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GRAND CANYON WHITEWATER TRIP OVERVIEW

Whitewater Rafting the Colorado River

Grand Canyon Whitewater rafting trips give you the opportunity to be in one of the most spectacular places on earth. Whitewater rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon is beyond your imagination, it's mind-boggling! We suggest, before you book your Grand Canyon river tours, ask yourself a few questions.

1. How much time do I have?
2. How many people will be traveling with me?
3. What kind of raft am I interested in? Motor or Oar-Powered?
4. When do I want to go?

Full-length Grand Canyon river tours allow you to see the "Heart of the Canyon." Our full-length trips range from 7 to 13 days. You can go whitewater rafting the Colorado River for 7 or 8 days on a motorized raft, or choose an oar-powered trip for a 13 day expedition! Our 7-day Grand Canyon trips include a scenic helicopter ride out of Grand Canyon. Bus transportation to Grand Canyon, from Las Vegas, and a return shuttle is included in our 8 and 13-day trips.

Our Upper Grand Canyon river tours all start at Lees Ferry, include a hike out of the Canyon, and last either 4 or 6 days.

Lower Grand Canyon river tours, either the 5-day motorized trip or an 8-day oar-powered trip, include a hike into the Canyon on the Bright Angel Trail.

Whether you choose an **Upper, Lower or Full length Grand Canyon** trip, you will have the option of a motorized raft or an oar-powered raft. Call us now at **1.800.343.3121** for more details on our Grand Canyon rafting trips.

Still have some questions? Here is the inside scoop from Grand Canyon Whitewater:

Are you still wondering what trip would best suit your needs? Maybe we can help. The first thing most people choose is the type of raft they want to ride in. We offer both motorized raft trips and oar-powered raft trips. Our most popular trips are aboard motorized rafts. For those who have more time, oar-powered rafts are a great choice. Both motorized rafts and oar-powered rafts are made of rubber created specifically for whitewater rafting.

Motorized rafts are 35 feet long and hold 14 passengers and 2 guides. The guides drive the boat from the back. Motorized rafts allow people to see more of the Canyon because they can go about twice the speed of the river current. We aren't talking major speed here; the current averages about 4 miles per hour, so we

cruise along averaging 8 miles per hour. The motor boats give passengers a fun and safe ride. You can choose to sit up at the front and be right in the action or move toward the back to dry off and have a less wild ride. The minimum age for children on motorized raft trips is 8 years old.

Oar-powered rafts are different. Many people confuse oar-powered rafts with paddle rafts, which are a small rubber raft on which everyone has their own paddle and is expected to help propel and steer the raft. Our oar-powered rafts are 18 feet long and carry up to 5 passengers and one guide to row the raft. The guide sits in the middle and has two long wooden oars to steer the raft through the river and rapids. The raft will float along at the speed of the current, about 4 miles per hour. For this reason, oar-powered trips are typically longer, unless you choose to do only half of the trip and either hike into or out of the Grand Canyon. The minimum age for children on motorized raft trips is 12 years old.

Next you need to think about whether you want to see the Full Canyon or begin with seeing either the Upper Canyon or the Lower Canyon. If you choose to participate in just the Upper Canyon or the Lower Canyon trips, you need to really give some thought to the mandatory hike in or out of the Grand Canyon. This is not an easy hike and you will need to train and prepare for the hike. Another important thing to determine is the amount of time that you have for your adventure-of-a-lifetime. Our trips range from 4 days to 13 days in length. We are more than happy to talk over these decisions with you; give us a call at **800-343-3121**.

Our rafting season runs from April to October and anytime is a good time to go rafting! If you are looking to have cooler weather, book a trip in April, May, early June or September. Because the flow of the Colorado River through Grand Canyon is controlled by Glen Canyon Dam, water levels are fairly consistent, providing great whitewater throughout our entire season.

The best thing you can do to help make your decision is to give our office a call. We would love to help you discover which trip is right for you and find where space is available. Our office staff is all very experienced. Once you have spoken with someone in the office, your next step is to start communicating with your group and to look into the transportation necessary to get you to and from Grand Canyon. Many of our trips offer round-trip options from Las Vegas which makes travel planning fairly easy. We require a \$400 deposit upon booking. When we receive the deposit we will send you lots of helpful information including a packing list. The full balance is due 90 days before the trip begins. We accept Visa, MasterCard, or Discover by phone or you can mail a check.

