information on Sedona is at [www.visitedona.com](http://www.visitedona.com). There is a lot to see and do there.

The drive up Oak Creek Canyon to Interstate 40 is about 1 hour and it is very beautiful. There is a state park, Slide Rock State Park about half way up the Canyon. This is a great stop for kids of all ages. It is like an outdoor water park in the summer and is very popular, especially on weekends. On weekends beware of many cars and people on the road around this area. The total drive time for this route from Phoenix to our hotel is approximately 5 ½ hours. From Oak Creek Canyon take the Interstate 17 North on ramp and then get onto Interstate 40 West and follow the directions to Williams.

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Our street address is 406 Canyon Plaza Lane, Tusayan, Arizona, 86023 GPS is not recommended using our address. If you are using a GPS, go to points of interest; enter IMAX Theater, Tusayan, AZ 86023. Or enter the Tusayan Airport, Tusayan, AZ 86023. We share the drive way with the IMAX Theater. We are right behind the theater.

**Comments and/or Pictures are always appreciated; enjoy the journey!**

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