

## GRAND CANYON

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Serving the Grand Canyon **SINCE 1901** 



For years, the Grand Canyon Railway traveled the scenic landscapes leading to one of the world's greatest natural wonders, starting at a charming depot located in the heart of Williams, Arizona. The train first arrived at the South Rim on September 17, 1901, but then came the era of the automobile, when many of the great American railways were lost to both time and progress - until now. Today, the Grand Canyon Railway once again takes tens of thousands of passengers into Grand Canyon National Park by way of vintage train service every year. Experience the way of the West on the way to the canyon.

Make your special trip to the Grand Canyon even more memorable by traveling aboard a vintage train along a century-old rail line. With five classes of restored passenger service, you'll journey back in time through pine forests and wide-open prairies as musicians play the tunes of the West on this uniquely historic Grand Canyon expedition. The Railway makes it easy to plan with packages that include accommodations in Williams and the Grand Canyon, meals, activities and more! So come aboard - and experience one of the great joys left in the world of travel.



SEPTEMBER 17, 1901

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THE TRAIN OF TODAY
GRAND CANYON RAILWAY
IS THE FIRST ISO-14001
CERTIFIED TOURIST RAILROAD
IN THE COUNTRY - WHAT'S THIS
MEAN? A COMMITMENT TO
THE ENVIRONMENT - TO KEEP
OUR DESTINATION FOR OUR
CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.



Grand Ganyon Railway Trip ID 65785

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Monday / 9:30 AM

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## Grand Canyon Railway's historical timeline

1893 — The Grand Canyon is first established as a forest preserve by presidential proclamation.

1901 — On Sept. 17, the first passengers arrive at the Grand Canyon South Rim aboard the train from Williams, Ariz.

1908 — A presidential proclamation establishes the Grand Canyon as a national monument. On March 10, the historic Fray Marcos Hotel and Williams Depot were built and designed for use by the Santa Fe Railway. Designed by architect Francis W. Wilson of Santa Barbara, Calif., the historic hotel was built with 22 guestrooms and 10 employee quarters on the second floor. Both structures opened for service. The Williams downtown district, including the historic hotel and depot, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

1919 — Grand Canyon National Park is established by an act of Congress on Feb. 26.

**1920s** — A good road into Grand Canyon National Park is built, making travel to the rim easier than ever before.

1940s — Diesel locomotives begin traveling the Grand Canyon line.

1953 — Last steam train travels the route to the Grand Canyon. The more economical diesel locomotives replace the classic steam locomotives.

1954 — Retired by the Santa Fe in 1954, the Fray Marcos Hotel remained closed to the public although the depot continued to service the East-West mainline and Williams-Grand Canyon train traffic.

**1968** — In July, three passengers travel the last regularly scheduled train service to the Grand Canyon.

1969 — Grand Canyon Depot closes nearly a year following the discontinuation of passenger service (May).

1975 - United States Congress passes an act to

expand Grand Canyon National Park.

1984 — On Dec. 30, Williams' downtown business district achieves listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

1988 — Santa Fe maintenance crews and the field engineer abandon the Williams train station facility for good.

1989 — On Jan. 10, entrepreneurs Max and Thelma Biegert announce redevelopment of the railway route to the Grand Canyon and the rehabilitation of the historic Fray Marcos Hotel and Williams Depot. On Sept. 17, the Williams Depot re-opens under Grand Canyon Railway's ownership.

**1989-90** — Reconditioning of two vintage 1906 and 1910 steam locomotives take place; each locomotive requires 8,000 to 10,000 hours to rebuild.

1990 — The Grand Canyon Depot re-opens to welcome Grand Canyon Railway's trains in July.

1993 — Grand Canyon Railway carries more than 105,000 passengers per year, which reduces automobile traffic to the South Rim by approximately 40,000 cars.

1995 — The modern-day Grand Canyon Railway Hotel (built to resemble the historic Fray Marcos Hotel) opens its doors. The Railway begins daily passenger service and re-introduces vintage diesel locomotives to the Grand Canyon line.

1996 — Steam locomotive No. 4960 makes its first run on the Grand Canyon line after being fully restored. The restoration required more than \$1.5 million and 80,000 man-hours.

1998 — On Oct. 1, Reginald and Pat Barker become the millionth passengers to ride Grand Canyon Railway.

1999 — Grand Canyon Railway placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Max & Thelma's

Restaurant opens to the public on March 4. On Aug. 2, Amtrak service adds a stop at Williams Junction.

2001 — Grand Canyon Railway begins running a special Polar Express train to the "North Pole" during the holidays.

**2002** — The Grand Canyon Depot restoration project is complete.

2004 — On July 21, Catherine Harris becomes the two-millionth passenger to ride Grand Canyon Railway. Steam locomotive No. 29 rides the Grand Canyon Railway line after an extensive restoration involving \$1 million and 26,000 man-hours.

2005 — Grand Canyon Railway is honored with three of the four top annual awards from AAA Travel, including Partner of the Year, Best in Service and Best in Marketing.

2006 — Grand Canyon Railway introduces seasonal train schedules and opens a 124-space RV Park and Pet Resort. That fall, Grand Canyon Railway debuts a completely new product – The Sunset Limited. Approximately 238,000 people travel to the South Rim aboard Grand Canyon Railway.

2007 — Xanterra Parks & Resorts assumes ownership of Grand Canyon Railway.

1908-2008 — One hundred year anniversary of the Williams Depot and Fray Marcos.

2008 — Grand Canyon Railway discontinues steam locomotive service.

**2009** — Grand Canyon Railway receives 14001 certification for environmental management (see article on Page 4).

2009 — Grand Canyon Railway reinstates limited operation of steam locomotives powered by waste vegetable oil.