

## Arizona Road Trip: National Park Sites and More

<b>Day 1</b>	<p><b>History in the Desert</b></p> <p><b>Depart Phoenix, heading NORTH</b></p> <p>Montezuma Castle National Monument - short hike, birding</p> <p>Cottonwood - walk around, grab a meal and enjoy wine country      Cottonwood, AZ</p> <p>Tuzigoot National Monument - explore ruins and museum</p> <p>Sunset at Grand Canyon *confirm sunset time so you don't miss it - STOP AT NAT'L PARK SIGN</p>
<b>Day 2</b>	<p><b>GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK - DAY 1</b></p> <p>SUNRISE at Yavapai Point *confirm sunrise time, dress WARMLY!</p> <p>Desert View Drive and WATCHTOWER; get hiking recommendations based on your travel group Year-round: catch NPS shuttle from Grand Canyon Village to Ooh Ahh Point hiking trail</p> <p>SUMMER: catch NPS shuttle to Hermit Point, making stops along the way Drive to Hermit Point and get hiking recommendations; drive to Village area, Hopi House Museum...</p> <p>Go into Tusayan for dinner</p>
<b>Day 3 Option</b>	<p><b>GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK - DAY 2</b></p> <p>Early drive to the North Rim Visitor Center</p> <p>Tuteveni Newspaper Rock, Marble Canyon, Vermillion Cliffs sights to see</p> <p>Roosevelt Overlook, Angels Window before getting to North Rim Visitor Center</p> <p>OVERNIGHT on the North Rim to avoid a twelve hour day in the car</p>
<b>Day 4</b>	<p><b>Indigenous and Geologic Sites of Arizona</b></p> <p>SUNRISE at Grandview Point *confirm sunrise time, dress WARMLY! then depart Grand Canyon National Park</p> <p>Wupatki National Monument - stop at pueblos</p> <p>Sunset Crater NVM - Lava Flow Trail, A'a Trail</p> <p>Walnut Canyon National Monument</p> <p>Slide Rock State Park - river water slide, just before getting into Sedona</p> <p>BONUS: Winslow AZ - this is an option for Eagles fans OR if you're adding Petrified Forest National Park to your trip</p>
<b>Day 5</b>	<p><b>Exploring Sedona</b></p> <p>Sedona - walk around town, find lunch, hiking all around, energy vortex journey...</p> <p>Verde River Hot Springs</p> <p>Get to Phoenix for Overnight</p>
<b>Day 6</b>	<p><b>Arizona State Parks</b></p> <p>Casa Grande Ruins National Monument</p> <p>Picacho Peak State Park - Calloway Trail and sights</p> <p>Catalina State Park - nature trails and birding</p> <p>Sabino Canyon Recreation Area - road runner watching</p> <p>Overnight in Tucson / Oro Valley area</p>
<b>Day 7</b>	<p><b>Saguaro National Park Units</b></p> <p>Saguaro National Park: Tucson Mtn Unit Red Hills Visitor Center, Desert Disco Nature Trail; Box Canyon / Valley View - GET INFO AT VC</p> <p>Grab a fun lunch in Downtown or Old Town Tucson</p> <p>Saguaro National Park: Rincon Unit Rincon Visitor Center; Mica View Cactus Forest Loop from picnic area; Desert Ecology Trail; Freeman Homestead Trail DO NOT MISS SUNSET WITH CACTUS SILHOUETTES</p>
<b>Day 8</b>	<p>Depart for Phoenix</p> <p>Tonto National Monument - hike to Lower Ruin, do Upper Ruins if you can get on a ranger-led hike</p> <p>Relax in Phoenix before departing: Suggestions - Desert Botanical Gardens, Phoenix Zoo, easy hiking at Papago Park</p>