Trip Summary
Long considered one of the natural wonders of the world, the mile deep Grand Canyon is a destination that should be on everyone’s bucket list. This adventure takes you from the big city of Phoenix to the charming towns of Prescott and Sedona and a bit of everything in between. Splash up some fun during an inflatable kayaking adventure and cycle through a lush oasis in the middle of a parched desert landscape. Stand on the rim of the Grand Canyon and take in the breathtaking color, geologic features, and meandering Colorado River in an area teeming with a fascinating history. Explore the classic and funky Route 66 town of Williams and go back in time with a visit to Montezuma Castle to see the fascinating cliff dwellings of an ancient culture. With the experts in adventure, you’ll experience more than you could imagine possible on this jam packed itinerary full of Grand Canyon wonders and wows!

Itinerary
Day 1: Salt River / Prescott
Meet in Phoenix and shuttle to the nearby Salt River for a float trip by inflatable kayaks • This relaxing morning paddle is the perfect way to cool off on a warm day in Arizona’s desert • You’ll glide along lush green riverbanks and towering red cliffs, keeping alert for sightings of wild horses and bald eagles • Following lunch, we transfer to Prescott, nestled at an elevation of 5'200 feet above sea level amongst the largest stand of ponderosa pine forests in the U.S. • Our centrally located hotel is in the perfect location for wandering the streets of this historic destination • Once the territorial capital of the state, Prescott is rich with history embodied in its world famous Whiskey Row and famous saloons of the Old West • Enjoy your first night’s dinner in the Peacock Room with your fellow travel companions • Overnight Hassayampa Inn (L, D)

Day 2: Granite Dells / Williams
Begin the day with a bike ride on the Peavine / Iron King Trail through Prescott’s beautiful Granite Dells north of town • This crushed stone and dirt converted rail-trail travels through an oasis in the sunbaked desert • After a one hour transfer to the town of Williams, sit down to lunch at a local restaurant • The Keyhole Sink Trail takes us to a scenic box canyon where prehistoric residents left their mark carved into the canyon's gray volcanic walls • After checking into our hotel, the night is free for you to explore and eat dinner in the funky town of Williams, located on the historic Route 66! • Overnight Grand Canyon Railway Hotel (B, L)

Day 3: Grand Canyon Railway / South Rim of the Grand Canyon
All aboard! • This morning, we board the Grand Canyon Railway en route to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon • As you cross the Colorado Plateau, be on the lookout for elk, pronghorn and bald eagles as your knowledgeable train conductor shares with you the history of this fascinating region • Upon arrival, enjoy a delectable picnic lunch prepared by your guides • This afternoon, we check out the fascinating architecture of Hermit's Rest before embarking on a “wow-inducing” hike skirting the rim of the Grand Canyon • Tonight, enjoy dinner in the Arizona Room at Bright Angel Lodge • Overnight Kachina Lodge (B, L, D)
Day 4: South Kaibab to Cedar Ridge
This morning, we hike down South Kaibab trail to Cedar Ridge • The South Kaibab Trail winds us down into the depths of the Grand Canyon, giving us a much different perspective looking up at the Rim from below • We make our way down to Cedar Ridge, where the views of the Canyon and its colorful walls will leave you in awe • After a trailside lunch and break, we begin our hike up and out, stopping frequently to catch our breath and take in the magnificent surroundings • The afternoon is yours to relax or explore the South Rim Village • We’ll meet back up for an early dinner in the restaurant of the famous El Tovar Hotel • Overnight Kachina Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tusayan / Walnut Canyon National Monument / Sedona
Today we say goodbye to the Grand Canyon as we head south out of the Park • We’ll bike the scenic Greenway Trail through ponderosa pine forests ending our ride in the small town of Tusayan near the park’s south entrance • Lunch at a local spot in Flagstaff • This afternoon, we check out Walnut Canyon National Monument • A loop trail takes us down into the canyon passing 25 cliff dwelling rooms constructed by the Sinagua, a pre-Columbian cultural group that lived in Walnut Canyon from about 1100 to 1250 CE • Continue your transfer to Sedona, check into the hotel and eat a final dinner at a lovely local spot in town • Overnight Best Western Plus Arroyo Roble & Creekside Villas (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sedona / Montezuma Castle National Monument / Phoenix
Today we gaze through the windows of the past into one of the best preserved cliff dwellings in North America with a visit to Montezuma Castle • After our short hike, we will transfer to Phoenix and say our goodbyes • End of services (B)

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.**
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Activities
Hiking: 2 to 5 miles per hike, mostly easy to moderate terrain. We would consider the uphill to climb out of the Grand Canyon via the South Kaibab Trail to be strenuous as you will be hiking up 1,000 feet over 1.5 miles. Don’t worry, we’ll take lots of breaks!

