



Ultimate Flagstaff

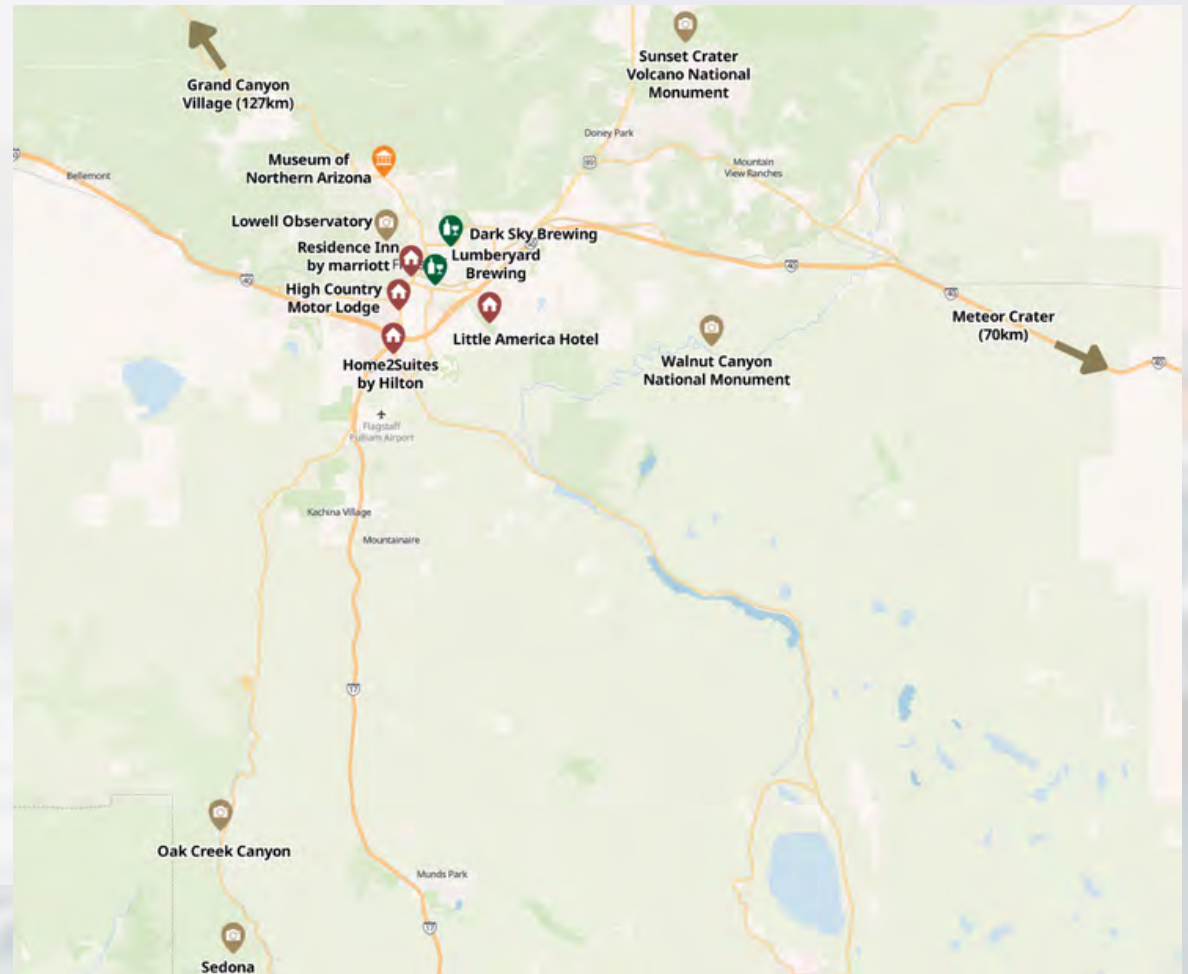
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TRAVEL USA

Ultimate Flagstaff

Discover Flagstaff, your mountain homebase to Northern Arizona and one of the most rewarding stops on a Southwest road trip. Surrounded by the world's largest ponderosa pine forest and the dramatic San Francisco Peaks, Flagstaff offers a unique blend of mountain scenery, Route 66 heritage and ancient landscapes. With a rental car included, guests can explore at their own pace, following scenic drives through Oak Creek Canyon, Walnut Canyon, volcanic landscapes and some of the American Southwest's most iconic attractions. From the historic streets of downtown Flagstaff and the stories of America's Mother Road to the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Meteor Crater and Lowell Observatory, this journey combines outdoor adventure, fascinating history and unforgettable road trip experiences. Ideally positioned between Phoenix, Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon region, Flagstaff is the perfect multi-night stop for discovering the landscapes and legends of Northern Arizona.



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Downtown Flagstaff / Historic Route 66 Cultural Walking Tour / Museum of Northern Arizona / Grand Canyon South Rim / Walnut Canyon National Monument / Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument / Wupatki National Monument / Meteor Crater / Oak Creek Canyon / Sedona / Lowell Observatory



Day 1: Arrival & Route 66 Introduction to Flagstaff

Arrive in Flagstaff and settle into this atmospheric mountain city surrounded by towering ponderosa pines and the dramatic San Francisco Peaks. As you drive into town, the landscapes of Northern Arizona immediately set the scene, with forests, mountains and wide-open scenery introducing the adventure ahead. Spend the afternoon exploring historic **Downtown Flagstaff**, where classic Route 66 signs, vintage buildings, local galleries, independent shops and cafés bring the spirit of America's Mother Road to life. The city's railroad heritage and connection to early road travellers remain visible throughout the historic centre. This evening, experience the **Historic Route 66 Cultural Walking Tour**, discovering the stories, characters and landmarks that shaped Flagstaff's place on the legendary highway. After the tour, enjoy dinner at one of Flagstaff's downtown restaurants or craft breweries, soaking up the relaxed atmosphere and Route 66 character of this vibrant mountain city.

