



Cactus Chronicles

TRAVEL

sedona itinerary

destination: Sedona, AZ

best time to visit: Spring & Fall

trip length: 3 Days



day 1: ARRIVAL & BELL ROCK

MORNING

Arrive in Sedona and check into your hotel. If staying near Village of Oak Creek, this area is a great place to start exploring.

AFTERNOON

Hike Bell Rock Trail, one of Sedona's most recognizable formations and a flexible, family-friendly trail. Afterward, relax at the hotel or pool before heading to Airport Mesa for sunset.



day 2: JEEP TOUR & DT SEDONA

MORNING

Start the day with breakfast at Coffee Pot Restaurant, then head out on a Pink Jeep Tour, one of Sedona's most popular off-road adventures through the red rock landscape.

AFTERNOON

Stop at the Chapel of the Holy Cross for scenic views, then explore Tlaquepaque Arts & Shopping Village. Wander the cobblestone walkways, galleries, and shops before dinner in town.



day 3: CREEK ADVENTURE

MORNING

Breakfast at Red Rock Café in the Village of Oak Creek, then head to Grasshopper Point for swimming or relaxing along Oak Creek.

AFTERNOON

Before leaving Sedona, enjoy one final family-friendly hike such as Fay Canyon, Baldwin Trail, or West Fork Trail, then grab lunch before heading home.



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my recommendations

WHERE TO STAY

- Hilton Sedona at Bell Rock (Village of Oak Creek)
- Arabella Hotel Sedona (Uptown)
- Amara Resort & Spa (Downtown)

RESTAURANTS

- Pisa Lisa
- Javelina Cantina
- The Hudson
- Red Rock Cafe

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Fay Canyon Trail** – one of Sedona's best easy hikes with minimal elevation gain and beautiful red rock canyon views.
- **West Fork Trail** – a scenic hike through a shaded canyon with multiple creek crossings that kids often enjoy.
- **Baldwin Trail** – a moderate hike with excellent views of Cathedral Rock and the surrounding red rock landscape.
- **Little Horse Trail to Chicken Point** – a moderate hike with panoramic views and a rewarding viewpoint at Chicken Point.
- **Devil's Bridge Trail** – Sedona's most famous hike leading to a large natural sandstone arch (best for older kids due to crowds and exposure).
- **Slide Rock State Park** – a popular swimming area where visitors can slide down natural rock formations into Oak Creek.

TRAVEL TIPS

- **Start hikes early** – Sedona gets very busy, especially on weekends, and early mornings help avoid crowds and heat.
- **Parking fills quickly** – many trailheads fill early, so arriving early or later in the afternoon can help.
- **You may need a Red Rock Pass** – required at many trailheads. The America the Beautiful National Parks Pass also works.
- **Bring plenty of water** – the dry desert climate can be deceiving even on shorter hikes.
- **Wear layers** – mornings and evenings are often much cooler than mid-day.
- **Download maps ahead of time** – cell service can be limited on some trails.
- **Trailhead bathrooms are limited** – plan restroom stops before longer hikes.
- **Bring a small hiking backpack** – we always pack water, snacks, sunscreen, hats, and layers for the kids.



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