Hope that helps! Give us a call **800-343-3121** or send an email to info@grandcanyonww.com.

– Grand Canyon Whitewater Reservations Team

Whitewater rafting through the Grand Canyon offers a unique view of one of the most popular natural wonders of the world.

Grand Canyon radiates both excitement and serenity. Raft world-class whitewater with time to explore stunning slot canyons, splash in hidden waterfalls and discover ancient ruins on this trip-of-a-lifetime.

ABOUT GRAND CANYON WHITEWATER

Multi-day guided rafting tours through the Grand Canyon give both guides and customers a chance to experience the true spirit of the Canyon, gain a new perspective on life, and connect with many other like-minded people who appreciate this unique outdoor environment. Spending time in the Canyon gives individuals the chance to be kids again, to laugh and appreciate the small things in life, in a very Grand Place.

The team behind Grand Canyon Whitewater has been part of the Grand Canyon rafting community since the 1970s. Through countless hours spent rafting the Colorado River, this team has grown to be an innovative, progressive and well-respected part of the Grand Canyon rafting community. We would love the opportunity to introduce you to Grand Canyon's hidden beauty, accessible only by rafting the Colorado River.

Call us at 1-800-343-3121 to book your trip-of-a-lifetime.



RIVER FACTS

What kind of adventure vacation trips does Grand Canyon Whitewater offer?

Grand Canyon Whitewater offers a wide variety of rafting trip adventures. We offer both motorized trips and oar-powered trips. We offer rafting trips with the option of hiking into or out of the Grand Canyon, trips that include a helicopter flight out of the Grand Canyon, and trips that let you get the full Grand Canyon Experience. Grand Canyon Whitewater offers trips that allow you to bask in the magnificence of Grand Canyon for as little as 4 days or as long as 13 days – you choose what is best for you!

When is the best time to go rafting in the Grand Canyon?

The simplest answer is that most people book their Colorado River rafting trip during the peak periods of the summer, June through August. If you have flexibility in scheduling your family vacation adventure and want to take advantage of the great Arizona weather, Grand Canyon Whitewater suggests booking your Grand Canyon rafting trip from April to early June or in September.

What's the difference between motor rafts and oar-powered boats?

Grand Canyon Whitewater trips offer two modes of transportation and each has its unique advantages. Our motorized trips are our most popular. Our guests have told us that they like the comfort of the motor trip, the safety of its size and strength and the opportunity it provides to socialize with the greatest number of people at one time. Oar-powered trips are for those who want their river rafting experience to be more up close and personal.

Do I need any river rafting experience?

No, for most of our guests, this is their first experience on a river rafting trip. Grand Canyon Whitewater trips provide all the equipment and expertise; you just come along for the fun. If you choose a trip with a hike in or out option, you do need to have hiking experience as the hike is a challenging 9 miles.

How far in advance must I make reservations with Grand Canyon Whitewater to go rafting?

One myth is that reservations must be made years in advance. The larger your group or more restricted your time period, the more it pays to plan ahead. For the most part, we will be taking reservations right up to the start of the season so it pays to give us a call.



How can I make a reservation?

To check availability and to make a reservation you will need to call us at 1-800-343-3121.

What kind of food do the Grand Canyon Whitewater trips provide?

In one word, delicious! There is something special about eating out under a western sky with freshly prepared food. Prior to every trip a lot of time is spent planning and organizing menus. Scheduled deliveries ensure that only the freshest, highest quality food is packed and, thanks to our ability to carry ice, we enjoy fresh fruits, vegetables, steaks, chicken as well as your favorite desserts, on even our longest trips. You will delight in the quality of our food.

Are there bugs or snakes in the Grand Canyon?

Being a desert environment, mosquitoes and flying insects are virtually nonexistent. Snakes and scorpions are seldom seen. If you're lucky you might have your camera ready when a desert big horn sheep or great blue heron happens by.

Are there rafting opportunities for people with disabilities?

Partaking in a trip through the Grand Canyon should not be a dream for a few. Grand Canyon Whitewater is committed to making Grand Canyon rafting trips accessible to everyone, including those with mobility or sensory impairments. Ultimately, your safety and well-being are the key ingredients to making your outing a successful one. We have experience helping persons with disabilities on both our regularly scheduled trips and on trips that are custom-designed for people with disabilities. Call our office at 1-800-343-3121 and let us see if we can help make your trip a reality.



