



GRAND CANYON BACKPACK TRIP ITINERARY



The Grand Canyon is one of the marvels of nature and people come from around the world to stare in awe at its steep canyon walls and panoramic views. Very few get the opportunity to actually head down into the canyon. We are fortunate to have received one of the few permits issued for this time of the year. The permit allows us to backpack in for 6 days of exploration within the canyon walls.

In order for your experience to be a pleasurable one, we ask that you thoroughly read the information provided and follow all requirements on the equipment list.

The trip leaders will work to contact you approximately a week before the trip to introduce themselves and answer any specific questions you may have that were not answered in the information sheets. Please feel free to contact the Adventure Center (805) 893-3737 if you need any additional information and/or our leaders have not contacted you seven days before departure date.

Prerequisite: A good physical condition, backpacking experience preferred.

Sample Itinerary (Subject to change due to weather, conditions, and other unintended changes):

Sunday—Drive from UCSB to Grand Canyon Trailhead. Sleep at South Rim campground.

Monday—Pack your backpacks and hike to Bright Angel Campground via the South Kaibob Trail 9.3 miles and over 4,800 feet of decent

Tuesday—Hike to Cottonwood Campground (.9 miles).

Wednesday—Layover day. Day hike, check out the wonders of the canyon or just relax. Same campsite as Wednesday.

Thursday—Pack up camp and hike back to Bright Angel campground (.9 miles).

Friday—Begin hike out of the canyon via the Bright Angel Trail (4.7 Miles uphill) ascend over 4,400feet. Camp at Indian Garden campground.

Saturday—Finish hike out of the canyon (4.6 Miles uphill). Sleep at South Rim campground.

Sunday—Load the van and Drive back to UCSB (8 hrs drive time).

Departure Location: Service driveway to the left/ North of Recreation Center main entrance.

Departure Time: Meet at 8:00 A.M. so we can load your personal equipment and leave at 9:00 A.M. As a courtesy to the group, please be prompt. If you are not there on time we will leave without you. No refunds for no-shows.

Approximate Drive Time: 12 hours

Approximate Return Time: 6pm Sunday evening

Participant provides:

- All equipment described on the equipment list
- 3 Road meals (Lunch and dinner during drive out on Monday, and dinner on Sunday on the way home.)
- Six lunches while backpacking (Tuesday thru Sunday).

No Drugs or Alcohol: University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Refund Policy: Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less **\$20 service** charge) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **Less than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.