Day 2: Grand Canyon South Rim & Sunset Experience

Today is dedicated to one of the world's most iconic landscapes, the spectacular **Grand Canyon**. A scenic drive through the forests of Northern Arizona leads to the South Rim, where the immense scale and beauty of the canyon are revealed from the moment you arrive. Spend the day exploring some of the most memorable viewpoints, including **Mather Point**, **Yavapai Point** and **Grand Canyon Village**, with time to walk sections of the Rim Trail and capture unforgettable photos along the canyon edge. Each viewpoint offers a different perspective, from sweeping panoramas to close-up views of the dramatic rock layers carved over millions of years. Stay late to experience sunset as the changing light transforms the canyon walls into a spectacular display of colour. Return to Flagstaff and enjoy dinner and local craft beer at **Dark Sky Brewing** and **Pizzicletta** where the city's famous dark skies provide the perfect backdrop.





Wupatki National Monument



Walnut Canyon Cliff Dwellings

Day 3: Ancient Landscapes, Native Heritage & Meteor Crater

Today explores the fascinating landscapes, history and natural wonders surrounding Flagstaff. Begin at the **Museum of Northern Arizona**, where exhibits showcase the geology, wildlife, Native cultures and natural history of the region, providing valuable insight into the landscapes you will discover throughout the day. Continue to **Walnut Canyon National Monument**, where ancient cliff dwellings reveal the story of the Sinagua people who lived within the canyon walls centuries ago. Continue onwards to **Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument** and follow the scenic loop into nearby **Wupatki National Monument**, where ancient pueblos reveal the story of the Ancestral Pueblo people. Continue south towards **Meteor Crater**, one of the world's best-preserved meteorite impact sites, created when an asteroid struck the earth thousands of years ago. Return to Flagstaff for dinner at **Lumberyard Brewing Company**, reflecting on a day of incredible discovery across Northern Arizona's remarkable volcanic and ancient landscapes.



Meteor Crater



Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument

Day 4: Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona Red Rocks & Lowell Observatory

Today, discover the incredible scenery of Northern Arizona, combining the forested landscapes of Oak Creek Canyon with the iconic red rocks of Sedona. Depart Flagstaff and follow the spectacular Oak Creek Canyon Scenic Drive, winding through towering ponderosa pines, colourful canyon walls and dramatic viewpoints, with time to stop and enjoy overlooks along the way. Continue into Sedona, known for its striking sandstone formations, desert scenery and creative atmosphere. Explore highlights including Cathedral Rock, Bell Rock and Chapel of the Holy Cross, while allowing time to browse the galleries, boutiques and cafés of Tlaquepaque Arts Village. Return to Flagstaff and enjoy dinner at Mother Road Brewing before heading to Lowell Observatory, where Pluto was discovered and Flagstaff's International Dark Sky City status comes to life. Finish the evening exploring the wonders of the night sky beneath some of the clearest skies in the United States.



Oak Creek Canyon



Mother Road Brewing



Lowell Observatory



Cathedral Rock



Bell Rock



Flagstaff Visitor Centre



Galaxy Diner

Day 5: Relaxed Morning & Departure from Flagstaff

Enjoy a relaxed final morning in Flagstaff before continuing your Southwest journey. Start the day with breakfast at Galaxy Diner, a nostalgic Route 66-style diner that captures the classic roadside character of the city. Depending on departure time, there may be an opportunity for a final walk through downtown, a coffee stop or a last look at the mountain scenery surrounding Flagstaff. Check out the Visitor Centre for anything on in the city or hidden gems around town. From here, continue your road trip towards your next destination, whether travelling onwards to Page and Utah's National Parks, Phoenix, Las Vegas or following more of the legendary Route 66 corridor. Flagstaff's combination of natural beauty, history and location makes it a memorable chapter in any American Southwest adventure. With its mountain setting, vibrant heritage and easy access to iconic landscapes, Flagstaff provides the perfect multi-night stop for travellers exploring the American West by road and creates lasting memories long after they leave the region behind them too.



Downtown Flagstaff



Continue on Route 66

What's Included?

- 4 nights' accommodation at a centrally located hotel
- 5-day Alamo Rental Car in a Midsize SUV
- Historic Route 66 Cultural Walking Tour
- America the Beautiful Pass (Non-Resident National Parks Pass)
- Lowell Observatory Admission & Dark Sky Planetarium Show
- Travel USA Planning Assistance

Pricing:

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NZ\$ pricing for our 5 day / 4 night package

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Flagstaff (King Studio) from \$1,699 - \$1,925 per person
- Little America Hotel Flagstaff (Grand King) from \$1,799 - \$2,099 pp
- High Country Motor Lodge (Classic King) from \$1,899 - \$2,275 pp
- Residence Inn by Marriott Flagstaff (Studio King) from \$2,199 - \$2,575 pp

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Flagstaff on the way to Lowell Observatory