THE EPICENTER OF THE CANYON’S HUMAN HISTORY

Whether you come for the day or for the week, you’ll find more than enough to fill your hours and free your mind. Stunning panoramas. Rejuvenating nature walks. Native American artistry. Unique shopping. Casual and fine dining. All amid the splendor of one of the natural wonders of the world.

The Historic Village is an easy, short ride from the Grand Canyon Visitor Center on the free shuttle system or by car. Once you arrive, begin your adventure at El Tovar — the center of the Historic Village. Then stroll the Rim Trail and experience the grandeur and natural beauty of the canyon up close. As you make your way through this picturesque village, step back in time and wander among the preserved, original buildings dating back to the early 1900s. Daily ranger programs help you discover 1.7 billion years of history embedded in the canyon walls. There’s so much to see and experience. It’s all waiting for you at the Historic Village, and it’s open year-round.
MUST-SEE SIGHTS AT THE RIM

If you haven't explored this historic village, you haven't experienced the Grand Canyon.

EL TOVAR
The 1905 El Tovar is one of America's great historic hotels and is famous for luxury accommodations, fine dining, shopping and spectacular views from nearly every window.

HOPI HOUSE
The Hopi House, a 1905 National Historic Landmark on the canyon rim serves today as a unique gift shop offering authentic Native American art and jewelry.

VERKAMP'S VISITOR CENTER
Verkamp's opened in 1906 as a curio and souvenir shop currently serves as a pioneer history museum and Grand Canyon Conservancy store.

BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE
Opened in 1935, the Bright Angel Lodge offers rustic charm on the canyon rim where visitors find both comfort and convenience. Visit the Fred Harvey History Room to see exhibits of the early days of the company.

MASWIK LODGE
Maswik Lodge is a 280-room lodging complex nestled within several acres of Ponderosa pine forest. The complex consists of the main lodge building that houses the Registration Desk, Gift Shop, Maswik Food Court, and Pizza Pub.

LOOKOUT STUDIO
Blending in with its environment, Lookout Studio’s multi-level porches give visitors breathtaking views right on the canyon’s edge. The Lookout Studio was designed by Mary Colter and opened in 1914.

KOLB STUDIO
Brothers Kolb’s 1904 home and studio teetering on the rim now offers art exhibits, a bookstore, Native American artifacts and an auditorium.

GRAND CANYON RAILWAY
Built in 1910, The Train Depot is now a showplace of early tourism with historic photographs of the South Rim displayed all around its timber walls.
DINING OPTIONS IN THE HISTORIC VILLAGE

Grand Canyon National Park Lodges offers every choice in dining from family style to the casually elegant El Tovar Dining Room.

EL TOVAR DINING ROOM

Gourmet dining in an atmosphere of historic and casual elegance describes this world-class dining experience. Located in the historic El Tovar Hotel, the celebrated Dining Room’s menu is traditional, integrating both international and local Southwest influences. Advance reservations are highly recommended for dinner, and can be made by calling 928-638-2631, ext. 6432.

ARIZONA STEAKHOUSE

Located at Bright Angel Lodge, The Arizona Steakhouse is not just the name of the restaurant, but the inspiration behind its cuisine. This newly enhanced dining experience tells the epicurean history of the native ingredients, flavors, and history of Arizona and its people. Dinner reservations are available for parties of five or more by visiting grandcanyonlodges.com or calling 928-638-2631, ext. 6432.

FRED HARVEY BURGER

Great days at Grand Canyon often begin, and end, at Bright Angel Lodge and Fred Harvey Burger. Fuel up for a full day of exploring the canyon with omelets and breakfast platters. In addition to 100% Angus beef and vegan selections, meals include flame-grilled favorites featuring bison and elk. Seating is first-come, first-served, and reservations are not accepted.

BRIGHT ANGEL FOUNTAIN

Guests seeking a light snack will find exactly that at the Bright Fountain. Cool off with a scoop of hand-packed, premium ice cream or choose from a wide selection of sandwiches, hot dogs, pastries, or fresh fruit plus a variety of refreshing beverages. All items are served to go so that you can maximize your time enjoying Grand Canyon National Park.

FRED HARVEY TAVERN

The Harvey House Tavern is a cozy little western hide-away located near the top of Bright Angel trailhead. Stop in after a hike to cool down and fuel up, with a cold beer and hot snacks. The décor is highlighted by historic murals depicting Native American scenes. Folk musicians and western singers entertain seasonally, and tap takeovers happen yearly. Patrons must be at least 21 years of age.

MASWIK FOOD COURT & PIZZA PUB

Maswik Food Court is the perfect dining option for families or groups with varying palates, budgets, and appetites, as there is something for everyone here. Diners will find four individual food stations including a wide variety of breakfast selections, traditional home-style lunch and dinner entrées, grilled burgers, hot sandwiches, and made-to-order deli sandwiches. The Pizza Pub prepares freshly baked pizzas, wings, and salads in a casual, fun atmosphere.
SOUTH RIM TOURS
Immerse yourself at the canyon with an interpretive tour.

CANYON VISTAS MULE RIDE
The Canyon Vistas Mule Ride is a four-mile, two-hour mule ride that travels directly along the East Rim of the canyon. The entire adventure including travel time to and from the barn is 3 hours. The mule wranglers that lead the trip will stop along the trail to provide interpretive information about the geologic formations, cultural history, the area’s native people, the surrounding forest, and more. Bota bags are included, and rain jackets are provided when necessary. Reservations may be made by visiting the Bright Angel or Maswik Tours & Activities desk, by calling 303-297-2757, or at grandcanyonlodges.com.

