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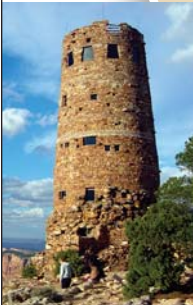
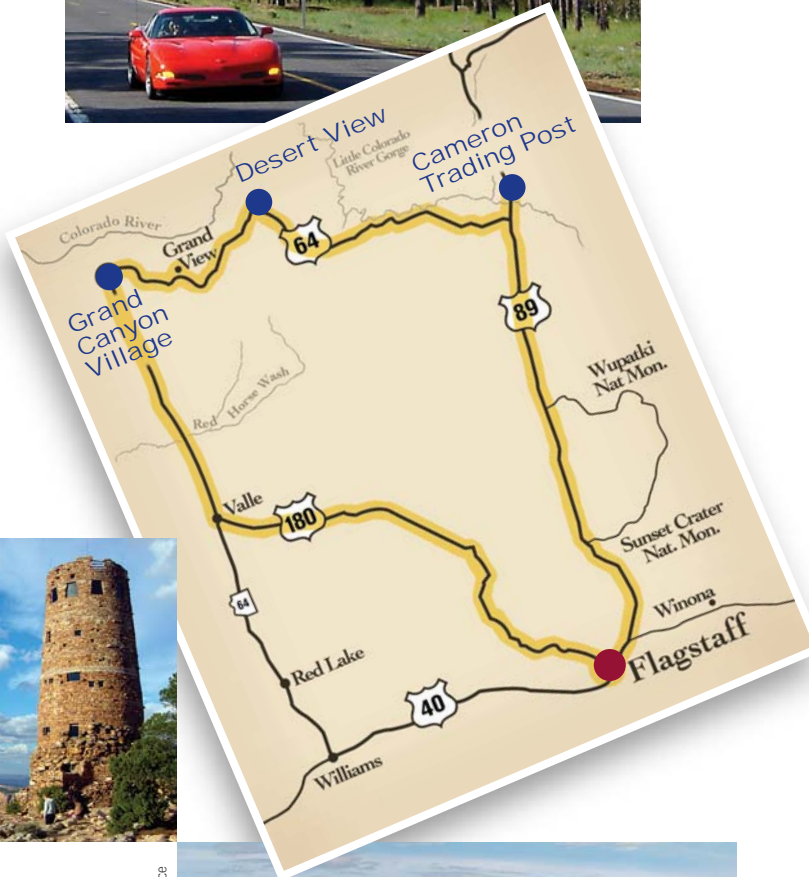
A Grand Road Trip

Morning: To the Grand Canyon! Have an early breakfast and drive north on Highway 89, the locals' way into the national park. The drive to the seldom-crowded East Rim entrance offers great views even before you enter the park. Be sure to stop by the historic Cameron Trading Post on Highway 89, just north of the Grand Canyon National Park turnoff. The Navajo tacos alone are worth the stop.

Mid-Day: Leisurely explore the canyon's Desert View Drive, the longest stretch of road open to the public along the South Rim. Visit Desert View Watchtower, designed by renowned architect Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter, just past the East Rim entrance. There are many great scenic overlooks, but don't miss Lipan Point and Grandview Point.

Afternoon: The key to enjoying the Grand Canyon is letting its grandeur slowly sink in. Don't leave without a stroll around Grand Canyon Village, a cup of coffee from the El Tovar Hotel and a snack from the Bright Angel Lodge.

Evening: Return to Flagstaff along scenic Highway 180. The views of Mt. Humphreys are fantastic, especially as the sun sets. If it's late, have a snack and turn in. Otherwise, finish off your grand day with live music at one of the city's local hotspots.



Grand Canyon photos courtesy of National Park Service



Flagstaff to East Rim turnoff
52 miles (84 km) – 1 hour

East Rim turnoff to Grand Canyon Village
57 miles (92 km) – 1.5 hours non-stop

Grand Canyon Village back to Flagstaff
81 miles (130 km) – 1.5 hours

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