

**ITINERARY PLANNING GUIDE** 

he destination for all season





**Flagstaff Highlights** Must see attractions

**The Grand Canyon** Natural wonder of the world



**The High Country** Scenic beauty and adventure



**Regional Day Trips** Within an hour of Flagstaff



**Historic Places** Ancient ruins to the Mother Road

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### See it All from Here FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA HUB OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

### Distances from Flagstaff

CITY/ATTRACTION MILES	5 км
Albuquerque, NM	520
Canyon de Chelly National Monument	341
Grand Canyon National Park 81	130
Hoover Dam	344
Hopi Reservation	113
Lake Powell and Page136	219
Las Vegas, NV	406
Laughlin, NV	322
Los Angeles, CA 467	752
Meteor Crater	68
Monument Valley 171	275
Navajo Reservation	84
Painted Desert and Petrified Forest 116	187
Phoenix 142	229
Prescott	140
Tucson	414
Sedona	45
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument 18	29
Walnut Canyon National Monument 11	18
<b>Williams</b>	51
<b>Winslow</b>	93
Wupatki National Monument	63



### Average Flagstaff Temperatures

	HIGH		LOW		PRECIPITATION	
	F°	C°	F°	C°	inches	cm
JANUARY	43	6	16	-9	2.18	5.54
FEBRUARY	46	8	19	-7	2.56	6.50
MARCH	50	10	23	-5	2.62	6.65
APRIL	58	14	27	-3	1.29	3.28
MAY	68	20	34	1	0.80	2.03
JUNE	79	26	41	5	0.43	1.09
JULY	82	28	50	10	2.40	6.10
AUGUST	80	27	49	9	2.89	7.34
SEPTEMBER	74	23	42	6	2.12	5.38
OCTOBER	63	17	31	-1	1.93	4.90
NOVEMBER	51	11	22	-6	1.86	4.72
DECEMBER	44	7	17	-8	1.83	4.65

Average Annual Days of Sunshine 288 days Average Annual Precipitation 22.96 inches (58.32 cm) Average Annual Snowfall 108.8 inches (276.35 cm)



#### **Flagstaff Visitor Center**

Located in the historic train station One E. Route 66 | Flagstaff, AZ 86001 800.842.7293 | 928.213.2951 flagstaffarizona.org | 💟 🖾 f 🕨

#1)Plan as You Go

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN | FLAGSTAFF VISITOR CENTER | MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA LOWELL OBSERVATORY | RIORDAN MANSION STATE HISTORIC PARK

### FLAGSTAFF HIGHLIGHTS **MUST SEE ATTRACTIONS**

Small but mighty, Flagstaff is filled to the brim with attractions, adventures, history and culture that rival a destination twice its size. Get the lay of the land by experiencing these highlights, then mix and match from the options below to create YOUR unforgettable Flagstaff itinerary.

**66** With Historic Route 66 bisecting it, **Historic Downtown** is the heart and soul of Flagstaff. Use the Flagstaff Visitor Center, located in the historic train station, as a starting point for self-guided tours of the 1890s downtown area. Live music, local restaurants, boutiques and art galleries line the quaint streets and a year-round First Friday ArtWalk is the perfect way to sample the local flair.

#### The Museum of Northern Arizona is a beautiful introduction to the Colorado Plateau, taking visitors on a journey that documents the cultural, anthropological, geological and historical perspectives on the area. Weaving a tale



through Native American artifacts, natural science specimens and fine art pieces, the Museum leaves those who explore its exhibits with a deeper understanding and appreciation for this region. The Heritage Program festivals offer an immersion into the traditions of the Zuni, Hopi, Navajo and Hispanic cultures.





#### **Flagstaff Visitor Center to:**

**Museum of Northern Arizona** (Hwy 180) 3 miles (5 km) | 15 minutes Lowell Observatory 1 mile (2 km) | 10 minutes **Riordan Mansion State Historic Park** 1 mile (2 km) | 10 minutes

Historic downtown map detail on back page.

Flagstaff is the world's first International Dark Sky City, a designation Lowell Observatory has been taking advantage of for more than a century. The discovery of Pluto is just one feather in Lowell's astronomical cap, highlighting a storied history and bright future of scientific research. Visitors can lift their gaze upward alongside the researchers, taking in distant stars, planets and galaxies on both modern equipment and some of the original





Step back to the turn of the century at **Riordan Mansion** State Historic Park, built in 1904 for pioneer businessmen brothers. The exquisitely preserved Arts and Crafts style architecture home gives a fascinating glimpse into the

lives of one of Flagstaff's founding families, with each brother living with his wife and children in identical separate homes connected by a common room area. Guided tours tell the whole story through artifacts and mementos.



GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK | BRIGHT ANGEL BICYCLES | HOPI HOUSE | EL TOVAR HOTEL DESERT VIEW WATCHTOWER | CAMERON TRADING POST | GRAND CANYON RAILWAY

### THE GRAND CANYON NATURAL WONDER OF THE WORLD

Flagstaff is the gateway to the Grand Canyon, making a funfilled day trip to this geologic wonder easy and convenient. Seeing it in a movie is one thing, but the breathtaking beauty that rushes at you the moment you peer over the edge is something entirely different. Grab the camera and explore this majestic canyon from every angle.

