



## Trip Confirmation & Additional Details

### Grand Canyon North Rim

Trip Dates: July 29 – August 1, 2021

Length of Trip: 4 days / 3 nights

**This is a self-drive trip that begins at Grand Canyon North Rim, AZ on the afternoon of July 29, 2021.**

**This trip ends at Grand Canyon North Rim, AZ on the morning of August 1, 2021.**

*Pre tour option to Bryce Canyon July 27 – 29 is available.*

*from \$478 - \$638USD/person/dbl. occ.*

*depending on cabin category selected*

A deposit of \$200 is due with registration.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Due to the current situation with COVID-19 beginning July 8, 2020 all new booking deposits are fully refundable until December 15, 2020. At that time, you can cancel your reservation and receive a 100% refund. After this our regular cancellation policy will be in affect as noted below.

## Guest Itinerary

*Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change. Many of the planned activities are organized according to availability, events or seasonal dates, appropriate weather conditions or the discretion of your hosts. We make every effort to provide the experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change.*

### Day 1 – Check In, Welcome Group Walk & Pizza Party

After checking into your quaint cabin at the Grand Canyon Lodge – North Rim, gather for a late afternoon Welcome Walk along the Transept Trail with great canyon views. As an introduction to the North Rim, this is a casual walk to meet fellow travelers joining us for the weekend. The walk will be followed by a welcome pizza party reception hosted by Gene and Jo Ann Taylor!

This weekend getaway is yours to enjoy as you wish – walk as much or as little as you like! It is a great time to meet other like-minded walkers from across the US and Canada. We will stay at The Lodge at Grand Canyon North Rim, which is the only lodging inside the National Park on the North Rim. Located at Bright Angel Point, the Lodge was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1987. Here you can enjoy the quiet serenity of the North Rim and the cozy comfort of the rustic cabins.

*Meals Included:* Pizza Dinner

*Accommodation:* The Lodge at Grand Canyon North Rim

## Day 2 – Uncle Jim Trail, Small Group Hike

Depending on your interests, there are a variety of trails to choose from. Uncle Jim Trail (a perennial favorite) with canyon views as a reward, an extension along the Ken Patrick Trail and The North Kaibab Trail for those who are up for a serious hiking challenge. The choice is yours! This evening is free for you to enjoy the beautiful sunset views or one of the popular park ranger fireside talks

*Accommodation:* The Lodge at Grand Canyon North Rim

## Day 3 – Great Hikes + Gathering Under the Stars – Hosted by Gene & Jo Ann Taylor

Morning – Widforss Trail: a great trail that we never tire of! We have chosen it because there is great interpretation along the way for new guests. Also, because it is an out-and-back trail that follows the canyon rim, everyone can do as much (up to 10 miles) or as little as you like and turn around at any point. We will have walkers of all abilities joining us, so even if you are traveling solo, there is always someone to walk with!

The Widforss Trail offers stunning views of Transept Canyon as it winds along the rim. It transitions into a peaceful coniferous forest with towering Ponderosa Pine, aspen tree leaves floating on the high-altitude breezes and beds of forest ferns line the path. It opens to a stunning view of the main gorge of Grand Canyon.

Evening gathering under the stars for dessert and champagne toast. Enjoy images and stories from around the world with your hosts and founders of The Walking Connection – Gene and Jo Ann Taylor

*Meals Included:* Continental breakfast, dessert, and champagne toast

*Accommodation:* The Lodge at Grand Canyon North Rim

## Day 4 – One Last View of the Grand Canyon

One last walk! It is time to go home... or enjoy one more night. A limited number of cabins are available for optional extended stay. First come, first served.

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## Inclusions/Exclusions

### This Walking Connection trip includes:

- Custom itinerary designed and perfected over the years by Gene and Jo Ann Taylor
- 3 nights accommodation at the Lodge at Grand Canyon North Rim
- Welcome Pizza Party, one continental breakfast and celebratory dessert and champagne toast (as indicated in itinerary)
- All activities detailed in itinerary.
- Motivational presentation by Jo Ann Taylor
- Travel stories and images by Gene Taylor
- Daily housekeeping gratuity
- Detailed *Know Before You Go* information, including recommended website, reading lists, packing list, and weather forecast.

## This Walking Connection trip DOES NOT include:

- Local guide/host gratuities
- All international and domestic airfares with tax
- Grand Canyon National Park entrance fee
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees
- Additional hotel stay pre- or post- scheduled itinerary
- Early check-in or late check-out of rooms
- Laundry service
- All items of a personal nature, including beverages and shopping
- Photographs or phone calls
- Discounts/Refunds on any unused portion of the tour
- Travel Insurance
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusion list above

## Price & Payments

### Price per person (dependent on cabin choice):

**Western Cabins** – Spacious room with 2 Queen beds, full bath, kitchenette with mini-fridge, coffee pot and front porch with rockers. (Limited number of Partial View Western Cabins available at a \$25/person double occupancy supplement.)

- \$638 per person/double occupancy
- \$498 per person/triple occupancy
- \$428 per person/quad occupancy (Single supplement: \$420)

**Pioneer Cabins** – 2-bedrooms separated by a ¾ bath with shower only. One bedroom has a Queen bed, mini-fridge and coffee pot. Second bedroom features a bunk bed (twin), a pull-out futon (full) and a writing desk.

