

A Trip Down the Grand Canyon, USA

This is a sight seeing tour for passengers that will be an exciting one. Be sure you don't scrape a wingtip on the canyon walls.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: True story. When I was a young lieutenant in USAF flying school, money was tight and we would go to the airport and watch airplanes. One Sunday at the old Phoenix, Arizona Sky Harbor Airport we saw a DC-3 land. A buzz rippled through the crowd and we finally got the story. The DC-3 pilot was giving his passengers a thrill and showing them a mountain – up close and personal. He got too close and scraped that granite chunk. The wingtip, from the outboard aileron hinge to the tip was MISSING. That's too close to be good, he was just lucky.

Abbreviations:

AGL	Above Ground Level	Length	Length of runway
Approx	Approximately	METO	Max (power) Except Take Off
BOD	Beginning Of Descent	MSL	Mean Sea Level
DIR	Direct	NDB	Non Directional Beacon
DR	Dead Reckoning	OB	Out Bound
Elev	Runway Elevation	Rwy	Runway
HDG	Heading	VOR	VHF Omni Range

NOTAMS

There is a single FSNavigator flight plan for the charter. The descriptions contained in this file will not cover every point (FixNN), nor does it show distances with headings and times, etc. The fsn "route" does not follow the scenery (river). It is more for guidance. Much of the sight seeing trip will be by pilotage and direct to navigation aids.

Most headings are approximate or a range of headings as you follow the canyon and river.

All flights should be day, VFR so the PAX get the best view. You may want to disable crashes.

Suggested altitudes are included and will afford 700 to 900 feet vertical terrain clearance. Horizontal clearance to canyon walls is up to you. If you have nerves of steel and a steady hand, try flying lower ☺

Enjoy the flight

John Achor :-)>

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