



TU·SAY·AN 10 TIPS

for First-Time Visitors to Grand Canyon National Park

A first journey into Grand Canyon National Park can be overwhelming for some visitors. To make the most of your visit, plan 2-3 days to explore the area so that you don't feel rushed. The South Rim of Grand Canyon has over 30 miles of rim views—each viewpoint is different and spectacular. Various hiking & biking trails, wildlife viewing, historical sites, cultural lands, and geological wonders are just a few of the amazing things to do and see while you are in the area.

Located only 1 mile from the south entrance to Grand Canyon National Park



Buy your Park Pass in Tusayan before you enter the Park. Cost is the same as the Park Entrance, but will save you time when entering the Park. The knowledgeable and friendly businesses in Tusayan can help you navigate the area.



In the Summer, hike or bike into the National Park using the Tusayan Greenway Trail (6.6 miles one-way). Then take the free National Park shuttle back to Tusayan (shuttles have bike racks). Shuttle service from Tusayan into the National Park is only available in June, July and August.



Wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes and a small backpack that includes—water, sunscreen, and layers of clothing for varying temperatures (high and low temperatures can vary between 30-40 degrees).



Visit at sunrise or sunset. Busiest times entering the Park are between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Weekends and holidays can be busy so we recommend a weekday visit.



If you plan on hiking into the depths of the Canyon, remember it takes twice as long to hike out as it does to hike down. Carry plenty of water. Hiking into the Canyon in the middle of summer is not recommended due to the extreme hot temperatures below the rim. You MUST make reservations in advance if you plan on camping overnight in the Canyon.



Pick up a to-go lunch at one of the various restaurants in Tusayan and enjoy a peaceful picnic lunch on the rim of Grand Canyon. The restaurants and cafés with the Park can be busy during lunch hours.



If you plan on staying 2-3 nights in Tusayan, we recommend taking an air or ground tour the first day. Our local knowledgeable guides can show you around and then advise you on what to do on your 2nd and 3rd day here.



Keep a safe distance from wildlife (especially the Elk). Do not feed or approach wildlife—keep the wildlife “wild”. These are not pets and your camera has a zoom lens for a reason.



If you enjoy looking at the stars and planets in the night sky, bring a telescope. Tusayan and Grand Canyon National Park are dark sky communities. We have some amazing stargazing opportunities including astronomy events in the area.



Protect our public lands for all to enjoy. Stay on designated trails, dispose of trash properly, and be respectful of the land and wildlife.

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