



The GRAND CANYON

Larry Kopke invites you to join him on

# SEDONA'S RAILS & TRAILS

The Grand Canyon / Railroads / Trolleys / Jeeps

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## HIGHLIGHTS

*Explore the rugged landscape and experience the western spirit of Arizona on this 7 day adventure. Visit Sunny Scottsdale for two nights, the city that prides itself as "The West's Most Western Town." Travel to Jerome, America's largest ghost town. Relax for four nights in Sedona, and wander its eclectic shops and art galleries. Enjoy two train rides, the Verde Canyon Railroad and the Grand Canyon Railway. Behold amazing views of the Grand Canyon. You will enjoy and appreciate these highlights*

- √ Scottsdale
- √ Phoenix
- √ Pinnacle Peak Patio
- √ Jerome
- √ Verde Canyon Railroad
- √ Sedona Trolley Tour
- √ Grand Canyon
- √ Grand Canyon Railway
- √ Black Bart's Saloon
- √ Blazin' M Ranch
- √ Enjoy the beautiful northern Arizona countryside while on the historic Grand Canyon Railway
- √ A roundtrip ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad, through a fantastic canyon accessible only by rail, is certain to be an extraordinary experience
- √ Enjoy a chat with a local Native American tribe member
- √ Additional Special Included Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonuses and Benefits

## DAILY ITINERARY

**Day 1 Scottsdale, AZ - Tour Begins** Your tour begins in sunny Scottsdale, the city that prides itself as "The West's Most Western Town." Upon arrival, you can relax or enjoy a leisurely stroll through the western streets of old town Scottsdale. **D**

**Day 2: Scottsdale / Phoenix / Scottsdale** A local guide will introduce you to Scottsdale and Phoenix. Highlights of this tour include downtown Phoenix, Camelback Mountain, Paradise Valley, Old Town Scottsdale and more. Next, you will

learn how Native American jewelry and handicrafts are made at a jewelry-making demonstration. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for the "Great Chili Cook-Off" at the Pinnacle Peak Patio. When it first opened in 1957, Pinnacle Peak was a general store for travelers heading to nearby lakes. Later, they opened a restaurant specializing in traditional cookouts and the rest is restaurant history. Upon arrival, you and your fellow travelers will be divided into two groups with plenty of interesting ingredients available to create a great chili. You never know ... your team could win the championship title. Following the cook-off, you will enjoy dinner and entertainment. **B, D**

### Day 3: Scottsdale / Jerome / Clarkdale / Sedona

Begin your journey to America's largest ghost town, Jerome. This National Historic District was once a large copper mining town. Today, this picturesque town is an artist colony and retreat. Later, take a roundtrip ride from Clarkdale to Perkinsville on Verde Canyon Railroad - this is certain to be an unforgettable experience. Verde Canyon, accessible only by rail, resides between two national forests and follows the upper Verde River. You will be enthralled as the vintage locomotive rolls past towering, crimson cliffs, near ancient Indian ruins, over old-fashioned trestles, and through a dark 680-foot, man-made tunnel. This evening, fall under Sedona's spell as you experience the sheer, exuberant beauty of this destination. The area's canyons, wind-shaped buttes and dramatic sandstone towers embody the rugged character of the West. **Tonight you will enjoy one of the special included Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonuses - THE EVENING SKY TOUR.** Enjoy an incredible evening of stargazing and astronomy under the canopy of Sedona's brilliant night sky. Sedona is one of the best locations in the U.S. to observe the night sky with many clear dark nights. Tonight, join your professional astronomer as they guide you through the heavens to see such sights as Saturn, Mars, Jupiter, and Venus as well as spiral galaxies, red giants, double stars and comets. You will get to see this all through custom built state-of-the-art telescopes, high powered binoculars and laser pointers. Please note: Depending on the time of year some of the above planets and stars may not be visible. Your astronomer will show you other stars, planets or constellations at that time. **B**

**Day 4: Sedona** This morning will be the highlight of your trip as you enjoy a chat with a local Native American tribe member. Learn about the different tribes of the area, their histories, and modern day life of Native Americans in Arizona. Next, it's

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“all aboard” for a fascinating trolley tour of Sedona featuring a visit to the famous Chapel of the Holy Cross, Gallery Row, Lower Schnebly Hill Vista and other Sedona sights. You will have time on your own for lunch in Uptown before returning to your hotel this afternoon. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore the many shops and galleries or perhaps visit the Mexican-style village of Tlaquepaque. **B**

**Day 5: Sedona / Grand Canyon / Sedona** This morning you will travel through Oak Creek Canyon, where rock formations seem to change hue with every turn in the road, before arriving in Williams for your Grand Canyon Railway experience. Here you will relive the excitement of the Old West aboard a historic train which travels across miles of beautiful northern Arizona countryside to the Grand Canyon. Strolling musicians and western characters combine to recreate train travel as it was at the turn-of-the-century. Behold amazing views of the Grand Canyon when you arrive at the South Rim. Theodore Roosevelt, upon visiting the canyon, is quoted as saying, “This is one of the great sights which every American, if he can travel at all, must see.” Tonight enjoy a great dinner and entertainment at Black Bart’s where the entire dining room staff is made up of singers from Northern Arizona University. A musical revue, featuring music from your favorite Broadway shows as well as great old standards, is certain to turn your meal into one of the many highlights of your vacation. **B, D**

**Day 6: Sedona** Today enjoy a special included Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonus - A JEEP PHOTO SAFARI. This scenic adventure explores the route taken to Flagstaff by the town’s first settlers. Your jeep ride will take you along a dirt road up to approximately 1500 feet above Sedona. Through this journey, you will have spectacular picture opportunities of the gorgeous red rock canyons dotted with cactus, cypress and sycamores. Learn about the history of the rocks and hear stories of the various movies that were filmed in the area from your expert guide as you soak in the incredible views. This is a photographers dream! From shopping for traditional jewelry, to browsing art galleries, to the great restaurants, the day is yours to experience all Sedona has to offer. Tonight enjoy an evening of traditional cowboy food and entertainment at the Blazin’ M Ranch, nestled along the banks of the Verde River. **B, D**

**Day 7: Sedona / Home** Your tour ends, leaving you with many wonderful memories of the American Southwest.



## More Special Bonuses & Important Info For Please Go Away™ Vacations Travelers

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