INTERPRETIVE BUS TOURS
Board one of our comfortable, environmentally friendly motorcoaches powered by compressed natural gas and experience a guided tour through one of the most beautiful places on earth, Grand Canyon! Let our skilled drivers take the stress out of navigating the park roads or finding a place to park while you relax and enjoy the spectacular views of the canyon. Choose a tour that fits your schedule and interests. Take the time to learn some of the captivating history and geology of this timeless location. All tours are narrated and led by knowledgeable and entertaining park guides.

Available tours include:
The Hermits Rest Tour: 2-hour, interpretive tour that explores the beauty of the West Rim and visits historic Hermits Rest.
The Desert View Tour: Covers 52 miles in 3.75 hours and visits the East Rim with a stop at the historic Desert View Watchtower.
The Sunrise Tour or The Sunset Tour: Travels to scenic view points along the West Rim. Enjoy this spectacular time of day as the sun rises or sets over the ramparts of the desert. It’s an inspirational way to begin or end a day of activities and to share this natural wonder with visitors from all over the world.

For More Details and to Make Reservations CLICK HERE
SOUTH RIM SHOPPING

Great shopping for unique gifts and beautiful Native American artistry is all within the Historic Village. Browse the shops of El Tovar, Bright Angel Lodge and Maswik Lodge as well as the shops featured below.

HOPI HOUSE

The Hopi House was designed by renowned architect Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter and opened in 1905. A visit to Hopi House combines retail shopping with museum-quality artifact viewing. Here you will find a large selection of native arts and crafts available for purchase. The second-floor gallery offers a variety of one-of-a-kind items. Hopi House is located next to El Tovar on the canyon rim, and is open year round. Hours vary seasonally.

LOOKOUT STUDIO

Lookout Studio was designed in 1914 by Mary Colter as a gift shop and lookout point for the Fred Harvey Company. It is perched on the very edge of the rim, providing spectacular views. It blends in exceptionally well with its natural setting. There are two small outdoor over-looks that are open in good weather. It is located a short walk west of historic Bright Angel Lodge. Open year-round. Hours vary seasonally.

For More Details and to Make Reservations

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SOUTH RIM LODGING

Grand Canyon has been one of the world’s premier destinations for more than a century. Grand Canyon National Park Lodges manages five distinctively different hotel properties within the Historic Village, plus Phantom Ranch, the only lodging on the floor of the canyon. Many of these structures at the canyon are recognized for their historical significance. From El Tovar, long considered the crown jewel of National Park lodging, to the contemporary Maswik Lodge just steps from the rim, you’ll find overnight accommodations that will allow you to maximize your time inside the park.

EL TOVAR

This celebrated historic hotel located directly on the rim of Grand Canyon first opened its doors in 1905. Designed by Charles Whittlesey, chief architect for the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railway, El Tovar was envisioned as a cross between a Swiss chalet and a Norwegian villa. This was done in an effort to appeal to the tastes of the elite from that era, who at the time considered European culture the epitome of refinement. In the past, the hotel has hosted such luminaries as Teddy Roosevelt, Albert Einstein, Oprah Winfrey, Paul McCartney and countless others. El Tovar features 78 rooms and, due to the historic nature of the hotel, no two are exactly alike, giving the property a distinctive charm. There are 12 hotel suites, each with a unique name, identity, and décor.

BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE

Bright Angel Lodge, designed in 1935 by famed Southwest architect Mary Colter, has a natural rustic character, and is a registered National Historic Landmark. Over the years it has gone through many transformations - originally a hotel, then a camp, and finally a lodge. Under the direction of the Santa Fe Railway, Mary Colter was tasked to design a fresh look for Bright Angel Lodge in an effort to provide more moderately priced lodging in contrast to El Tovar “up the hill.” Colter drew inspirations from many local sources in her architecture. Today, Bright Angel Lodge and the surrounding cabins serve as an iconic remembrance of its colorful past. Located at the top of the Bright Angel Trail, the facility welcomes guests from all around the world.

KACHINA & THUNDERBIRD

Kachina and Thunderbird Lodges sit directly on the rim of Grand Canyon. For guests seeking a more contemporary lodging option, Kachina or Thunderbird Lodge is a great choice. The guest rooms have a comfortable, modern ambiance, and are all similar in size and amenities. The lodge rooms are designated canyon-side and street-side relating to the view.

MASWIK LODGE

While the Maswik Lodge building and adjacent hotel rooms are contemporary in style, the area is rich in cultural history. The original “Motor Lodge” was constructed in 1927 by Fred Harvey Company and the Santa Fe Railway just as traveling by automobile to Grand Canyon was quickly becoming fashionable. This is how the term Motor-Lodge originated. Maswik Lodge today is a 280+ room complex nestled within several acres of Ponderosa pine forest. It is located just a short walk (¼ mile) from the canyon’s edge. In addition to several individual buildings featuring hotel rooms, the complex centers around the main lodge that houses the Registration Desk, Tours & Activities Desk, Gift Shop, Maswik Food Court, and Maswik Pizza Pub.
ABOUT XANTEGRA

Since 1876, The Fred Harvey Company, a prominent purveyor of hospitality services and products throughout the Southwest, has lived on in the spirit of our hotels, restaurants, tours & activities, and retail shops inside our historic and beloved National Parks. In 1968, Xanterra Travel Collection acquired The Fred Harvey Company and began to apply the company’s expertise in the hospitality industry to its current line of resorts, cruise ships, active travel companies, and the Grand Canyon Railway.