Get the lay of the land with a stop at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center and participate in a free Park Ranger Program to learn more about history and geology.

the Grand Canyon is comple-



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mented by the human-designed buildings like Mary Colter's Hopi House or El Tovar Hotel, perfect for porch swinging and Canyon gazing.





Leave the car behind and hop on the Grand Canyon Railway in nearby Williams. The meandering journey and arriving in style is almost as

**Flagstaff to Grand Canyon** Village/South Rim (Hwy 180) 81 miles (130 km) 1 hour, 20 minutes Grand Canvon Village to Desert View 26 miles (42 km) | 35 minutes Desert View to Cameron (SR 64) 33 miles (53 km) | 45 minutes **Cameron to Flagstaff** (Hwy 89) 53 miles (85 km) | 1 hour Flagstaff to Williams (I-40 at Exit 161) 32 miles (51 km) | 35 minutes

Distances from Flagstaff originate at the Visitor Center.

Head back to Flagstaff via the East Rim Entrance for another Mary Colter gem in the Desert View Watchtower, and the opportunity to stop at the historic Cameron Trading Post for a famous Navajo taco.







FLAGSTAFF EXTREME ADVENTURE COURSE | FORT TUTHILL COUNTY PARK | ARIZONA SNOWBOWL FLAGSTAFF NORDIC CENTER | SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS | COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST UPPER LAKE MARY | THE ARBORETUM AT FLAGSTAFF | FLAGSTAFF URBAN TRAILS

### THE HIGH COUNTRY scenic beauty and adventure

With the rugged San Francisco Peaks as its backdrop, Flagstaff can't help but lure those with an adventurous spirit, whether they prefer the heart-pounding adrenaline rush or a more low-key activity.



Play in the trees at the Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course, swinging, gliding and climbing over obstacles high above the ground on a series of adult courses, or the fun kid's course. While at Fort Tuthill County Park take a ride through the Bike Skills Park that offers tracks for tots to experts.

#### Arizona Snowbowl

features some of the West's best learning terrain for firsttime skiers, and some impressive vertical runs along with the challenging Sunset Terrain Park for seasoned shredders. The Flagstaff Nordic Center offers



miles of cross-country skiing and snowshoe trails, and the latest in winter fun-snowbiking. Open year-round, each offers summer adventures such as riding to 11,500' on the Scenic Chairlift Ride or touring through the forest on bike.



When the temperature heats up, rent a standup paddleboard or canoe and hit the gentle waters of **Upper Lake Mary** or one of the many other area lakes throughout the region.



#### **Flagstaff Visitor Center to:**

Fort Tuthill County Park (I-17 at Exit 337) 6 miles (10 km) | 13 minutes Arizona Snowbowl (Hwy 180 to Arizona Snowbowl turnoff) 7 miles (11 km) | 10 minutes Flagstaff Nordic Center (Hwy 180) 16 miles (26 km) | 20 minutes Upper Lake Mary 16 miles (26 km) | 25 minutes The Arboretum at Flagstaff 7 miles (11 km) | 20 minutes

Take a stroll around **The Arboretum at Flagstaff** to learn about the native flora and fauna and take a seat for the high-flying Airborne Raptors show. The Arboretum is open May to October only.





Pick up a **Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS)** map and a rental bike, and enjoy an approachable 50+ miles of trails throughout Flagstaff. Or hop on one of Flagstaff's multi-person party bikes to explore downtown with friends.

# #4 Meet the Neighbors

SEDONA | WILLIAMS | BEARIZONA | METEOR CRATER | WINSLOW LA POSADA HOTEL & GARDENS

### REGIONAL DAY TRIPS WITHIN AN HOUR OF FLAGSTAFF

Northern Arizona is home to some of the most stunning landscapes and interesting towns in the West, and Flagstaff is perfectly positioned for day trips to several of these treasures.



It's just a 28-mile drive from Flagstaff to **Sedona** through Oak Creek Canyon via scenic Highway 89A, but the changing landscapes and dramatic vistas as vehicles descend 2,500-feet of elevation is enough to leave

visitors wanting hundreds more miles. Take a hike, jeep tour, or just peruse the art galleries set amongst the stunning red rocks.

66 A fellow Route 66 town, **Williams** is about 30 miles west of Flagstaff, combining the Mother Road nostalgia with

an Old West spirit. The **Bearizona** drive-thru wildlife park is a must see, offering an up-close and personal encounter with bears, wolves and other wildlife.







#### **Flagstaff Visitor Center to:**

Sedona (Hwy 89A through Oak Creek Canyon) 28 miles (45 km) | 40 minutes Williams (I-40 at Exit 161) 32 miles (51 km) | 35 minutes Meteor Crater (I-40 at Exit 233) 42 miles (68 km) | 50 minutes Winslow (I-40 at Exit 252) 58 miles (93 km) | 1 hour

For a day trip that will make a serious impact, head east to **Meteor Crater**, the best-preserved meteorite impact site on earth. This is more than just an impressive hole in the ground. Visitors can "Experience the Impact" with 3D models and interactive displays, movie showings, daily guided tours and lookout points.



