

AMERIVESPA 2023 RIDE GUIDE

THE GREAT GRAND CANYON RIDE

Ride Date and Time: Friday, June 2 at 6am through 8am departures (190 mi RT, full day ride)

NOTE: This is a long ride with some stretches with 65mph speed limit. But it is AWESOME! Be sure to have already purchased your pass to enter Grand Canyon National Park.

Departure Point: *Little America Parking Lot* at 2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Way Points:

- *Departure-* Little America, 2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- *Pit Stop-* Cameron Trading Post, 466 US-89, Cameron, AZ 86020
- *Entrance-* East Entrance Station, Grand Canyon Village, AZ 86023
- *Pit Stop-* Desert View Parking Lot, Grand Canyon Village, AZ 86023
- *Destination-* Backcountry Info Center, 1 Backcountry Rd, Grand Canyon Village
- *Pit Stop-* Chevron, 317 AZ-64, Williams, AZ 86046
- *Return-* Little America, 2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Google Map Link: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1gORNbR9u-n6yfi0DqDAs3zQOOsNs8ll&usp=sharing>

You will be presented with a liability waiver before departing.

1. Depart following your guide leader, turning right onto E Butler Ave. to avoid traffic.
2. At the signalized intersection with S Fourth St, turn left onto Fourth St.
3. Cross over I-40 and at the signalized intersection with 89A (Route 66), turn right onto 89A.
4. Continue on 89A for 50 miles, enjoying the forest views and then painted desert. As speed limits increase and the highway is no longer divided, be sure to stay in the right lane in passing lane sections to allow cars to pass.

5. Just north of the traffic circle, turn left into the Cameron Trading Post parking lot. **[Pit Stop]** Available here are: gas, restrooms, snacks and shopping. Your ride leader will instruct you as to the departure time, approximately a 30 min stop.
6. Exit the parking lot, turning right onto 89A heading south. At the roundabout with highway 64, turn right onto 64 towards Grand Canyon.
7. Enjoy the dramatic views of the Little Colorado Gorge. After 34 miles (from Cameron Trading Post) arrive at the East Entrance of Grand Canyon, present your pass and continue through to the Desert View Parking Lot, where we will regroup. **[Pit Stop]** At Desert View the following services are available: gas, restrooms, snack, a famous overlook of the canyon and shopping. Your ride leader will instruct you as to the departure time, approximately a 30 min stop.
8. Exit the parking lot, turning right on to route 64, Desert View Dr.
9. Follow the ride leader who may, at their discretion, loop through one or more overlooks along the route.
10. After 21 miles turn left at the "T" continuing on route 64.
11. Turn right on Center Road which ends at a "T" with Village Loop.
12. Bear left onto Village Loop. Continue until you turn left into Parking Lot D. We will park here for our stop at Grand Canyon. **[Main Stop]** Your ride leader will instruct you as to the departure time. Available here are: gas, restrooms, snacks, restaurants, hiking, scenic walks and shopping.
13. Depart retracing your route on Village Loop (Backcountry Rd.) and Center Road.
14. Turn right onto route 64, heading south. Depart the national park.
15. Continue 28 miles to Grand Canyon Junction. Turn left into the Chevron station. **[Pit Stop]** Available here are: gas, restrooms and snacks.
16. At the intersection with route 180, turn left towards Flagstaff.
17. Continue 49 miles into Flagstaff, enjoying the forests and mountain views.
18. At the signalized intersection with Humphrey's St., continue straight onto Columbus Ave. which becomes Switzer Canyon Dr. Continue on this route until it ends at 89A (Route 66).
19. Turn left onto 89A (Route 66) and then right on Ponderosa Parkway, which becomes Butler Ave.
20. Continue past I-40 and arrive at Little America on your right.