

# SEDONA, ARIZONA

## THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE ON EARTH, IN SO MANY WAYS



**WELCOME TO SEDONA!** Sedona offers a myriad of activities for all travelers from adventurous to relaxed, as well as for those who wish to stroll the splendid streets of Uptown or Gallery District. Sedona's red rocks are a reminder of nature's strength and an invitation to a world of exciting outdoor activities. Following are some suggestions on how to *Experience Sedona!*

### SUGGESTED 3-NIGHT 4-DAY ITINERARY – SEDONA HIKING & NATURE WALK EXPERIENCE

#### Day 1:

##### 1. Trolley Rides

Your guests can enjoy a scenic overview of Sedona's Red Rock Country on a quaint open-air trolley for a fun and entertaining ride. Various itineraries will take you to the Chapel of the Holy Cross or out to Boynton Canyon for dramatic picture stops and lively commentary. Pick up at some hotels and group charters available.

##### 2. Sedona Heritage Museum

Have your guests "take a step back in time," as they stroll the grounds of this unique and historic pioneer home. Each room covers a segment of Sedona's history from 1876 to present including the ranching, farming, and golden age of western movies. Orchards of apples and peaches played a big part in Sedona's early economy. Your guests can tour the Apple Barn which can also be used for group events.

#### Day 2:

##### 1. Hiking in the Red Rock Country - On your own or participate in a guided tour

For individuals or groups with time who want to get up close and personal with the red rocks, a hiking tour can be arranged with a US Forest Service permitted local tour operator or can be explored on own. There's a hike for everyone in Sedona, whether it's hiking panoramic vistas, exploring deep canyons, or following along Oak Creek hiker's will create red rock memories to last a lifetime.

##### 2. Red Rock State Park or Slide Rock State Park

Our state parks offer exciting entertainment for all ages. Red Rock State Park is a 286-acre nature preserve and riparian habitat with exhibits and a video presentation on the geology, flora and fauna of the region. Great to include in your itinerary for all seasons. Slide Rock State Park (originally Mr. Pendley's 43-acre apple farm) offers historic farming equipment, local apples during harvest, and a slippery water ride down the rocks for the kids. Great place to include in your itinerary from Fall to Spring.

##### 3. Arrange a Tour

- Horseback Riding Tour  
Take a horseback ride into the back country. Cross creeks, see local flora and fauna. Some companies include a winery visit.
- Jeep Tour, ATV Tour, Hummer Tour  
Adventure along the trails! All these vehicles travel on back roads and over rocks for the thrill of a lifetime.
- Vortex Tour  
Savor the spiritual and Native American presence with an experienced vortex guide.
- Air Tour  
Soar over the majestic red rocks of Sedona for a spectacular view from the air. A once in a lifetime treat!
- Early Morning Hot Air Balloon Tour  
Enjoy the beautiful Red Rocks and early morning wild life from the balloon as they float over this high desert region.

### Day 3:

Sedona is a wonderful basecamp to experience many Arizona destinations. For a different hiking experience, options may include:

- Discover Flagstaff's beautiful Ponderosa Pine Forests and hike through the San Francisco Peaks many trails. Flagstaff is a hiker's paradise with trails available for all skill levels. Explore an ancient underground tunnel at the Lava River Cave, hike to the highest point in Arizona, or simply enjoy a stroll at Buffalo Park.
- Explore Prescott Granite Dell & Lakes in Prescott where you'll find three lakes each contrastingly different than the other. Protruding boulders of granite rise from the Dells, the waters of Watson Lake are sky blue and Lynx Lake is heavily treed. These rugged trails run through the Dells, over granite rock outcrops and along the north edge of Willow Lake.
- Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve stretches across 14,000 scenic acres of Scottsdale and features award-winning trails and facilities.

### Day 4:

#### 1. Hike through History and Native American Culture

The Sedona area is rich in prehistoric Native American culture. Spend time exploring on your own or with a guided tour. Some Native American sites are offered through local tour operators while most can be explored on your own.

- Cliff Dwellings (Palatki, Honanki, etc.)
- Petroglyphs Sites
- Montezuma Castle National Monument, Montezuma Well and Tuzigoot offer self-guided tours and ranger presentations

#### 2. After a Day of Hiking, Pamper Your Body and Soul at a Spa

Give your body a special treat as you enjoy one of our many spa facilities either at a hotel/resort or a private spa in town. Sedona's world-wide reputation as a spiritual mecca has drawn some of our planet's most amazing healers, intuitives, artists and spiritual guides. Explore our metaphysical shops or take a vortex tour. You will be revived and rejuvenated!

### Other Options:

- Red Rock Crossing  
Red Rock Crossing/Crescent Moon Ranch was originally the home of Mr. Schuerman our first vintner. Follow Oak Creek on a trail back to gorgeous red rock sandbars and view the most photographed rock formation in Sedona called Cathedral Rock. Wild grapes still grow along Oak Creek and locals and visitors alike swim during the summer. A visit to this – one of the most photographed spots in Sedona – can be done by individuals on their own or arranged by a local tour operator.
- Dead Horse Ranch State Park & Verde River Greenway Natural Area  
Dead Horse Ranch State Park and the Verde River Greenway State Natural Area are located next to each other in Cottonwood. The Natural Area conserves the land in its natural state. Hike in a unique riparian gallery forest that is one of less than 20 such riparian zones in the world. Life along the river changes with the seasons, giving visitors a glimpse into the unique world of the Verde River.
- Grand Canyon Day Hikes  
Discover the secrets of Grand Canyon and experience one of the most popular attractions in the Grand Canyon, hiking. The natural beauty and immense size offer a range of very different hiking experiences. There are short paved trails, steep rugged trails, and both long and short trails – whatever your hiking experience you'll find a trail offering amazing viewpoints, and rich history and culture.

*\* Commercial activities including guided hiking tours, jeep tours, horseback riding, tours to vortex sites, etc. on the U.S. Forest Service Land require permits. Please use the services of businesses that are permitted.*