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Grand Canyon

at a glance

446 km (277 mi) of canyon, two rims four hours' drive apart, and since 2026 an entry rule that costs visitors from abroad dearly.

446

KM
of canyon, cut by the Colorado

1,800

M
and more, from rim to river

2

BILLION YEARS
of rock in a single wall

1919

SINCE
a national park; eleven tribes,
one river

BEFORE YOU GO



South Rim or North Rim

The South Rim takes almost all the visitors: open all year, with a visitor centre, village, shuttle buses and the famous viewpoints.



What is different in 2026

After the Dragon Bravo Fire in summer 2025, the North Rim reopened on 15 May 2026, but only in part.



South Entrance near Tusayan

The most-used entrance is on Highway 64 north of Tusayan, open around the clock all year.



South Rim all year

The South Rim is open around the clock, 365 days a year, including Grand Canyon Village and Desert View.



Heat in the canyon

In summer it is considerably hotter down in the canyon than up on the rim.



The way back counts double

Allow about twice the descent time for the climb back up.



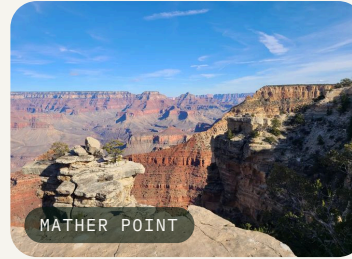
Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/usa/grand-canyon



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| 1 South Entrance Station | 7 Bright Angel Trailhead |
| 2 Desert View Watchtower | 8 South Kaibab Trailhead |
| 3 Grand Canyon Visitor Center | 9 Yaki Point |
| 4 North Rim Entrance Station | 10 Hopi Point |
| 5 Mather Point | 11 Hermits Rest |
| 6 Yavapai Point | 12 Grandview Point |

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MATHER POINT



BRIGHT ANGEL TRAIL



DESERT VIEW WATCHTOWER

THINGS TO DO

Bright Angel Trail

The best-known trail starts at the western edge of the village and switchbacks down.

The most important rule

The park explicitly advises against hiking down to the Colorado and back in one day.

Staying overnight in the canyon

Every overnight stay below the rim requires a backcountry permit.

What you are looking at

The canyon is about 446 km (277 mi) long, up to 29 km (18 mi) wide and more than 1,800 m (5,900 ft) deep.

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South Kaibab Trail

The second major trail follows a ridge instead of a side canyon, so it offers wide views from the start.

Along the rim

If you do not want to go down, walk the Rim Trail.

North Rim trails

Open in 2026 are, among others, the Cape Royal Trail, Cliff Springs Trail, Cape Final Trail, Roosevelt Point ...

The Colorado as a tool

The Colorado River cut the canyon while the Colorado Plateau rose.

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