

# ULTIMATE HAVASUPAI 5-Day

**STARTS:** 8:00am from the Marriott Courtyard    **ENDS:** 6-8:00pm Marriott Courtyard    **FITNESS LEVEL RATING:** Advanced\*  
**OVERNIGHT:** Lodging & Comfortable Camping    **GUESTS:** 4 min – 24 max    **HIKE IN / HIKE OUT**

*\*Optional Addition: Helicopter or Horseback Ride = Beginner or Moderate Fitness Level*

## TRIP ITINERARY

### DAY 1: DRIVE FROM SCOTTSDALE/PHOENIX TO THE GRAND CANYON CAVERNS INN

**8:00am** – Meet in the lobby of the Marriott Courtyard Old Town Scottsdale. Today we will head north through the Sonoran Desert and into the high elevation plateaus and red-rock canyons of north central Arizona. Soon we will arrive in Sedona, Arizona – featuring absolutely sublime red-sandstone formations. Hike along Oak Creek and across a spectacular ridgeline with 360-degree panoramas of the entire Sedona area. As you hike, your guides will introduce you to the unique flora, fauna, geology and cultural history of the area. After a picnic near the creek, we will drive through Oak Creek Canyon, home to lush riparian vegetation and towering red-rock walls – this is one of the most scenic drives in America. Once we have attained the Mogollon Rim at over 7,000 ft., we will continue across the Colorado Plateau to the Grand Canyon Caverns Inn. Here we will enjoy dinner as your guides brief you on the following morning's activities.

**Hiking: 3 miles**

### DAY 2: DESCEND INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE GRAND CANYON

After an early breakfast, we will drive the short distance to the trailhead, which is perched on the edge of the canyon. It is called Hualapai Hilltop (pronounced "Walapai") and is the only land travel access to Havasupai. Starting at 5,100 feet, the trail begins with switchbacks until we reach a dry streambed where the trail begins to level out. After a trailside lunch, the canyon walls seem to grow around you as you descend deeper into the labyrinth of red sandstone. At mile 8, the canyon begins to widen and the vegetation turns lush as you enter the village of Supai, the most remote village in the U.S. where even the mail still arrives by packhorse. Here at 3,200 feet, after a welcome rest stop, the Cottonwood-lined paths will lead you through the village and into the canyon's backcountry. A little further down the trail, you walk past the New 50 ft. Falls (75 ft. tall), 35 ft. Slide Falls and 100 ft. Havasu Falls and from there you will find our fully equipped base camp waiting for your arrival. Estimated arrival time is between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. You will have free time to explore the area while your guides arrange camp and prepare dinner. Sleep under the stars or retire to your spacious tent for a peaceful night of slumber.

**Hiking: 10 miles**

### DAY 3/4: ADVENTURE AND RELAXATION IN THE "GEM OF THE GRAND CANYON"

Awaken in our base camp, nestled along a stream, beneath towering cottonwood trees and a short walk to enormous waterfalls. You will find fresh brewed coffee and a hearty breakfast waiting in the camp kitchen. Every morning and afternoon your guides will lead you on some of the most spectacular hikes in the world. Cross tropical blue streams and wade through lush meadows of wild grapevines. Clamber up narrow side canyons with red rock walls towering thousands of feet overhead. Even take a swim beside a 200 ft. waterfall. Each day you will dine on healthy, hearty meals prepared by your guides. All the hikes are optional and you are welcome to skip any. You can just spend a lazy afternoon or morning reading a book in a hammock by the creek. Remember, it's your vacation, make of it what you wish. We have options from high adventure to peaceful relaxation.

**Hiking: 4-8 miles**

### DAY 5: CONQUER THE CANYON AND ASCEND FROM PARADISE

The scenery and magic of the canyon will make you never want to leave, but after breakfast it is time to conquer the canyon! While always tiring, the exhilaration of reaching the rim is an amazing feeling you will always remember. Expect to arrive at the rim around 2:00pm. We will return to Scottsdale/Phoenix between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

**Hiking: 10 miles**

## INCLUDED IN COST:

- Round-trip transportation
- Professional, knowledgeable & safety certified guides
- Lodging Day 1 (double occupancy)
- Sedona permits
- Havasupai Reservation & overnight permits
- Fully equipped base camp
- Meals & snacks (Lunch Day 1 - Lunch Last Day)
- Bottled water
- Packhorses to carry your gear and supplies
- Tents, sleeping pads & base camp amenities
- Sleeping bag / Linens includes R/T horse pack
- Taxes, dining & housekeeping gratuities

## NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

- Airfare to and from Phoenix
- Pre & Post Trip Accommodations
- Airport Transfers
- Optional Gratuities to AOA guides
- Personal Insurance & Expenses

## OPTIONAL ADDITIONS:

- Horseback Ride into or out of the canyon (\$110 per person, one way)
- Helicopter Ride into or out of the canyon (\$110 per person, one way)

*(Helicopter only flies on Thursday/Friday & Sunday/Monday)*