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### Editor's Note

This Accommodations Guide is here to help you find somewhere to stay on your trip to Grand Canyon National Park.

This is not an exhaustive list, but instead is a curated selection with several options in Tusayan for different budgets. It also includes all of the accommodation options inside the park, with campgrounds, cabins, and lodges.

I've also included a map on the last page to help you decide where to stay.

If you stay somewhere not mentioned here and love it, feel free to email me and let me know, as I am always updating this list.

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# INSIDE THE PARK

Staying inside the park gives you easy access to the rim and it means that you only need to go through the Entrance Gate once, avoiding potential lines.

There are six **lodges** inside Grand Canyon Village. Five of them are operated by Grand Canyon National Park Lodges, who are owned by Xanterra. The sixth, Yavapai Lodge, is operated by Delaware North. There are also two **campgrounds** inside the park run by the National Park Service and an **RV park** run by Delaware North.

For the lodges operated by *Grand Canyon National Park Lodges*, you can make reservations **up to 13 months in advance**. At midnight Mountain Time on the first of each month, online reservations open for the entire month of the following year. So, for example, on September 1, reservations open up for September 1 - 30 of the following year. Phone reservations open at 7:00AM Mountain Time on the first of each month.

For the two properties operated by *Delaware North*, reservations can also be made **up to 13 months in advance**.

For the two campgrounds operated by the *National Park Service*, you can make reservations **up to six months in advance**. There are a few first-come, first-served sites as well - see details below.

If you're traveling in the busy summer months (May - October) I recommend making reservations at least a year in advance if you can. If you can't get anything inside the park, accommodations may still be available in Tusayan.

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I have made some specific recommendations for places to stay outside the park, but you can see **more options** here:

HOTELS: [Click here to see hotels available in Tusayan](#)

VACATION RENTALS: [Click here to see vacation rentals available in Tusayan](#)

CAMPING: [CampSpot](#)



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## GRAND CANYON VILLAGE

### El Tovar Hotel



A National Historic Landmark, El Tovar was built in 1905 from local limestone and Oregon pine. Inside there are natural log beams, historic furniture, and even stuffed animal heads mounted on the walls. There's a fine dining room, lounge, gift shop, and newsstand. El Tovar is perched right on the rim of the Grand Canyon, though only a couple of suites have canyon views.

The hotel has 78 rooms, including:

- 12 unique suites: a bedroom with either one King bed or two Queen beds, and a sitting room. Several have a balcony. Not all suites can be reserved online. To make a reservation, you need to call 888-297-2757 (7:00AM - 7:00PM MT).
- Standard rooms: one Double bed, one Queen bed, two Queen beds or one King bed.
- Deluxe rooms: one Queen bed, one King bed, or two Queen beds.

All rooms include satellite TV, safe, telephone, hair dryer, full bath, coffeemaker, and air conditioning. There are no microwaves.

Reserve through [Grand Canyon National Park Lodges](#)

### Bright Angel Lodge & Cabins



The other main historic lodge – and also a National Historic Landmark – was designed in 1935 by Mary Colter. There are two historic cabins and lodge rooms.

The **Buckey O'Neill Cabin** was built in the 1890s by William “Buckey” O'Neill, who was a member of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. He was instrumental in establishing what would eventually become the Grand Canyon Railway. The abandoned cabin was incorporated into the Bright Angel Lodge as a guest accommodation by architect Mary Colter. It's located on the rim and there are sensational canyon views right out the front door.





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## Bright Angel Lodge & Cabins

The **Red Horse Station** was built in 1890, and then moved from the Red Horse Ranch in 1902 to the head of Bright Angel Trail to be used for guest accommodations. From 1910 to 1935, it served as the Post Office for Grand Canyon Village. Today, it's a two-room cabin that you can stay in.

To book either of these historic cabins, you need to call 888-297-2757 (7:00AM - 7:00PM MT).

The **lodge rooms** all have telephone, coffeemaker, and fridge. None have microwaves, AC or TV. Most rooms have only one bed. Some have a shared bathroom.

Reserve through [Grand Canyon National Park Lodges](#).



## Kachina Lodge

Kachina Lodge sits directly on the rim of Grand Canyon, so it's super convenient. It was built in the late 1960s, so expect a certain aesthetic. There are 49 rooms, all with similar in size and amenities. They each have either two queen beds or one king bed. Many of the rooms have partial canyon views available, called canyon-side rooms.

Amenities include full bath, fridge, coffeemaker, flat screen TV with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer and safe. There are no microwaves.

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## Maswik Lodge

The main lodge building and adjacent hotel rooms date from the 1970's and 80's. There's a large lodge with the registration desk, gift shop, food court, and pizza pub plus 12, two-story buildings with 280 rooms, all set among a ponderosa pine forest.

