

Sedona Fall Tours Take Flight as October Travelers Seek New Ways to Experience Arizona's Red Rock Landscape

Sedona Air Tours invites fall travelers to explore Northern Arizona's Red Rocks from above with AirXperience tours that maximize sightseeing time

COTTONWOOD, AZ, UNITED STATES, October 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As fall travel returns to Northern Arizona, Sedona Air Tours is highlighting scenic airplane experiences that give October visitors a way to see Sedona's Red Rocks, Verde Valley and surrounding landscapes from a different perspective while making the most of limited vacation time.

October marks the beginning of one of Northern Arizona's most distinctive seasonal transformations. According to Visit Sedona, changing colors typically begin in the upper reaches of Oak Creek Canyon in late October before progressing into lower elevations. Maples, oaks, sycamores and other trees introduce shades of gold, orange and red to a landscape already defined by Sedona's sandstone formations.

The seasonal change is also drawing attention to [Sedona fall tours](#) and experiences that allow travelers to see more of the region during a single visit.

"Fall gives visitors another reason to experience Northern Arizona from the air," said Uriel Azose, General Manager of Sedona Air Tours. "You can see how dramatically the landscape changes across the region and how Sedona's formations, canyons and valleys connect. For guests with only a few days here, a scenic flight can also help them experience a much larger part of the area



Logo of Sedona Air Tours



View looking down toward the red rocks of Sedona

in a relatively short amount of time."

Seeing More of Sedona From Above

For travelers researching things to do in Sedona in October, scenic aviation provides an alternative perspective to traditional sightseeing by road or trail.

Sedona Air Tours operates from Cottonwood Airport and offers flights over many of the formations and landscapes that define the region. Rather than replacing the experience of hiking or exploring Sedona on the ground, an aerial tour can complement a fall itinerary by providing a broader perspective of the terrain.

The company's [Sedona airplane tours](#) range from shorter introductory flights over the Red Rocks to longer regional experiences.

The Spirit of Sedona Airplane Tour is designed for visitors who want a concise aerial introduction to the area. The approximately 15-to-20-minute flight departs from Cottonwood Airport and provides aerial views of recognizable Sedona landmarks including Cathedral Rock, Bell Rock, Courthouse Butte, Airport Mesa and Snoopy Rock.

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a perspective that can be difficult to appreciate when traveling between individual viewpoints on the ground.



View of Cathedral Rock



Winding road below the Sedona red rocks

Starting at \$99 per person at the time of this release, Spirit of Sedona provides an accessible entry point for first-time flyers, couples, families and travelers looking to incorporate an aerial experience into a larger Sedona itinerary.

From above, guests can see how individual formations connect across the broader Red Rock landscape, providing

Fall Brings a Different Perspective to Northern Arizona

Fall's changing landscape extends beyond Sedona itself. Oak Creek Canyon is particularly known for its seasonal color. Visit Sedona reports that the area's sycamore, oak and maple trees change as autumn progresses, with timing varying according to weather conditions. The Sedona Chamber of Commerce also identifies mid-October into November as a typical period for fall color in the region.



Sedona Air Tours Cessna 207 Plane

The combination creates additional visual contrast across Northern Arizona: red sandstone, forested canyons, high-desert terrain and changing vegetation appearing within the same regional landscape.

For visitors considering [Sedona scenic flights](#), that seasonal transition adds another dimension to an already varied aerial view.

It also reinforces one of the primary advantages of air touring for travelers: distance.

A scenic flight can provide views across multiple areas without requiring visitors to spend the same amount of vacation time driving between individual destinations. That can be particularly valuable for travelers spending only a few days in Northern Arizona or combining Sedona with other Arizona destinations.

AirXperience Tours Extend the Journey Beyond Sedona

For guests who want to travel beyond local Sedona sightseeing tours, Sedona Air Tours also offers its AirXperience series, which combines air travel with destination experiences elsewhere in Northern Arizona.

The AirXperience Grand Canyon, for example, begins with a flight over Northern Arizona that includes views of Oak Creek Canyon, the Mogollon Rim, Humphreys Peak and the San Francisco Peaks before continuing with a guided ground experience at the Grand Canyon. The approximately six-hour experience includes transportation and stops at several Grand Canyon landmarks.

The AirXperience Antelope Canyon travels from Cottonwood to Page, Arizona. Along the flight

route, guests can see the Verde Valley, Sedona Red Rocks, Wupatki ruins, Painted Desert and San Francisco Peaks before arriving in Page for a guided Upper Antelope Canyon experience.

These longer experiences are designed around the same time-saving principle: giving travelers an opportunity to experience major Northern Arizona destinations while reducing the amount of their day spent traveling long highway distances.

That can make the AirXperience format particularly relevant during the fall travel season, when visitors may want to combine Sedona with the Grand Canyon, Page and other Northern Arizona destinations within a single itinerary.

October Travel Creates an Opportunity to Experience Sedona Differently

October visitors have numerous ways to experience Sedona on the ground, from hiking and scenic drives to dining, shopping and cultural attractions. Aerial sightseeing adds another option for travelers who want to understand the scale of the landscape surrounding them.

From a short introductory flight to a destination-based AirXperience, Sedona Air Tours is encouraging fall visitors to consider the view from above as part of their Northern Arizona plans.

"People come to Sedona because the landscape is unlike anywhere else," Azose said. "Our goal is to help guests experience that landscape in a memorable way and give them a perspective they can take with them long after their trip is over."

Travelers planning Sedona in October or looking for best things to do in Sedona can view current tour options and availability through Sedona Air Tours.

To learn more, visit SedonaAirTours.com, call 928-204-5939, or contact Sedona Air Tours.

About Sedona Air Tours

Sedona Air Tours provides scenic aviation experiences throughout Sedona and Northern Arizona. Based at Cottonwood Airport in Cottonwood, Arizona, the company has operated since 1994 and offers local scenic flights as well as AirXperience tours connecting guests with destinations including the Grand Canyon and Antelope Canyon. Sedona Air Tours is 100% Native American-owned and focuses on safety, professionalism, customer experience and respect for the landscapes and cultural significance of Northern Arizona.

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