

Site seeing from Southern California and Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon Plaza Hotel, Grand Canyon, Arizona

From Southern California

Depending on what part of Southern California you are departing from you will have several route to select from; from Los Angeles via Barstow, from San Diego via Phoenix and so forth. If you are driving via Barstow they have one of the largest "OUTLET MALLS" in the west there. If you are headed here via Phoenix be sure and head north from Phoenix driving through Sedona. Beautiful. If you are on Interstate 40 East near Needles I would suggest getting on Route 66 and stopping by Oatman, AZ. It is a lot of fun; the old west comes alive there.



The driving distance from Las Vegas to the hotel is 270 miles, and takes approximately 4 1/2 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.

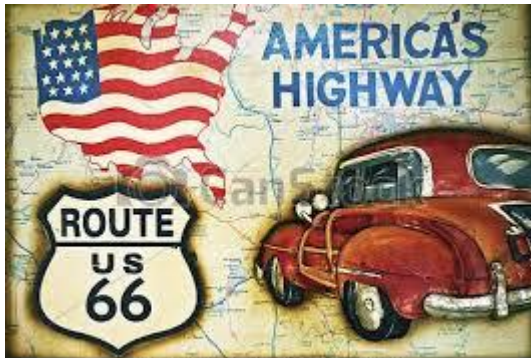
Let's start right off by getting you off to an early start to **beat the traffic** and get you to the best breakfast in Kingman which is about 45 minutes from Las Vegas.

There is a great stop in Kingman that is world famous for the wonderful 1950s décor serving breakfast. It is best known for lunch and dinner with wonderful milkshakes and burgers with terrific service, but breakfast is also very good. **Mr. D's Diner** is just a few minutes off of the freeway (Exit 48 –same exit as Las Vegas).

The web site is www.mrdzrt66diner.com. It is open 7 days a week from 7am to 9pm. The address is 105 East Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, AZ 86401. This is also route 66.



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.



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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** – this is a dry cave; not much to see. 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 of 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!!** And they have the best Ice Cream you will find 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 take exit 163 (go north under the freeway) to top off your gas tank at the Pilot Gas Station. It is about a dollar a gallon less in Williams. If you stop for gas, get back on Interstate 40 to the next exit, #165. 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.

We **highly** recommend setting up site **seeing tours** in advance. Send an email to me at guestservices@cprgc.com. We will send you a list of all the tours offered in the area.. Plan in advance and we will make arrangements that will suit your needs and maximize your time at the canyon. **We also have excellent packages on our website that can save you money!**

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!**



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