

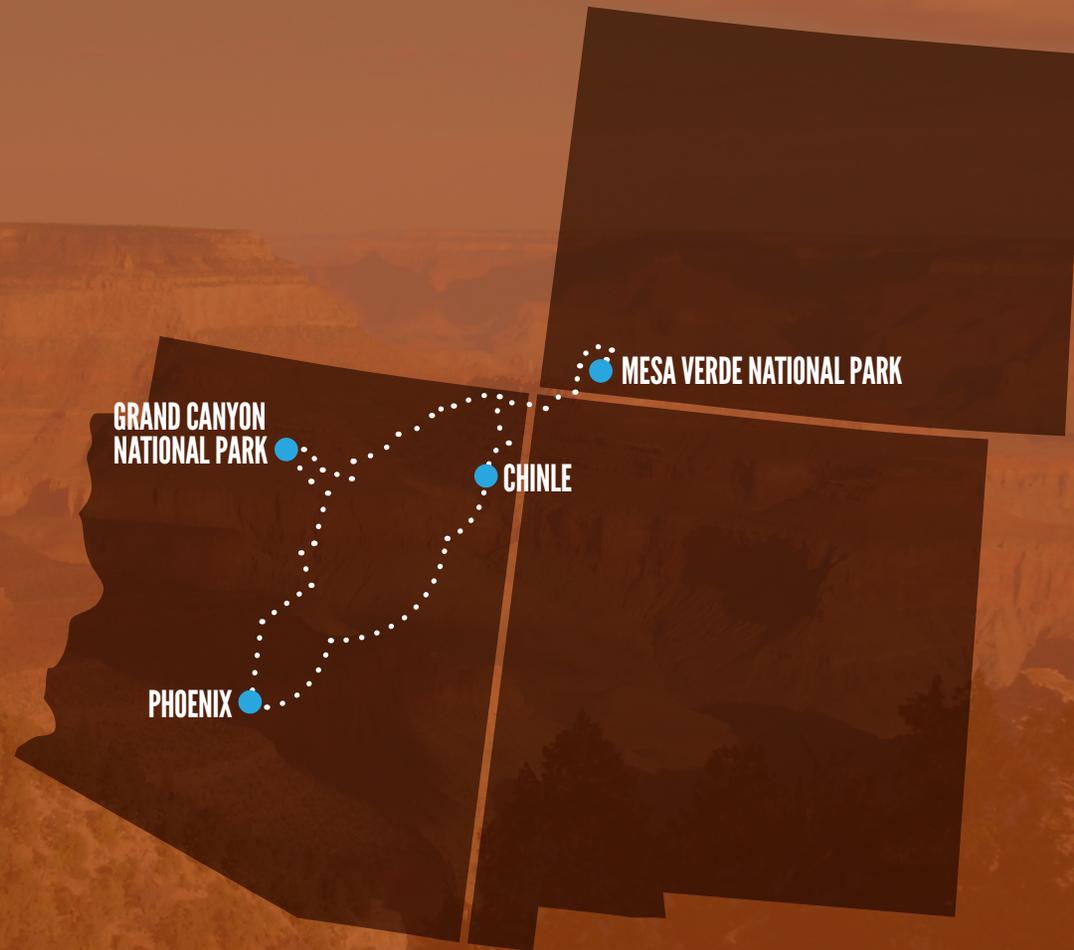
A wide-angle photograph of the Grand Canyon National Park, showing the layered rock formations and deep valleys under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The foreground is filled with green pine trees and rocky terrain.

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Phoenix to Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

3 hours and 30 minutes/360 kilometres

Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona
to Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

4 hours and 15 minutes/410 kilometres

Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado to Chinle, Arizona

2 hours and 30 minutes/241 kilometres

Chinle to Phoenix, Arizona

5 hours/473 kilometres

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Day 1

Begin your exploration of the Greater Phoenix Area with a hot-air balloon tour and gaze below at the splendor of the **Sonoran Desert**. With its abundant sunshine and natural beauty, Phoenix is a golfer's paradise; there are more than 200 courses in the area, and golf enthusiasts will want to play on them for a day or two. The varied trails of the **Desert Botanical Garden** are a great opportunity for nature lovers who want to explore the flora and fauna unique to the Southwest desert. If American Indian art and culture are your interests, head to the **Heard Museum**, which houses more than 44,000 objects. For spectacular mountain views, drive the **Summit Road** to **Dobbins Lookout** at **South Mountain Park**. Those looking for exercise and adventure can challenge themselves on two difficult summit trails at the rust-colored **Camelback Mountain** in the **Echo Canyon Recreation Area**. Shoppers will delight in bargains found at one of the area's outlet malls or the high-end shopping at **Biltmore Fashion Park**. Nearby, explore ancient pueblo structures and learn about prehistoric farmers at the **Hohokam Pima National Monument** and **Casa Grande Ruins National Monument** in Coolidge.

Accommodation: Phoenix, Arizona



