



# Best Of West; Grand Canyon XI

SEPTEMBER GROUP

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## 2017 Travel Itinerary

### DAY 1: Saturday, September 23

- 6:45 AM** Bus available for loading. [**IMPORTANT:** Everyone must be on time. The bus must leave as scheduled for our airline connection. Please park in west end of back row. Thank you.]
- 7:00 AM** Leave from SMC – Niles Campus parking lot to O'Hare Airport – *the fun begins!*
- 11:20 PM** Leave Chicago Midway via **Southwest 2906.**
- 1:05 PM** Arrive Las Vegas McCarran Airport. Meet our charter bus – Le Bus. Lunch stop TBA.
- 3:30 PM** Arrive at lodging: [LaQuinta Inn](#), 91 East 2680 South, Saint George, UT 84790 928.284.0711
- 4:15 PM** Leave for short hike at Snow Canyon.

### DAY 2: Sunday, September 24

- 7:00 AM** Breakfast starts.
  - 8:30 AM** Check out and load bus and leave for North Rim.
  - 2:00 PM** Arrive at the North Rim Frontier Cabins.
  - 3:00 PM** Optional hike on the Bright Angel Point/Transept Trail.
- OPTIONAL:** Make your reservations for an unforgettable dinner in the [Grand Canyon Lodge](#) dining room overlooking the Canyon (Call ahead **928.638.2611**).



### DAY 3: Monday, September 25

- Breakfast on your own.
- 4:30 AM** Bus leaves to drop off **NORTH to SOUTH RIM** hikers at N. Kaibab Trailhead.
- 9:30 AM** Checkout and load bus for drive to South Rim.
- 4:00 PM** Arrive at lodging: Yavapai West, South Rim Grand Canyon 928.638.4001
- 5:00 PM** Greet North to South hikers at Bright Angel Lodge.

### DAY 4: Tuesday, September 26

- Breakfast on your own.
- RIM to RIVER to RIM & KATHY'S HIKE Hikers**
- 5:00 AM** Meet in the lobby for ride to S. Kaibab shuttle bus.
- PLATEAU POINT & HALF MARATHON RIM Hikers**
- 6:30 AM** Meet in the Yavapai lobby for shuttle to trailhead.
- CASUAL Hikers**
- 9:00 AM** Meet in the Yavapai lobby for hike orientation.
- 3-7 PM** **OPTIONAL:** Meet at Bright Angel lodge to greet our below rim hikers.

### DAY 5: Wednesday, September 27

- Breakfast on your own. I suggest making reservations at the El Tovar dining room 928.638.2631
- 11:00 AM** Check out and load bus.
- 1:30 PM** Arrive at Yavapai Point outside Sedona for hikes on the HiLine Trail.
- 4:00 PM** Arrive at lodging: [Arabella Hotel](#), 725 AZ-179, Sedona, AZ 86336 855.795.8207
- 6:10 PM** Meet in lobby for 7 minute hike up hotel trail to Sunrise & Sunset Vista Point.



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### DAY 6: Thursday, September 28

- 6:18 AM** Sunrise.  
**7:00 AM** Deluxe hot breakfast begins.  
**9:00 AM** Bus loads for a new hike at Red Rock State Park featuring Eagle's Nest and the amazing Apache House of Fire.  
**11:30 AM** Bus loads for lunch in the enchanting town of Jerome high on Mingus Mountain.  
**12:15 PM** Arrive at Jerome.  
**3:30 PM** Bus loads for trip back to hotel with an optional drop off in Uptown Sedona (1.1 miles from our hotel).  
**6:19 PM** Sunset.
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### DAY 7: Friday, September 29

- 6:18 AM** Sunrise.  
**7:00 AM** Deluxe hot breakfast starts.  
**9:00 AM** Bus loads for hikes at Devil's Bridge, Doe Mountain, or Boynton Canyon. (Pick one. They are all great and in the same area.) Bring trail lunch supplies.  
**2:00 PM** Bus loads for return to hotel.  
**6:19 PM** Sunset.  
**7:00 PM** Load bus for a private Victory Celebration Buffet at *The Barking Frog*.
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### DAY 8: Saturday, September 30

- 6:19 AM** Sunrise.  
**7:00 AM** Deluxe hot breakfast begins.  
**9:00 AM** Checkout and load bus.  
**11:30 AM** Lunch in Scottsdale, AZ.  
**3:00 PM** Hikes at Camelback or Desert Botanical Gardens\* to Lake Tempe.  
**6:00 PM** Arrive at lodging: [Greentree Inn](#), 4234 S 48th St, Phoenix, AZ 85040 602.438.8688  
**7:00 PM** Bus leaves for dinner in the Tempe, AZ area.
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### DAY 9: Sunday, October 1

- 6:00 AM** Deluxe hot breakfast buffet begins.  
**10:30 AM** Checkout and load bus for transfer to airport.  
**1:50 PM** Depart Sky Harbor airport on **Southwest 5360**.  
**7:05 PM** Arrive at Chicago Midway.  
**11:00 PM** ETA at SMC – Niles Campus.

### NOTES

~ All times listed are local.

~ This is a brief itinerary. Updates with more details will be available later.

\* Regular rates to the Botanical Gardens is \$24.95 but with a group of 10 or more it's \$22.00 (\$20.00 senior).