The rooms are accessed from outside walkways and stairwells (there are no elevators). Rooms have a fridge, coffeemaker, air conditioning, safe,



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## Maswik Lodge

satellite TV, telephone, hair dryer and two Queen beds or one King bed. There are no microwaves.

It's located a little away from the rim, near the Backcountry Information Center and Parking Lot D, so there are no canyon views.

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## Thunderbird Lodge

This is a family-focused lodge with 55 rooms. It was built in 1966 and looks it. But it's on the canyon rim, between Kachina Lodge and Bright Angel Lodge. It's a two-story building with no elevator. Many of the rooms, called canyon-side rooms, have partial canyon views.

The rooms have either one King bed or two Queen beds. Amenities include full bath, coffee maker, fridge, flat screen satellite TV, phone, hairdryer and safe. There's no AC.

Reserve through [Grand Canyon National Park Lodges](#)



## Yavapai Lodge

Yavapai Lodge is located near the Village Market, so there are no canyon views. It has 358 rooms in total, divided into two sections – Yavapai East and Yavapai West.

All rooms have AC. There's WiFi in the lodge main building but not in the guestrooms. Amenities include AC, fridge, coffee maker, flat screen TV, and hair dryer.





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## Yavapai Lodge

**Yavapai West** dates from the 1950's and has a fifties motel vibe. There are 10, single-story buildings. Some are pet-friendly. Rooms include:

- Double Queen - 2 Queen size beds
- King - 1 King size bed

**Yavapai Lodge East** is newer. There are 6, two-story buildings. Some rooms here are accessible. Rooms, all with private bath, include:

- King - 1 King size bed
- Double Queen - 2 Queen size beds
- King Family - 1 King size bed and a Twin bunk bed
- Double Queen Family - 2 Queen size beds and a Twin bunk bed

Yavapai Lodge is operated by Delaware North. Reserve through their [Visit Grand Canyon](#) website.



## Mather Campground

This campground has 327 sites. Each site has a campfire ring/cooking grate, picnic table, parking space and room for up to six people, three tents, and two vehicles. There are flush toilets and drinking water throughout the campground.

For RVs:

- No hookups
- Free dump station.
- Most RV spaces are pull-through

The campground is open year-round as follows:

- **March 1- November 30:** Mather Campground is operated by the National Park Service and most sites can be reserved through their [recreation.gov](#) website or by phone (877-444-6777). There are 10 first-come, first-served sites during these months.
- **December 1- February 28/9:** All campsites first-come, first-served.



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## Trailer Village RV Park

This is the only RV park with full hookups inside the national park. There are 123 sites, 80 with full electrical hookup. 30 amp and 50 amp sites are available. Some sites accommodate vehicles up to 50 feet long. Sewage and water hookups are available. There are also some paved sites with cable TV hookups. There's a dump station, an outdoor seating area, potable water and telephones.

There are coin operated showers and a laundromat at Camper Services (at the entrance to Mather Campground), a half-mile away. There's no Wifi, but there is free limited WiFi available at the Canyon Village General Store and Deli, and the Yavapai Lodge lobby.

Trailer Village RV Park is open year-round. It's operated by Delaware North, and reservations can be made on their [Visit Grand Canyon](#) website.



## EAST ENTRANCE

### Desert View Campground

This small campground is located in the Desert View area near the East Entrance to the park, at the far end of Desert View Drive. It's about a 40-minute drive to the Visitor Center in Grand Canyon Village. It's a peaceful setting away from the bustle of the Village.

There are 49 sites that can accommodate tents and smaller RVs or trailers up to 30 feet in total. Each site has a picnic table, fire ring/cooking grill. There are flush toilets and drinking water. There are no hookups or dump station. There are also no showers, or laundromat. Cell phone service is spotty.

Desert View General Store, a gas station, and a trading post with coffee and ice cream are nearby.

The site is open from mid-April to mid-October only. Desert View Campground is operated by the National Park Service and all sites can be reserved through their [recreation.gov](#) website or by phone (877-444-6777).





# OUTSIDE THE PARK

The nearest gateway town is **Tusayan**, just 5 minutes from the South Entrance and 15 minutes from the main Visitor Center.



## **LUXURY OPTION: The Grand Hotel at the Grand Canyon**

The Grand Hotel is a three-diamond hotel in the center of Tusayan. There's an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, game room, and evening entertainment. There's also free parking and an onsite restaurant. Rooms are Double Queen, King or Deluxe Double Queen (with a patio). They all have AC, flat-screen satellite TV, microwave, coffee machine, and shower.