Biking: 7 to 14 miles per ride on easy to moderate terrain. The Peavine / Iron King Trail near Prescott is crushed gravel and dirt, mostly flat. Other paths and/or roadways we cycle are paved with little traffic.

Kayaking: 2 to 3 hour inflatable kayaking float trip down a Class I section of the Salt River. No experience necessary, guides will provide detailed instruction.

Discovery: Widely considered as one of the world’s most spectacular canyons, the Grand Canyon is one of the “Natural Wonders of the World.” Called Kaibab by the Paiute Indian tribe, meaning “mountain lying down” or “mountain turned upside down,” the creamy white Kaibab Limestone forms the surface on which you’ll stand on while viewing the Canyon. Were you aware that the Grand Canyon is neither the deepest, longest, or widest canyon in the world; however, many consider it to be the most inspiring. Did you know that up until 1951 visitors climbed a series of three ladders to enter Montezuma Castle; that same year; Interstate 17 was completed and visitation skyrocketed. Concerns for both safety and structure (which is 90% original) led to the removal of the ladders. Come play in Arizona with the experts in adventure travel!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, Austin Adventures guides will help you select the distance that’s right for you.

Meals
The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.
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Distinctive Accommodation

Night 1: Hassayampa Inn
Since 1927, when writers and artists were drawn to the stunning landscapes of the American Southwest, the Hassayampa Inn has been the "Grand Jewel of Prescott," a fashionable resort for the well-heeled. Guests of today continue to feel right at home at the historic Hassayampa Inn near Courthouse Square. Modern amenities combined with a long tradition of friendly service make the Inn your ideal base from which to explore all that Prescott has to offer—its Wild West legacy, and vibrant culture of music, art, hiking and—all in the comfortably mild climate of "Everybody's Hometown."

Night 2: Grand Canyon Railway Hotel
Experience the luxury of a bygone era at Grand Canyon Railway Hotel. Designed to resemble the century-old train depot that housed the original Fray Marcos Hotel, this hotel is a relaxing retreat in a picturesque Western setting. The 297-room hotel is just a block away from downtown Williams and historic Route 66. Combined with a variety of amenities such as complimentary Wi-Fi, an indoor pool and hot tub, delicious dining options, and ideal location in “the Gateway to the Grand Canyon”, the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel is the perfect place to stay before embarking on your grandest of journeys.

Nights 3 & 4: Kachina Lodge
Built in the late 1960’s Kachina Lodge sits directly on the rim of the Grand Canyon. For guests seeking a more contemporary lodging option, Kachina lodge is a great choice. The guest rooms have a comfortable modern ambiance and are all similar in size and amenities. Many guests choose Kachina due to its prominent location in the center of the historic district. It’s a great choice for active guests as it is located directly on the Rim Trail. This trail spans from Hermits Rest to the Kaibab Trailhead, approximately 12.8 miles. From your room you can hike in either direction.

Night 5: Best Western Plus Arroyo Roble Hotel & Creekside Villas
An award-winning Sedona Hotel with 600 feet of private Oak Creek frontage, awesome red rock views, plus uptown Sedona at your doorstep! The Best Western Plus Arroyo Roble Hotel & Creekside Villages is family owned and operated. With three pools, a steam room and sauna, pool tables and a game room on site, the kids (and their parents) are sure to stay busy for the duration of their stay. All of the rooms provide complimentary Wi-Fi, 46” LED televisions with cable, luxurious oversized bath towels, pillow top mattresses and 300 thread-count sheets. You'll love the sitting among the ancient sycamore trees down along the banks of Oak Creek!
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**Arrival and Departures**
Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 8:30 am at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Old Town Scottsdale. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Phoenix Airport (1:00 pm) or the Holiday Inn Express (1:30 pm). Please make flights for 3:00 pm or later.

**Trip Price**
$2,998 ($580 single supplement)

**Trip Length**
6 days/5 nights

**2019 Dates**
September 22 – 27
September 29 – October 4

**Host City**
Phoenix, Arizona
Airport code: PHX

**Reservations & Availability**
1-800-575-1540

"Stand on the rim of the Grand Canyon, a full vertical mile over the Colorado River below, oohing at the awesome expanse"

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due
To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A $500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits. Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

**Toll free:** 800-575-1540
**Phone:** 406-655-4591
**Online:** austinadventures.com
**Email:** reservations@austinadventures.com
**Mail:** Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.
** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price
- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price
- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- One dinner during your trip.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information
After receiving your reservation and deposit, we’ll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you’ll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

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Private Custom Trips
Maybe your vacation schedule doesn’t fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you’d prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your “must haves” and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that’s just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments
All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a “single supplement.” If you’re traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. *some restrictions may apply

Minimum Age
The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds
The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:
***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.
Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a $300 per person administration fee
Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded
Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded
Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee
Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.