

CANYON TOUGH ADVENTURES

# Grand Canyon Phantom Ranch

## PHANTOM RANCH

Join Canyon Tough on an amazing route through almost two billion years of geologic time in the Grand Canyon. Our 5-day itinerary features lodge accommodations throughout, excellent meals, expert guides and two full nights with a full day at Phantom Ranch

Phantom Ranch opened in 1922. Designed to resemble a working ranch, the cluster of guest cabins and canteen comprise the only accommodations in the inner canyon. Shaded by cottonwoods, lying between Bright Angel Creek and the Colorado River, Phantom Ranch is a riparian oasis.

In addition to native seep willow and coyote willow, peach, pomegranate, and fig trees grow around the ranch. There is plenty to explore, as well. The River Trail follows the south side of the river, leading to Pipe Creek. On the opposite side of the river, the Clear Creek Trail climbs the cliffs for excellent views of the Inner Gorge.



As long as there are canyons,  
man will be drawn to them.

*Anonymous*



Let **Canyon Tough** take you on a five-day hiking adventure through the Grand Canyon



PHANTOM RANCH HOLDS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE ONLY PLACES LEFT IN AMERICA WHOSE MAIL IS STILL DELIVERED BY MULE

Join Canyon Tough Adventures as we take you on an amazing route through almost two billion years in geologic time in the Grand Canyon. Our itinerary features lodge accommodations throughout, excellent meals, expert guides and two full nights at Phantom Ranch. This trip is completely lodge-based with no camping and we carry day packs with extra clothing and personal gear.

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### day 1

#### South Rim Grand Canyon

Plan to arrive by late afternoon. We will stay at one of the Grand Canyon Lodges on the South Rim. *Dinner included.*

### day 2

#### South Kaibab Trail to Phantom Ranch

Today's descent is 7 miles and 4,780 feet. The trail begins with a series of switchbacks 1,200 feet, to Cedar Ridge. From here we traverse the Tonto platform before dropping into the inner gorge. The final part of our hike takes us along the Colorado River and over a suspension bridge until we find Bright Angel Creek at the confluence with the Colorado River, and Phantom Ranch.

*Meals* All meals included

*Hiking* 7 miles

*Terrain* A well maintained trail that descends from 7,200 feet at the trailhead to approximately 2,500 feet at the Colorado River.

### day 3

#### Day Hiking: Clear Creek Trail – River Trail

You have the option to hike the beautiful Clear Creek Trail and River Trail or choose to use this day for relaxation.

*Meals* All meals included

*Hiking* 3-5 miles optional

*Elevation gain/loss* up to 1,000 feet

### day 4

#### Bright Angel Trail to South Rim

We ascend the canyon via the Bright Angel Trail. After crossing the Colorado River, we'll climb out of the inner gorge to beautiful Indian Garden where we will

have lunch and refill with water before continuing through the redwall layer. Tonight we will celebrate at the historic El Tovar hotel.

*Meals* All meals included

*Hiking* 9.6 miles

*Terrain* A well maintained trail with a 4,300 foot elevation ascent to the South Rim.

### day 5

#### Explore the South Rim

Before you bid farewell to *la Grande Dame*, spend time exploring the South Rim. *Breakfast included.*

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