## **MID-RANGE OPTION: Grand Canyon Plaza Hotel**

This is a standard mid-range hotel. It's nothing exciting but is comfortable and clean. There's a year-round indoor hot tub and a seasonal outdoor pool and hot tub. They also have free parking and WiFi, a seasonal laundry, plus a gift shop, bar and restaurant. Some of the rooms are pet friendly.

Rooms all have a fridge, cable TV, coffee/ tea maker, and iron. Room types are:

- 2 Queens Suites - 2 Queen beds and a sofa & sitting area and microwave
- King suite - 1 King bed in the bedroom and a Queen sofa bed in a separate living room and microwave
- Standard Deluxe - 2 Double beds. Some have a balcony
- Deluxe King - 1 King bed. Some have a balcony



## **BUDGET OPTION: Red Feather Lodge**

The Red Feather has a family-friendly hotel and budget-friendly motel. Both have free parking, laundry facilities, a seasonal heated pool and spa, and onsite restaurant. All rooms have a fridge, coffee pot, cable TV, hair dryer, free WiFi and AC.

The **motel** is the original two-story building with outside walkways and stairs only. The rooms are smaller and cheaper than the hotel rooms. Some of these rooms are pet friendly.

The **hotel** is a newer building with three stories with elevators. The rooms are 2 Queens or one King. They also have a microwave.



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## Ten-X Campground

This lovely campground is located in Kaibab National Forest, 2 miles south of Tusayan. The campsites are set amongst ponderosa pine and Gambel oak trees. It's a quiet, peaceful campground with 70 single-family sites and 2 group camping sites.

There is potable water, but because the water supply is limited, RVs can't fill up their tanks. There are vault toilets, but there are no hookups and no shower or laundry facilities.

The "pull-through" sites can accommodate RVs up to a 35-foot or up to 3 cars. The "parallel" or "back-in" sites can only accommodate 2 cars or one small 5th Wheel or RV.

Ten-X Campground is generally open May – September. It's operated by the National Park Service and all sites can be reserved through their [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) website or by phone (877-444-6777).



## Grand Canyon Camper Village RV Park and Campground

I'm including this option here not because it's that great, but because it's convenient and large, so you have a good chance of finding a spot. Sites are crammed close together, and most don't have shade, but it has full hookups (30 amp and 50 amp).

- 30 amp full hook up sites: Up to 33 feet
- 30 amp water and electricity sites: 45 - 50 feet
- 30 amp electric only sites: 45 - 50 feet
- 50 amp sites: > 50 feet. Some are double wide

There are paid showers, picnic tables, a small camp store, and some sites have a campfire ring. Generators are not permitted.

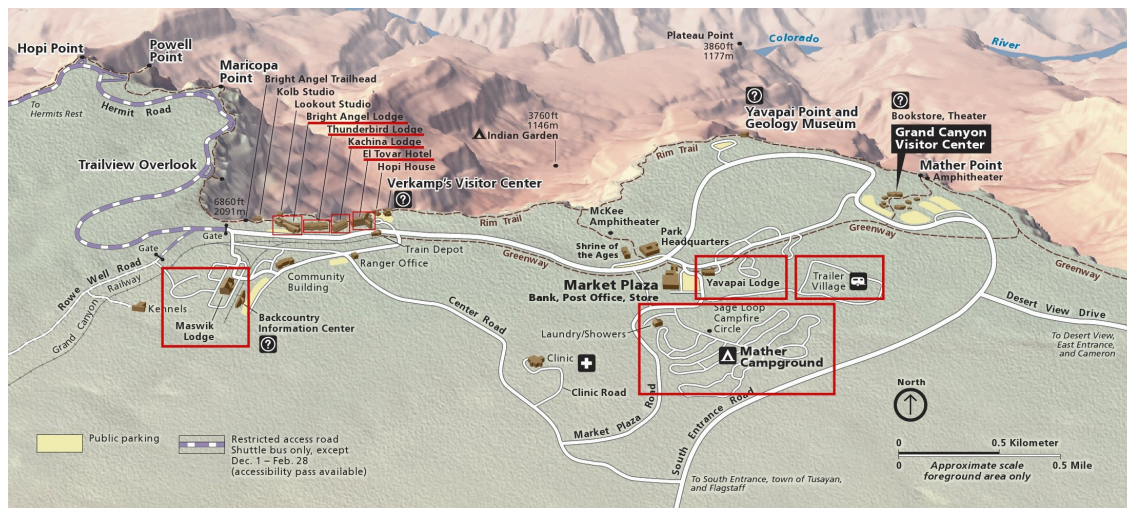
It's privately owned. Tent sites are first-come, first-served only. However, reservations for RV sites can be made up to 6 months in advance on [their website](#).





# MAP OF ACCOMMODATIONS

## SOUTH RIM



## TUSAYAN

