

## Panhandle Senior Travelers

# Two Trains & The Grand Canyon

7 Days April 25 to May 1, 2024

*This is an exciting western trip featuring two scenic train rides. You ride on both the Verde Canyon and the Grand Canyon Railroad during a fun-filled week in northern Arizona. This trip also includes beautiful Sedona, AZ and a Jeep ride through the majestic red rocks plus a Chuckwagon Dinner at Blazin' M Ranch.*

### Tour Highlights:

- Sedona
  - Sedona Pink Jeep Tour
  - Free Time at Tlaquepaque Village
  - Chapel of the Holy Cross
  - Dinner at Sound Bites Grill
  - Free Time in Old Town & Flagstaff
  - Ride the Verde Canyon Railroad
  - Chuckwagon Dinner at Blazin' M Ranch
  - Museum of Northern Arizona
- Williams, AZ
  - Grand Canyon Scenic Railroad (First Class Car)
  - Grand Canyon Freedom Rim Tour
  - Bearizona Wildlife Park
  - Grand Canyon Railway Hotel
  - Free Evening in Williams
  - Lodging in Grand Canyon & Free Time
- Six Nights First Class Lodging
- Six Breakfasts & Four Dinners
- Luggage Handling
- All Taxes & Tips on Above Services
- Motorcoach Transportation in Arizona, & Driver's Tip
- Round Trip Airfare from Pensacola

### Per Person Prices:

**\$3,470** DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,070 TRIPLE...\$2,870 QUAD...\$4,570 SINGLE

\$500 per person deposit with reservation

Final Payment Due by end of General Meeting  
in November 2023

*\*\* Estimated Airfare is based on \$600 pp roundtrip. Once airfare is confirmed, any addition to this will be passed on to the customer. Airfare will not be confirmed until first deposit is received. Prices cannot be guaranteed until deposit is made.*

Travel Insurance is available and can be purchased online at

<https://atc.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=USTO7000WV>

(Each person is responsible for their own insurance enrollment)

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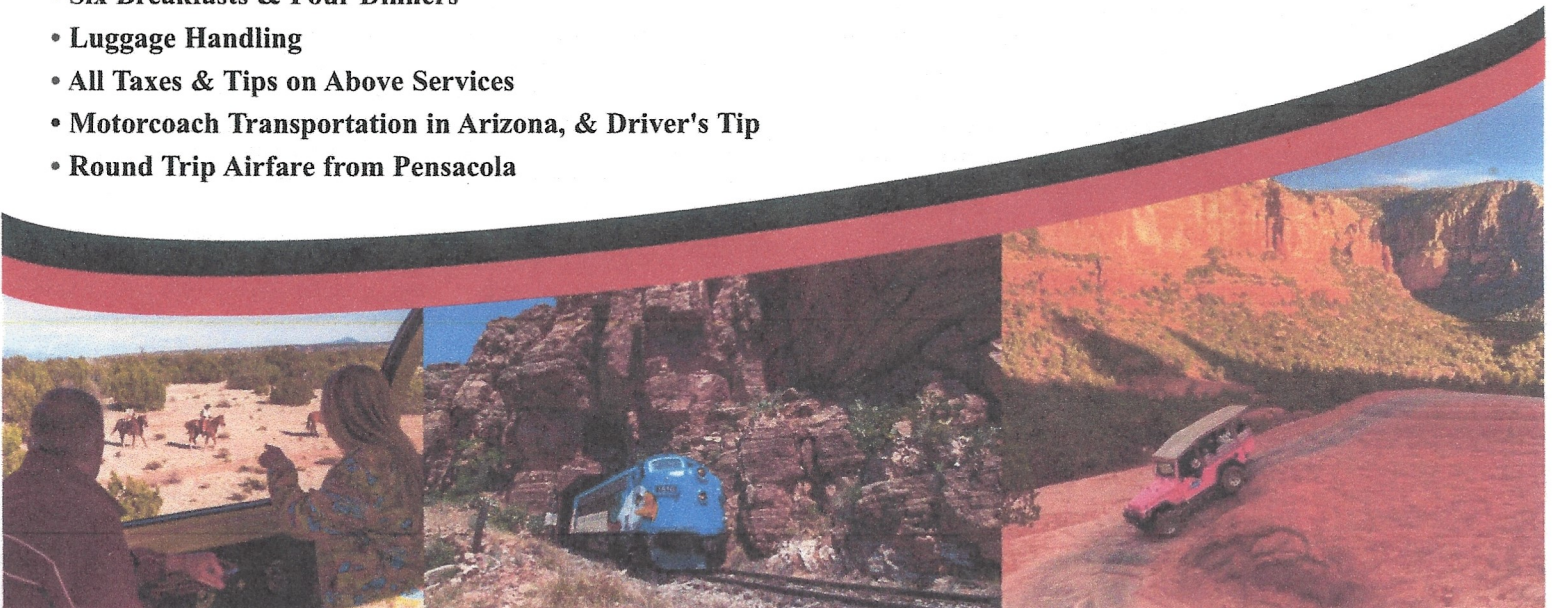
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**Day 1 – Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West - Sedona, AZ** – Today, fly to Phoenix, AZ where on arrival, a motorcoach will be waiting to meet your group. Start with a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West., his beloved winter home and desert laboratory. Established in 1937 and diligently handcrafted over many years into a world unto itself. Deeply connected to the desert from which it was forged, Taliesin West possesses an almost prehistoric grandeur. It was built and maintained almost entirely by Wright and his apprentices, making it among the most personal of the architect's creations.