- \$508 per person/double occupancy (Triple/Quad pricing available upon request)
- (Single supplement: \$288)

**Frontier Cabins** – One double bed and one single bed with ¾ bath and coffee pot.

- \$478 per person/double occupancy
- (Single supplement: \$258)

### Deposits:

An initial deposit of \$200 USD per person is required to reserve your space. No space will be held without a completed deposit. Deposits are non-refundable. [Click here](#) to make a secure deposit.

### Payments:

Payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to cancellation and penalty policy. The final payment is due on or before 60 days before the trip. We request that all final payments be made by check, wire transfer or credit card/PayPal. Credit card and PayPal payments for the final amount due are subject to a 3% surcharge of total due. Canadian (or other non-U.S. Credit cards) are subject to a 4.5% surcharge. [Payments can be made](#) online or by phone.

## Price Variation:

Prices are based upon the current government fees for park, concession fees, and sanctuary entry and all taxes at the time of publication of this information. Should the government impose any new taxes, raise the current tax or increase the entry cost to any park or sanctuary, the price increase will be passed along and charged to you. You will be notified of this increase at the time that Walking Connection is notified. All payments received by Walking Connection are subject to the cancellation policy already published and in effect.

## Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies:

Should you have to cancel your tour, the following terms will apply:

Due to the exclusive and small group nature of this adventure, all cancellations requests will forfeit \$75.00 of the initial trip deposit or your deposit may be credited toward another Walking Connection trip within a 12-month period. After that:

- For cancellations 31-60 days before the trip, 50% penalty of the total trip cost.
- For cancellations and no shows 30 days or less before the trip, no refunds.

No refunds will for any unused portion of the tour.

*All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to Walking Connection via e-mail and/or US Postal Service. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by Walking Connection, not the date of postmark.*

## Travel Arrangements

### Travel Roommates and Single Supplements:

There is limited availability, and a supplement will apply. Please contact us for details. If you have registered for double occupancy but do not have a travel roommate, you may be charged for a Single Supplement for any portion of the trip where you will be rooming as a single.

### Trip Minimum and Maximum:

**Minimum of 12 full paying guests.** Walking Connection specializes in traveling in small groups; many times we stay in boutique hotel properties, historical inns, private homes, and bed & breakfasts. For this and related contractual reasons, some trips may require a minimum number of guests traveling together to go. FOR THIS TRIP, an additional Small Group Surcharge of \$75 USD may be assessed, or the trip may be canceled at the option of Walking Connection if sign-ups do not meet the 12 person minimum. This trip will be guaranteed to be conducted either when we have reached the minimum number of guests or evaluated 120 or 90 days prior to departure. Also, should the minimum not be met, Walking Connection is at its sole discretion to elect to operate the trip without a Walking Connection host. **Please do not make your international or domestic air arrangements until the trip is confirmed.**

### Air Arrangements:

BEFORE you make your airline arrangements, please contact Walking Connection by phone – (800)-295-9255 to reconfirm the details of the trip. Walking Connection will provide you with recommended arrival and departure airports, times and any additional information you may need **BEFORE** you book your flights.

Recommended Travel Insurance provided by: CSA Travel Pro.

<http://www.CSATravelPro.com?Aff=81350509>

(If you are asked for a "Producer Code," it is: 81350509)

## More Details

### Trip Grading – Easy to Challenging:

- There are a variety of hikes available during the trip and you can decide how challenging or leisurely you prefer your experience to be.
- Your day pack will include a liter of water, snacks, rain jacket, sunscreen, personal items, and a camera

### Gear & Personal Items:

We will provide a detailed list of personal items you will need that will make your journey safe and convenient. There is no special gear required for this trip though you will receive a list of recommended items, including supportive hiking boots and socks. We can help with information on types, brands and what to look for if you are purchasing new gear items for the trip.

### Special Supplier Gifts & Items:

As a local custom, vendors, suppliers, ground operators, restaurants and hotel properties may offer complimentary beverages that may or may not contain alcohol. Should you elect not to accept this gift, complimentary water may not be offered as a replacement and may only be offered for sale. This is a local custom beyond the control of the Walking Connection.

### Your Local Trip Hosts:

This trip is led by Walking Connection co-founders, Gene and Jo Ann Taylor. It is an opportunity for them to personally welcome you to their backyard!

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QUESTIONS TO ASK? READY TO BOOK? If you want to get in touch, please send us an email or give us a call. We accept bookings online, by email, or over the phone. A deposit of \$200 USD is required at the time of booking to secure the trip with the balance payable 60 days before departure. If booking less than 60 days before the trip start date, full payment of the adventure is due with registration.

Walking Connection – Person-to-Person Guest Hotlines: [Info@WalkingConnection.com](mailto:Info@WalkingConnection.com) is your best way to ask and receive information about all departures. To chat directly, please call +1 623.561.0846.

**We will do everything within our power to ensure that you have a great adventure.**

**Thank you for choosing the Walking Connection.**

**“How You See The World Matters!”**