Explore Flagstaff
Itinerary Planning Guide

Build Your Perfect Itinerary

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- **Average Annual Days of Sunshine**: 266 days
- **Average Annual Precipitation**: 22.96 inches (58.32 cm)
- **Average Annual Snowfall**: 108.8 inches (276.35 cm)
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.

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 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 telescopes that are still in working order today.

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.
Flagstaff is the gateway to the Grand Canyon, making a fun-filled 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.

Hop on two wheels and cover more ground the green way with rentals or guided tours from Bright Angel Bicycles.

The natural architecture of the Grand Canyon is complemented 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 impressive as the destination.

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.
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 first-time skiers, and some impressive vertical runs along with the challenging Sunset Terrain Park for seasoned shredders. The Arizona Nordic Village 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.

Take a stroll around The Arboretum at Flagstaff to learn about the native flora and fauna within the Coconino National Forest. 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.
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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

**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.

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.

Did you know every astronaut who walked on the Moon trained in Flagstaff?

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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
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EXPLORE MORE
SCENIC DRIVES, HIKEs, TOURS & EVENTS

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

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

Favorite Hikes

**Easy Hikes**
- Veit Springs
- Lava Flow Trail
- Anderson Mesa
- Buffalo Park Loop
- Griffiths Spring

**Moderate Hikes**
- Lava River Cave
- Fat Man's Loop
- Bismark Lake
- Little Bear Trail
- Sandys Canyon

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

**Favorite Urban Trails**
- Arizona Trail
- Mars Hill Trail
- Sinclair Wash Trail
- Tunnel Springs Trail

For trail location and map resources, visit discoverflagstaff.com.

Hiker's Checklist
- wear layered clothing and comfortable shoes/boots
- hat and sunglasses
- plenty of water and trail snacks
- a trail map
- sunscreen
- 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 discoverflagstaff.com.

**Self-Guided Tours**
- Flagstaff Brewery Trail
- Flagstaff Public Art
- Lunar Landmarks Trail

**Self-Guided Walking Tours**
- Historic Downtown Tour
- Route 66 Walk This Talk
- Haunted Flagstaff Tour
- The Green Book Historic Tour

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