

Sight Seeing from Phoenix or Scottsdale (optional Sedona Side Trip) to Grand Canyon Plaza Hotel, 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.

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. My favorite Resort in **Scottsdale** is **Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort and Spa**. It is a wonderful resort and during the summer months rates are very reasonable. They have great food, with meticulous attention to every detail. Save room for their signature desert in the Lincoln Steak House. Their house made **cheesecake with raspberry sauce**; it is a creation imported from the iconic Dorchester Hotel, London, United Kingdom. www.marriott.com/Scottsdale



Scottsdale is about 15 to 20 minutes from Sky Harbor International Airport.

www.experiencescottsdale.com and www.visitphoenix.com.



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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. Their address is 301 L'Auberge Lane, Sedona, AZ 86336

If you would like to stay overnight we would suggest the Sedona Real www.sedonareal.com; great hospitality at reasonable rates. . 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. 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.. Information on Sedona is at www.visitsedona.com. There is a lot to see and do there. If you would like to save some money on accommodations, take a look at Cottonwood; it is less than 30 minutes from Sedona.



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.

As you drive up through the canyon, right before you get to the top, you will see a sign on the right hand side that says "**Indian Crafts**". There are some great bargains if you are willing to "haggle". If they say \$30.00, you say \$20.00 and the fun begins. Their 3rd price is usually the best. Figure about 2/3 of the starting price for most items.



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.

At Exit 165 in Williams:

A couple of suggestions you might want to consider are topping off your gas tank in Flagstaff and picking up a throwaway cooler and picking up some sodas and snacks. There price for gas is about \$1.00 a gallon less than here in the canyon and all items in the grocery store are about double here. 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.

Right at exit 165 is Bearizona which is a theme park with many different animals and exhibits. The price is reasonable; if you have a couple of hours I would recommend it especially for families. <http://bearizona.com/>.

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 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. www.grandcanyonplaza.com.



We hope this information has made your holiday a little more enjoyable. Comments and/or Pictures are always appreciated; enjoy the journey!



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