Arrive this evening at your Sedona Hotel for a three-night stay to enjoy the beauty and attractions around Sedona. This evening, your group will have dinner at a local restaurant convenient to your hotel. **(D)**

**Day 2 - Sedona Pink Jeep Tour - Tlaquepaque Village - Chapel of the Holy Cross - Dinner at Sound Bites Grill** - This morning, you are in for an exciting ride on the open-air Pink Jeep Tours. Climbing 2000 feet above the town to the very top of the Mogollon Rim you find a magnificent view. This tour is off-road fun with fantastic photo opportunities as you drive past majestic red rock formations, through pine forest and desert, to the mountain top and back.

This afternoon your Sedona experience will include spending time at internationally renowned Tlaquepaque (pronounced T-la-keh-pah-keh), Sedona Arizona's Arts & Crafts Village. Tlaquepaque is the most distinctive Sedona shopping experience to be found in the Southwest. You will have time for shopping and lunch on your own while there.

Next, you visit the Chapel of the Holy Cross, sitting high atop the red rocks in Sedona, Arizona, was inspired and commissioned by local rancher and sculptor Marguerite Brunswig Staude. In 1932, she was inspired to build such a church by the construction of the Empire State Building. Staude initially attempted to do this in Budapest, Hungary with the help of Lloyd Wright, son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. However, their attempt was aborted due to the outbreak of World War II. With this unfortunate turn of events, she decided to build the church in her native home land, Arizona.

What better way to end the day than to have dinner at Sound Bites Grill with a delicious meal, amazing Red Rock Views and great entertainment. **(B,D)**

**Day 3 - Free Time Sedona - Ride the Verde Canyon Railroad - Chuckwagon Dinner at the Blazin' M Ranch** - Enjoy free time this morning in Sedona for shopping and lunch on own. Then take a ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. This classic train takes passengers deep into a scenic Arizona canyon, offering unsurpassed comfort amid a sculpted and colorful landscape. Travel past Indian ruins, through a 680-foot man-made tunnel, over old-fashioned trestles and under clear azure skies. This picturesque setting is further enhanced by the variety of indigenous flora and fauna and the many migrating waterfowl.

Tonight, enjoy the Blazin' M Ranch for a Chuckwagon Dinner and Cowboy Music. Located in Cottonwood, AZ the ranch features Western Boutique Shopping, a Museum and Saloon, as well as the air-conditioned barn with it's chuckwagon buffet and the after dinner music of the Blazin' M Ramblers. **(B,D)**

**Day 4 – Flagstaff, AZ - The Museum of Northern Arizona – Bearizona Wildlife Park – Grand Canyon Railway Hotel – Free Evening** - This morning starts in Flagstaff, AZ with a visit to the Museum of Northern Arizona which was developed as a repository for indigenous material and natural history specimens from the Colorado Plateau. Next, enjoy a break for lunch on own and time to explore the Historic Downtown Flagstaff.

Afternoon travel continues to Williams, AZ where you visit the Bearizona Wildlife Park. You'll see animals the way they should be seen, in a natural environment. In this Drive-Thru Park a tour guide will narrate and talk to you about the wide variety of wildlife and their conservation efforts. You will see bison, big horn sheep, wolves, red fox and otter, badgers and burros, a variety of bears.

Then check into the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, in Williams, Arizona, for an overnight stay. This modern hotel is located in the center of town, along historic Highway 66, and conveniently beside the Grand Canyon Railway Train Depot. This evening you will have free time to be able to explore the town of Williams, and have dinner on your own. It's known as the Gateway to the Grand Canyon National Park via the Grand Canyon Railway. Also, historic Route 66 runs through the downtown area featuring Pete's Route 66 Gas Station Museum as well as numerous shops and restaurants to explore. **(B)**

**Day 5 – Grand Canyon Train Excursion – Guided Freedom Rim Tour of Grand Canyon – Maswik Lodge** - This morning, enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet at Fred Harvey's before starting out on your Grand Canyon Train Excursion. Also, you may want to get to the Grandstand beside the depot early before the train for the Wild West Shootout.

Next, you hop a train ride on the Grand Canyon Railway from Williams to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. On the 65-mile ride in First Class to the Canyon you will pass through 6,000 foot high forest and mountain desert. Attendants will offer refreshments and snacks (on own), and there is a full cash bar onboard.

Arriving in Grand Canyon National Park, you are greeted with the sight of one of three log-cabin-style train stations left in America. From the station your luggage is moved to your hotel and you'll find your tour bus there waiting for you with a Step On Guide for an afternoon sightseeing tour. Walk along the pine-forested ledges of your first Grand Canyon viewpoint. Here you'll spend a few minutes just trying to process the sight in front of you as your guide points out a few of the distant features, and geological details. Then you will learn about the trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and wildlife of the Canyon.

At the end of this tour, you check-in at the Maswik Lodge. It is a modern facility spread over several acres of Ponderosa Pine forest, and is located just 1/4 mile from the canyon rim and the Grand Canyon Village. Dinner is on own tonight and you will have time for souvenir shopping as well as a chance to photograph the sunset. **(B)**

**Day 6 - Free Time in Grand Canyon National Park – Grand Canyon Railway Hotel – Dinner at Fred Harvey's** - Today, you have the day to explore in Grand Canyon National Park. Visit the Grand Canyon Village, check out the Hopi House, Yavapai Point, the Geology Museum and many other attractions and shops in the village or take an additional tour. Then be back on the train at 3:00 pm for the ride back to Williams.

Upon your return to Williams, check into the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel for the night. Tonight, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at Fred Harvey's. Located across from the hotel and adjacent to the depot, you'll be able to savor dinner and enjoy the rail atmosphere as a model replica of the train circles the room in the restaurant. A full gift shop with Grand Canyon Railway souvenirs is also in the restaurant. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Williams and all it has to offer. **(B,D)**

**Day 7 - Depart for Home** – After breakfast, your group will be transferred to the Phoenix airport for your return flight home. **(B)**