**66** The Eagles made it famous and countless visitors have snapped a photo of themselves "Standin' on a Corner in **Winslow**,



Arizona." There's far more to this Route 66 town than just a corner, starting with **La Posada Hotel & Gardens**. Tour this resurrected "Last Great Railroad Hotel," originally built in 1929 as a Harvey House.

#5) Relive the Past

PIONEER MUSEUM | WUPATKI NATIONAL MONUMENT | WALNUT CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT SUNSET CRATER VOLCANO NATIONAL MONUMENT | ROUTE 66

### HISTORIC PLACES ANCIENT RUINS TO THE MOTHER ROAD

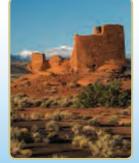
Flagstaff is a history book brought to life, with buildings, ruins and roads that tell the stories of this town's fascinating past.

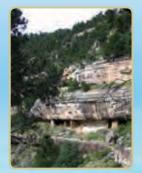


Once the home of the Coconino County Hospital for the Indigent, the **Pioneer Museum** is now a living tribute to Flagstaff's Pioneer history. Exhibits highlight the region's logging and ranching heritage, as well as everyday life.

Wupatki National Monument gives visitors a glimpse into the lives of the people who lived in this area around 1000 AD. Stop

at the visitor center for a quick history of the pueblos and a brochure to guide you through the intricacies of this ancient lifestyle. **Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument** is along the same driving loop and offers hiking opportunities among the new flora poking out between the lava flows and cinder from an eruption about 900 years ago.





The rim and interior of **Walnut Canyon National Monument** was a thriving prehistoric Native American community for more than 150 years and visitors today can walk in their footsteps on the one-mile Island Trail and view the cliff dwellings up close.



#### **Flagstaff Visitor Center to:**

Pioneer Museum and Coconino Center for the Arts (Hwy 180) 2 miles (3 km) | 10 minutes

Sunset Crater Volcano and Wupatki National Monuments (Hwy 89 to Loop Road)

18 miles (29 km) | 30 minutes

Scenic Loop Road through Sunset Crater Volcano and Wupatki National Monuments 36 miles (58 km) | 1 hour

Scenic Loop Road to Flagstaff (north exit on Hwy 89) 25 miles (40 km) | 45 minutes

Walnut Canyon National Monument (I-40 at Exit 204) 11 miles (18 km) | 20 minutes

The Mother Road has lured adventurers for years, and that spirit can still be found today along Flagstaff's portion of **Route 66**. Grab a self-guided walking tour brochure at the Flagstaff Visitor Center and discover the hidden Route 66



gems in downtown. Spend an evening two-stepping at the



Museum Club, a long-time Route 66 hot spot for touring musicians.

## Build Your Perfect Itinerary **EXPLORE MORE** SCENIC DRIVES, HIKES, TOURS & EVENTS

### **Jall Color Drives**

- O Scenic Highway 180 to the Grand Canyon
- O Scenic Highway 89A through Oak Creek Canyon
- O Hart Prairie-FS151 Loop
- O Snowbowl Road off Highway 180
- O Locket Meadow-FS552





Know where to find the best fall color viewing in northern Arizona by checking the LEAF-ometer found on flagstaffarizona.org.

### Javorite Hikes

#### **Easy Hikes**

- O Veit Springs
- O Lava Flow Trail
- O Anderson Mesa
- **Buffalo Park Loop** 0
- O Griffiths Spring

#### **Moderate Hikes**

- O Lava River Cave
- O Fat Man's Loop
- $\cap$ **Bismark Lake**
- $\bigcirc$ Little Bear Trail
- O Sandys Canyon

- **Advanced Hikes** O Kachina Trail
- O Abineau / Bear Jaw Canyon Loop
- O Elden Lookout
- O Slate Mountain
- O Humphreys Peak

### Favorite Urban Trails

- O Arizona Trail
- O Mars Hill Trail
- O Sinclair Wash Trail
- O Tunnel Springs Trail

- water and trail snacks
- O a trail map
- O sunscreen
- O camera and/ or binoculars



### Events Calendar



Take advantage of Flagstaff's year-round selection of local entertainment and cultural events. Visit flagstaff365.com for a complete calendar of events.

### Self-Guided Tours

Guides and maps are available at the Flagstaff Visitor Center or by download at flagstaffarizona.org.

#### **Self-Guided Tours**

O Flagstaff-Grand Canyon

available at flagstaffaletrail.com)

#### Self-Guided Walking Tours

- O Historic Downtown Ale Trail (Passport packages
  - $\cap$ Historic Route 66
  - O Haunted Flagstaff
- destination for

O Flagstaff Public Art

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For trail location and map resources, visit "Things to Do" at flagstaffarizona.org.

#### **Hiker's Checklist**

- () wear layered clothing and comfortable
- O hat and sunglasses
- shoes/boots

O plenty of