

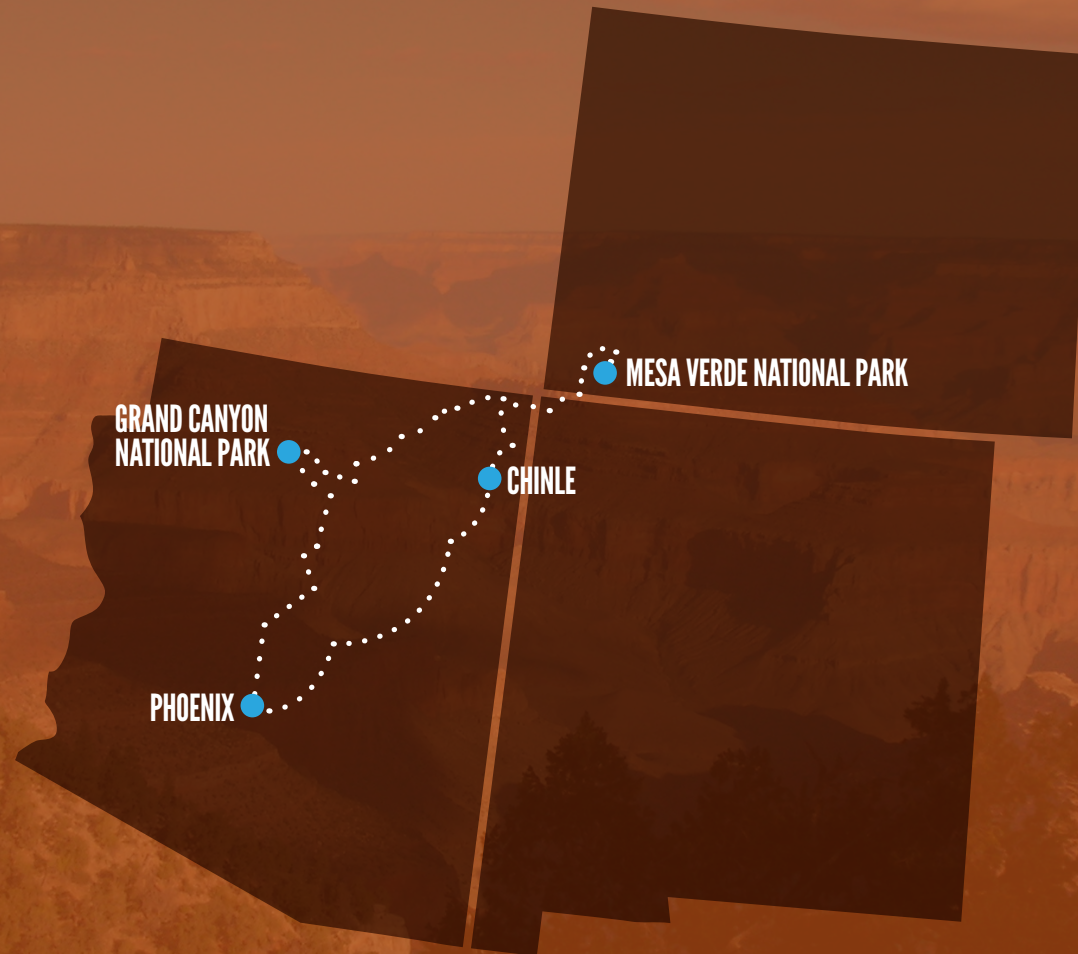
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Phoenix to Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

3 hours and 30 minutes/360 kilometres

Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona
to Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

4 hours and 15 minutes/410 kilometres

Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado to Chinle, Arizona

2 hours and 30 minutes/241 kilometres

Chinle to Phoenix, Arizona

5 hours/473 kilometres

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Day 1

Begin your exploration of the Greater Phoenix Area with a hot-air balloon tour and gaze below at the splendor of the **Sonoran Desert**. With its abundant sunshine and natural beauty, Phoenix is a golfer's paradise; there are more than 200 courses in the area, and golf enthusiasts will want to play on them for a day or two. The varied trails of the **Desert Botanical Garden** are a great opportunity for nature lovers who want to explore the flora and fauna unique to the Southwest desert. If American Indian art and culture are your interests, head to the **Heard Museum**, which houses more than 44,000 objects. For spectacular mountain views, drive the **Summit Road** to **Dobbins Lookout** at **South Mountain Park**. Those looking for exercise and adventure can challenge themselves on two difficult summit trails at the rust-colored **Camelback Mountain** in the **Echo Canyon Recreation Area**. Shoppers will delight in bargains found at one of the area's outlet malls or the high-end shopping at **Biltmore Fashion Park**. Nearby, explore ancient pueblo structures and learn about prehistoric farmers at the **Hohokam Pima National Monument** and **Casa Grande Ruins National Monument** in Coolidge.

Accommodation: Phoenix, Arizona



Desert Botanical Garden, Arizona



Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

PHOENIX TO GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA

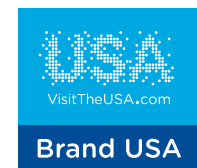
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Day 2

An Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwelling dating to around 1200, **Montezuma Castle National Monument** includes a five-story structure, essentially a home for about 50 people, built by the indigenous Sinagua people. **Sedona** has long been considered a spiritual oasis because of the number of healers and artists living there. **Flagstaff**, on famous **Route 66**, is often called the USA's "Mother Road." Both Sedona and Flagstaff are must-stop destinations on the way to **Grand Canyon National Park**. Few places can

top the stunning natural beauty of the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon, which is 1.6 kilometres deep and up to 29 kilometres wide. The more easily accessed South Rim is open year-round. Tour the park's landscapes by car, bus, mule, helicopter, raft or on foot.

Accommodation: Tusayan or Grand Canyon South, Arizona



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 4 hours and 15 minutes/410 kilometres

Experience the towering sandstone “sculptures” of **Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park**, famous as the location for many Western movies, before traveling into Colorado and visiting **Canyons of the Ancients National Monument**, which has more than 6,000 archaeological sites of the Puebloan and American Indian cultures. Continue learning about ancient times with a visit to **Mesa Verde National Park**, famous for having

Accommodation: Cortez, Colorado



Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

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Day 4

First stop today is **Chaco Culture National Historic Park**, considered to be one of the most important ancient ancestral homes of both the Hopi and Pueblo people. Stop at the Navajo Nation to learn about art and culture at the **Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site** in Arizona, then continue to **Canyon de Chelly National Monument**, where people have lived for nearly 5,000 years. With a park ranger or Navajo guide, explore the landscape of canyons and Ancestral Puebloan and Navajo ruins.

Accommodation: Chinle, Arizona

 5 hours/473 kilometres

Day 5

Located along famous **Route 66, Petrified Forest National Park** is known for its fossils, especially fallen trees, from the late Triassic Period, about 200 million years ago. Sights along the way during rugged hikes, bike outings or drives include bluff overlooks, buttes, hoodoos and petroglyphs.

Accommodation: Phoenix, Arizona



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