

12-Day Arizona-California Adventure Road Trip

12 days · 8 stops · 2026-08-24

Embark on a thrilling 12-day road trip through Arizona and California, designed for adventure and sightseeing enthusiasts. Journey from the historic Route 66 town of Williams to the vibrant mountain city of Flagstaff, then marvel at the breathtaking Grand Canyon's vast landscapes. Explore Sedona's iconic red rock formations and spiritual vortexes, unwind with water activities in Lake Havasu, and conclude your trip with the sun-kissed beaches and lively culture of Santa Monica. This trip promises a perfect blend of natural wonders, outdoor adventures, and cultural experiences, creating unforgettable

Township of Milo → Williams → Flagstaff → Grand Canyon → Sedona → Lake Havasu → Santa Monica → Township of Milo

Township of Milo

DAY 1-1

Williams, Arizona, United States

DAY 1-3

Williams, Arizona, is your gateway to the Grand Canyon and a charming town known for its historic Route 66 vibes and scenic railway rides. It's perfect for adventure seekers and sightseeing enthusiasts looking to explore the natural beauty and rich history of the area. Don't miss the chance to ride the famous Grand Canyon Railway and enjoy the local dining and shopping experiences.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

ITH → PHX

10h 4m · 1 stop

\$1,344.48

STAY

The Historic Grand Canyon Hotel

145 West Route 66 Suite A, Williams AZ 86046 · 8.8

ITINERARY

- Day 1 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Williams · 1 experiences: Red Raven Restaurant
- Day 2 · Grand Canyon Railway Adventure · 1 experiences: The Lodge on Route 66
- Day 3 · Bearizona Wildlife Park and Departure to Flagstaff

Flagstaff, Arizona, United States

DAY 3-5

Flagstaff is a vibrant mountain town known for its proximity to the Grand Canyon, outdoor adventure opportunities, and rich cultural scene. It's a perfect base for hiking, exploring historic Route 66, and enjoying the cool mountain air. The town offers a mix of natural beauty and charming local shops and eateries that make it a must-visit on your Arizona road trip.

ARRIVE · CAR

Williams → Flagstaff

37m

STAY

Americana Motor Hotel

2650 East Route 66, Flagstaff AZ 86004 · 8.9

ITINERARY

Day 3 · Explore Flagstaff's Historic and Cultural Gems · 4 experiences: Historic Downtown Flagstaff, Diablo Burger, Museum of Northern Arizona, Mother Road Brewing Company
Day 4 · Adventure and Scenic Views at San Francisco Peaks · 4 experiences: San Francisco Peaks, Beaver Street Brewery, Buffalo Park, Pizzicletta
Day 5 · Prepare for Grand Canyon Adventure · 1 experiences: Macy's European Coffeehouse & Bakery

Grand Canyon, Arizona, United States

DAY 5–8

The Grand Canyon in Arizona is a must-see for any adventure and sightseeing enthusiast. It offers breathtaking views, hiking trails, and opportunities for river rafting and wildlife spotting. Exploring the vast canyon will give you unforgettable memories and stunning photo ops.

ARRIVE · CAR

Flagstaff → Grand Canyon

5h 9m

STAY

Canyon Plaza Premier Studios and Apts-South Rim

406 Canyon Plaza Lane, Tusayan AZ 86023 · 8.3

ITINERARY

Day 5 · Arrival and Relaxation at Grand Canyon · 1 experiences: El Tovar Dining Room
Day 6 · South Rim Hiking and Scenic Views · 3 experiences: Bright Angel Lodge Coffee Shop, Arizona Room, Canyon Star Restaurant
Day 7 · Adventure and Cultural Exploration · 3 experiences: Plaza Bonita, We Cook Pizza & Pasta, The Coronado Room
Day 8 · Departure and Travel to Sedona · 1 experiences: Grand Canyon Coffee and Cafe

Sedona, Arizona, United States

DAY 8–10

Sedona, Arizona is a stunning destination known for its red rock formations, vibrant arts scene, and outdoor adventure opportunities. It's perfect for those who love hiking, scenic drives, and exploring unique landscapes. The town also offers charming shops and excellent dining options, making it a well-rounded stop on your trip.

ARRIVE · CAR

Grand Canyon → Sedona

5h 48m

STAY

Stylish Condo in Village Oak Creek with Pool and Hot Tubs

65 Verde Valley School Rd D4, Sedona AZ 86351

ITINERARY

Day 8 · Arrival and Relaxation in Sedona · 1 experiences: The Hudson
Day 9 · Red Rock Jeep Tour and Scenic Exploration · 6 experiences: From Sedona: Private Red Rock West Jeep Tour, Chapel of the Holy Cross, Tlaquepaque Arts and Shopping Village, The Secret Garden Cafe, Bell Rock, Elote Cafe
Day 10 · Morning Hike and Departure to Lake Havasu · 1 experiences: Devil's Bridge Trail

Lake Havasu, Arizona, United States

DAY 10–12

Lake Havasu, Arizona, is a fantastic destination for those seeking adventure and sightseeing. Known for its beautiful lake activities, including boating and fishing, it also offers stunning desert landscapes and the famous London Bridge, a unique historical landmark. It's a perfect spot to mix water fun with exploring the natural beauty of the Arizona desert.

ARRIVE · CAR

Sedona → Lake Havasu

3h 34m

STAY

London Bridge Views Havasu Condo on Golf Course

777 Harrah Way, Lake Havasu City 86403

ITINERARY

- Day 10 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Lake Havasu · 1 experiences: Barley Brothers Brewery
- Day 11 · Lake Havasu Adventure and Sunset Cruise · 3 experiences: Rotary Community Park, Lake Havasu Museum of History, Barbecue & Brew
- Day 12 · Packing and Departure to Santa Monica · 1 experiences: Mudshark Brewery

Santa Monica, California, United States

DAY 12–13

Santa Monica is a vibrant coastal city known for its iconic pier, beautiful beaches, and lively downtown area. It's perfect for those seeking a mix of adventure and sightseeing, with opportunities for beach activities, exploring local shops, and enjoying stunning ocean views. The city's energetic atmosphere and scenic spots make it a must-visit destination on your trip.

ARRIVE · CAR

Lake Havasu → Santa Monica

4h 47m

STAY

The Eden

1301 Ocean Avenue, Los Angeles 90401 · 7.9

ITINERARY

- Day 12 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Santa Monica · 2 experiences: Santa Monica Beach and Pier, The Misfit Restaurant + Bar
- Day 13 · Hollywood and Beverly Hills Tour with Local Exploration · 4 experiences: Santa Monica: Hollywood, Beverly Hills & Celebrity Home Tour, Third Street Promenade, Blue Plate Taco, Los Angeles Palisades Park

Township of Milo

DAY 13–13

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

LAX → ITH

12h · 1 stop

\$948.57