The Grand Canyon is 277 river miles long, up to 18 miles wide, and an average depth of one mile. Over 1,500 plant, 355 bird, 89 mammalian, 47 reptile, 9 amphibian, and 17 fish species. A part of the Colorado River basin that has taken over 40 million years to develop. Rock layers showcasing nearly two billion years of the Earth's geological history. Truly, the Grand Canyon is one of the most spectacular and biggest sites on Earth.

We will board our flight at New Orleans International Airport and fly into Flagstaff, AR., where we will take a shuttle to the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel in Williams, AR to spend our first night. The hotel, which is located adjacent to the historic Williams Depot, is walking distance to downtown Williams and its famed main street – Route 66. The hotel features rooms updated in 2015 and 2016 with an indoor swimming pool and a hot tub.

Williams, AR. Is a classic mountain town located in the Ponderosa Pine forest at around 6,800 feet elevation. The town has a four-season climate and provides year-round activities, from rodeos to skiing. Dubbed the “Gateway to the Grand Canyon”, Williams Main Street is none other than the Mother Road herself – Route 66. Along the famed road you'll find classic retail stores, bars, restaurants all with a western flair. Williams is known for shopping with Classic neon signs, perfect spots to take pictures, enjoy a meal, and find a perfect souvenir. Williams also has leather goods, western collectibles, made with Williams products, made in the USA only, and plenty of variety for everyone.
There is a variety of dining options. The Grand Depot Café is the ideal spot for tastes of all ages. Conveniently situated across from the hotel, it serves breakfast, lunch and dinner for Grand Canyon Railway passengers and patrons alike. The buffet-only restaurant features an expansive and fresh selection of traditional fare, as well as an evening carving station and pasta bar. Downtown you’ll find down-home style, made from scratch, menu items, mile high pies, micro-breweries, a Wild West Saloon, a tasty steak dinner in an indoor/outdoor setting.

After breakfast the next morning the Grand Canyon Railway will provide a ride high above in a streamliner-era dome. Bar service is available, with complimentary snacks provided. The Grand Canyon Railway is a historic ride on the rails with real, restored locomotives and vintage cars. Musicians roam the train playing the tunes of the West and each car has a Passenger Service Attendant who will share facts about the area and the canyon and help you maximize your time while at the South Rim.

Before the train leaves, the Cataract Creek Gang and the Marshal square off at the Williams Depot. Then later in the day, don’t be surprised if those cowboys are up to their shenanigans… They’ve been known to try a train robbery or two in their day.

Once we arrive at the South Rim, enjoy a motorcoach tour to scenic points along the South Rim with free time at the canyon to explore. Make the most of your time and see the canyon from different perspectives. The 1.5 hour guided motorcoach tour allows you to get to some of the most recognizable viewpoints along the South Rim that you wouldn’t have time to walk to. Plus, you’ll have time to walk the historic Grand Canyon Village where you can eat lunch and visit Historic hotels and shops.

After the tour we will stay overnight stay at Maswik Lodge, a modern facility spread over several acres of Ponderosa Pine forest, located walking distance from the canyon’s edge and historic Grand Canyon Village. Located just a ¼ mile from the canyon’s edge, the Maswik Lodge is stunningly situated over several acres of ponderosa pine forest, featuring spacious non-smoking rooms, a transportation/activity desk, cafeteria and sports bar. It’s also the ideal place to enjoy gorgeous sunsets and sunrises at the canyon. Much of the Village was built in the early 1900s by the railroad.
Here you'll find landmark buildings like El Tovar, Hopi House, Lookout Studio, the Bright Angel trailhead and more. One of the best ways you can experience the South Rim of Grand Canyon in 2 to 4 hours is to combine walking with shuttle bus riding.

Next morning, we'll board the Grand Canyon Railway to return to the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel for our final night's stay before returning to New Orleans.

*****Cost Includes*****
American Airlines Round-trip Airfare
Shuttle Service to and from the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel
Grand Canyon Railway Hotel – 2 nights with breakfasts (1 dinner on the last night) and baggage handling (all other meals on your own)
Grand Canyon Railway Round-Trip Train Ride (refreshments provided)
Grand Canyon 1.5-hour Narrated Motorcoach Tour
Maswik Lodge – 1 night (meals on your own, food court on site)

Travel insurance is mandatory and not included in the cost. Please provide a copy of insurance confirmation to the GO office after purchase.

