

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. 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. 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 – 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. 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 and www.experiencescottsdale.com.

At Exit 165 in Williams:

A few suggestions you might want to consider are –topping off your gas tank at Malone's Garage, which is just about two miles to the left when you get off I – 40 on exit 165. There price for gas is about \$1.00 a gallon less than here in the canyon. Then you would just turn around and head back 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.
