

CAIRN STONE HIKING TOURS

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TRIP 1: FRIDAY, SEP 16 TRIP 2: WEDNESDAY, SEP 28

- 6:45AM Bus available for loading at SMC – Niles campus.
- 7:00AM Bus leaves promptly for *Chicago O'Hare* airport.
- 8:30AM Arrive at *O'Hare* airport.
- 11:45AM Leave via *American FL1539* for Las Vegas.
- 1:37PM Arrive *Harry Reid International Airport*, Las Vegas.
- 2:30PM Stop at *IN - N - OUT Burgers* for lunch.
- 4:45PM Rest stop at Walmart in Mesquite, NV for restrooms and supply break.
- 6:45PM Arrive at *Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park* for a short hike.
- 7:45PM Arrive at *La Quinta Inn*, Kanab, UT. Enjoy dinner and drinks with choice of several nearby restaurants.

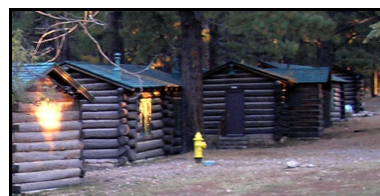


TRIP 1: SATURDAY, SEP 17 TRIP 2: THURSDAY, SEP 29

- 6:30AM Full hot breakfast buffet starts.
- 9:00AM Bus leaves for *Buckskin Gulch Slot Canyon* hike – Bring a trail lunch.
- 4:15AM OPTIONAL: Drop off in Kanab at *Squaw Trail* trailhead for cool hike up to lookout then back to hotel (3.0).
- 4:30PM Approximate arrival back to hotel. The rest of the day enjoy this *Western Movie Kodachrome* city.

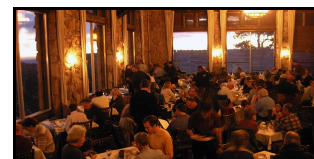
TRIP 1: SUNDAY, SEP 18 TRIP 2: FRIDAY, SEP 30

- 6:30AM Full hot breakfast buffet starts.
- 9:15AM Load bus and head for the *Grand Canyon North Rim Village*. Dress in hiking clothes and take your poles and anything needed to hike on the bus. (You will not have access to luggage until check in at 4:00PM).
- 10:30AM Rest stop at *Jacob's Lake*.
- 11:45AM Arrive at North Rim for lunch at the lodge, deli or General Store (in the campground). We will make reservations for your evening dinner in the lodge overlooking the Canyon (Stay tuned - more details in a few months).
- 1:30PM Start *Bright Angel Point* (1.0) and *Transept Trail* (4.0) hikes.
- 4:00PM Check in: At the bus get your *Frontier Cabin* key and take luggage to your cabin. Enjoy the beauty, solitude and wonderful food and spirits of the *North Rim Lodge* (After your hikes the *Rough Rider Lounge* is a popular place to wait for dinner and it is a coffee bar in the morning).



TRIP 1: MONDAY SEP 19 TRIP 2: SATURDAY, OCT 1

- Breakfast on your own at the lodge or deli.
- 10:00AM Leave for hikes: *Widforss* (9.1) or *Uncle Jim's* (4.7) trail hikes. Bring a trail lunch. Enjoy another evening meal in the lodge and the breathtaking star filled night sky (Nights here can be very cool, bring a warm coat or hooded sweatshirt).



TRIP 1: TUESDAY, SEP 20 TRIP 2: SUNDAY, OCT 2

- Breakfast on your own at the lodge or deli.
- 9:30AM Load bus, head for South Rim.

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- 11:45PM Rest stop at *Navajo Bridge, Marble Canyon*.
4:00PM Arrive at South Rim Grand Canyon. Hike from *Bright Angel* to *Trail View Point* (3.4).
6:15PM Load bus to lodging.
6:30PM Arrive at *Red Feather Lodge, Tusayan*. Get luggage and meet in lobby for keys.

TRIP 1: WEDNESDAY SEP 21 TRIP 2: MONDAY, OCT 3

I suggest breakfast at the *El Tovar* and then the South Rim ½ Marathon starting at *Hermit's Rest*. I will have suggestions for shorter hikes. Enjoy dinner at one of the many South Rim restaurants and taverns.

TRIP 1: THURSDAY, SEP 22

TRIP 2: TUESDAY, OCT 4

I suggest breakfast at the *Yavapai Lodge* (great shopping at the nearby General Store) or at the *El Tovar*. Then hike the West Rim to the South Kaibab trailhead (5.2) and then down to *Ooh Aah Point* (7.0) or *Cedar Ridge* (8.2). Rehydrate at South Rim Village or in Tusayan.



TRIP 1: FRIDAY, SEP 23

TRIP 2: WEDNESDAY, OCT 5

- Breakfast on your own (many nearby restaurants).
9:30AM Bus leaves to Tempe, AZ (Wear hiking clothes)
12:30AM Arrive Tempe *Mill Ave* district for lunch stop.
2:30PM Leave for *Tom Thumb* hike.
3:00PM Arrive at *McDowell Sonoran Preserve* for *Tom Thumb* hike to the lookout (4.9).
6:30PM Arrive at Tempe lodging: *Sonesta Select* (within walking distance of the vibrant *Arizona State University* campus and *Mill Street District* full of great shops, brewpubs, and restaurants). This area is very similar to the *State Street* area at the *University of Wisconsin*, a popular area enjoyed by many of our *Devil's Lake* hikers.



TRIP 1: SATURDAY, SEP 24

TRIP 2: THURSDAY, OCT 6

- 8:00AM Victory Breakfast: Private buffet in the *Sun Devil Room* of our hotel.
9:00AM Bus leaves for the popular and very challenging hike at *Piestewa Peak Summit Trail* (2.1). Bring a trail lunch for the park at the finish (Cold beverages on the bus).
4:00PM OPTIONAL: Bus leaves our hotel for the *Desert Botanical Garden* walk and the new *Chihuly in the Desert* display and dinner in their cool restaurant (look for the *Roadrunners*). There is an additional charge for this option. Everyone else can enjoy the *Mill District*, hike up *Tempe Butte* (aka "A" Mountain) or stroll down to *Tempe Town Lake*.

TRIP 1: SUNDAY, SEP 25

TRIP 2: FRIDAY, OCT 7

- Breakfast on your own: (Our hotel's restaurant or nearby restaurants)
9:15AM Leave for *Phoenix Sky Harbor* airport.
1:05PM Leave on *American FL0769*.
6:23PM Arrive to O'Hare airport.
10:30PM ETA at SMC, Niles campus.