Insurance via NTA Travel Protection Plan – 800-388-1470
Tour Operator Location #186051

Double Occupancy $130.00 (Basic)  $171.00 (Enhanced) includes a waiver of the Pre-Existing Condition if your enrollment is completed within 14 days of the date you made a deposit and you’ve purchase coverage for the full cost of the trip)

Single Occupancy  $150.00 (Basic)  $199.00 (Enhanced) includes a waiver of the Pre-Existing Condition if your enrollment is completed within 14 days of the date you made a deposit and you’ve purchase coverage for the full cost of the trip)
GRAND CANYON RAILWAY HOTEL
The weather in northern Arizona can vary, which is why the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel offers a heated indoor saltwater pool, hot tub and fitness room for year-round convenience. Our accommodations will be deluxe rooms with two double beds that have triple-sheet bedding and queen size down pillows, complimentary Wi-Fi, flat screen satellite TV’s with Starz Movie Channel, full length mirror, desk and bathrooms that feature granite counter tops with sleek Moen fixtures. Rooms also have a personal scale and hair dryer, Keurig coffee maker, mini-fridge and microwave oven. **Breakfasts each morning and dinner (on the last night’s stay are included)**. The dinner buffet includes an expansive and fresh selection of fare, including meat carving and cook-to-order pasta stations, salad and dessert bars. Alcoholic beverage service is also available.

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GRAND DEPOT CAFÉ
Across from the hotel and adjacent to the depot trackside, the Grand Depot Café is loaded with fresh buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner. At the café, you’ll find a great selection of breakfast options including a cook-to-order egg and omelet station, waffles, meats, fruits, cereals and more. The lunch buffet also features a robust selection of delicious food, including a soup & salad bar. The dinner buffet includes an expansive and fresh selection of fare, including meat carving and cook-to-order pasta stations, salad and dessert bars (first night, on your own or eat at a restaurant on the famous Route 66). Alcoholic beverage service is also available. A gift shop with Grand Canyon Railway souvenirs is also in the restaurant.
Observation Dome
Enjoy the Wild West Show before the train departs at the Williams Depot. Roundtrip train travel from Williams, AZ to the Grand Canyon with panoramic views of the surrounding scenery, thanks to a vintage glass-enclosed streamliner car with entertainment from strolling musicians and personalize service and insider knowledge from your Passenger Service Attendant. Fresh fruit, pastries, coffee and juice are provided during the morning, while snacks are available on the return trip along with a sparkling wine toast. Bottled beer and fine spirits are also available at the cash bar.

Freedom Rim Tour
Make the most of your time and see the canyon from different perspectives. The 1.5 hour guided motorcoach tour allows you to get to some of the most recognizable viewpoints along the South Rim that you wouldn’t have time to walk to. However, you’ll have time to walk the historic Grand Canyon Village where you can eat lunch and visit Historic shops.

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A stunning location just a ¼ mile from the canyon’s edge—Maswik Lodge is the perfect choice for your journey into the heart of Grand Canyon Country. The lodge is spread over several acres of beautiful ponderosa pine forest and just a few minutes from the Grand Canyon Depot. Enjoy all-day dining in our cafeteria open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or kick back in the Maswik Lodge’s Pizza Pub with widescreen TV’s. Browse the curio shop for a keepsake handicraft or gift to commemorate your trip to the Grand Canyon or visit the transportation desk for information about activities including wheelchair-accessible activities, from our knowledgeable staff. Maswik Lodge is a modern facility spread over several acres of Ponderosa Pine forest, located walking distance from the canyon’s edge and historic Grand Canyon Village. Much of the Village was built in the early 1900s by the railroad. Here you’ll find landmark buildings like El Tovar, Hopi House, Lookout Studio, the Bright Angel trailhead and more. You’ll have a good night’s rest in spacious rooms with 2 queen-size beds, in-room coffee, refrigerator, in-room safe and cable TV.

Chase Bank and 24-hour ATM is located at Market Plaza. Open year-round. An ATM is also available in the Maswik Lodge lobby.

Transportation – Free bus service within the South Rim Area
Free shuttle buses run daily within Grand Canyon National Park (tickets not required). Inquire at the transportation desk for info on routes. All the park’s buses are wheelchair accessible, but the park does offer a Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit, which allows entry for visitors with mobility issues to some areas closed to public traffic. The permit is available at entrance gates and National Park Service visitor centers, inquire at the transportation desk.

Buses operate on four different routes:
- Village Route
- Kaibab Trail Route
- Hermits Rest Route (except November & December)
- Tusayan Route (available summers only)