



# Great Trains & Grand Canyons

Sedona, Scottsdale, Oak Creek & Grand Canyon

**September 29 - October 4, 2024**

**6 DAYS \* 8 MEALS** Experience the breathtaking beauty of the southwest, take a ride on two of Arizona's scenic railways, see the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon, visit old mining towns and explore Montezuma Castle National Monument.

## **Day 1 - Sunday - September 29 Travel to Phoenix / Sedona**

We transfer to the airport for our flight to Phoenix. Upon arrival meet our tour director and board the motor coach traveling north to beautiful Sedona (altitude 4,350'). This upscale resort, retirement, and artist community is set amongst the red-hued rocks of Oak Creek Canyon. Our home for the next five nights is a picturesque property in the Sedona area. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner with our fellow travelers. (D)

## **Day 2 - Monday - September 30 Sedona Trolley Tour / Free Time**

Start a great day with a Sedona Trolley Tour featuring the Chapel of the Holy Cross and Airport Mesa for spectacular views of the Sedona area. The trolley guide will give us insight into the various rock formations, indigenous vegetation, and history of this remarkable area. Later visit Uptown Sedona and the Spanish-Mexican Village of Tlaquepaque to explore art galleries, shopping opportunities, and restaurants. An optional Guided Jeep Tour into the Sedona backcountry is available. This evening enjoy Sedona at our own pace! (B)

## **Day 3 - Tuesday - October 1 The Grand Canyon Grand Canyon Railway**

Begin an unforgettable day with a drive through amazing Oak Creek Canyon, a sixteen-mile long canyon known for its spectacularly colored white, yellow and red cliffs dotted with pine, cypress and juniper. Then arrive in Williams (altitude 6,765') to board the Grand Canyon Railway for a nostalgic two-hour jour-

ney that delivers us to the awe-inspiring South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park for free time and lunch on our own (altitude 6,800'). Six million years in the making, the Grand Canyon's dynamic colors and textures inspire reflection at nature's power and beauty. Later board our motor coach to see the Grand Canyon from other points of interest. Stop in Flagstaff (altitude 7,000') for dinner before returning to Sedona. (B,D)

## **Day 4 - Wednesday - October 2 Montezuma / Verde Canyon Railroad**

This morning visit Montezuma Castle National Monument, the ruins of a cliff dwelling built in the 12th and 13th centuries by the Sinagua. Later visit the old mining town of Jerome, once a virtual ghost town, now restored with shops, museums and art galleries. Next travel to Clarkdale to board the Verde Canyon Railroad, also known as the Wilderness Train. The spectacular four-hour ride in a First Class Railcar takes us between two national forests, past crimson cliffs, over old-fashioned trestles and through a 680-foot tunnel. Return to Sedona for another free evening. (B)

## **Day 5 - Thursday - October 3 Free Day / Blazin' M Ranch**

Today is at leisure in Sedona. Enjoy the wonderful amenities of our resort. Spend the day shopping and sightseeing on our own, or play a local golf course. An optional tour will be available. This evening experience a Farewell Dinner at the Blazin' M Ranch where we will enjoy a hearty Chuckwagon Supper & Western Stage Show. (B,D)

## **Day 6 - Friday - October 4 Old Town Scottsdale / Fly Home**

This morning travel to Old Town Scottsdale where Western storefronts recreate an aura of the past. Later arrive at the Phoenix Airport for our flight home filled with unforgettable memories of our Great Trains & Grand Canyons Tour. (B)

### **Tour Highlights:**

- \* Unpack Once in Sedona
- \* Two Awesome Rail Trips  
The Grand Canyon Railway  
& The Verde Canyon Railroad
- \* Grand Canyon National Park
- \* Sedona City Trolley Tour
- \* Visit Jerome, an old West mining town
- \* Montezuma Castle Nat'l Monument
- \* Chuckwagon Supper Western Show
- \* Visit Old Town Scottsdale
- \* Also included: Roundtrip Transfers to/from Washington Dulles Airport, Overnight Accommodations, & Services of an AFC Vacations Escort upon arrival in Phoenix.
- \* 8 Meals = 5B, 3D

**Tour # 24039**  
**Cost of Tour - Per Person**  
**Twin \$3624    Single \$4474**  
**Airfare &**  
**Travel Protection Included**

### **Deposit & Final Payment:**

A deposit of \$625.00 per person is due when reservations are made. Balance is due by June 17, 2024.