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What are your age requirements for whitewater rafting trips?

As young as 8 years old on our motorized trips and at least 12 years old for our oar-powered trips. Above the minimum age requirements, limitations are only decided by your desire for adventure.

Is whitewater rafting dangerous?

Our experience has taught us that rafting trips are a safe vacation. However, like any outdoor activity, you should be aware of the different risks involved. Our first priority is your safety.

What do I need to bring on my rafting trip?

Once you have reserved your trip we will send you a complete information packet full of useful information including a detailed packing list.

What if I can't swim?

It is not necessary to know how to swim - everyone must wear Coast Guard approved lifejackets, provided by the river company, AT ALL TIMES while on the river.

What about Trip Cancellation or Travel Insurance?

Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. Our cancellation policy is as follows:

Your \$400 deposit is refundable, less a \$100 service charge per person, if written notification is received by Grand Canyon Whitewater 90 days or more before departure. Cancellations within 90 days up to 11 days prior to departure will forfeit the deposit. Cancellations within 10 days of departure will forfeit full fare.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Grand Canyon Whitewater is not affiliated with any travel insurance company. For your reference see providers below:

Travel Guard Insurance 800-826-1300

Access America Travel Insurance 800-284-8300

Travel Insured International Travel Insurance 800-243-3174

What is the Colorado River rated?

Most rivers are rated on the International Scale of 1 to 6 with a 6 meaning the river is impassable. The Colorado River is one of three rivers in the world rated on a 1 to 10 scale, individually by rapid. This system of rating is due to the variety of rapids and volume of water that we see in the Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon rapids form as a pool-drop system, which means after every rapid, there is a flat, calm section of water. On the 1 to 10 scale, flat water is rated a 1 while more technical rapids like Lava Falls and Crystal can be rated a 10, depending on water level.

What is the CRMP and how could it affect future rafting trips on the Colorado River?

CRMP stands for Colorado River Management Plan. The National Park Service re-writes the plan every 10 years; the CRMP determines the use of the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. Your future access on the Colorado will be determined by this plan. We recommend you review the latest information found on the Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association site. www.gcroa.org

8-Day Motorized Trip

This 8-day adventure will lead you down 225 river miles from Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek. With the included transportation package, it is a nice round-trip vacation from Las Vegas, NV. The 8-day trip is special in that it is our longest motorized trip. You will be able to raft world-class whitewater and have time to explore winding side canyons, waterfalls and examine ancient ruins.

7-Day Motorized Trip

This unique 7-day Grand Canyon excursion offers 7 days of exploration in the Grand Canyon and a scenic helicopter ride out of the Canyon. Our optional round-trip transportation from Las Vegas, NV is a simple way to begin the trip, or you may elect to meet us at Marble Canyon, in Arizona. You will travel 187 river miles from historic Lees Ferry to a helicopter pad at Whitmore Wash. This trip allows for ample time to soak up the serenity, hike to beautiful waterfalls, and experience North America's best whitewater.

5-Day Motorized Trip with Hike-In

This 5-day hike-in trip is for those seeking adventure in a limited amount of time. The trip begins with a 9 mile hike into the Grand Canyon from South Rim down to Phantom Ranch on the Bright Angel Trail. From there you will travel 135 rapid-filled river miles to Diamond Creek. Along the way, you will have time to explore the many side canyons and waterfalls just a quick hike away from the river's edge. If you elect the optional transportation, you will be returned to Las Vegas at the end of the trip.

4-Day Motorized Trip with Hike-Out

This scenic 4-day hike-out is the shortest trip we offer in the Grand Canyon. If you choose, our optional transportation will bring you from Las Vegas to Lees Ferry the morning the trip begins. The trip embarks from Lees Ferry and continues through the stunning rock formations of Marble Canyon and on to Phantom Ranch at river mile 88. On the fourth day, you will begin your ascent from Phantom Ranch to the South Rim.

13-Day Oar-Powered Trip

The 13-day oar-powered trip is our longest trip and offers more days for exploration, hiking and relaxing within the Canyon. The 13-day trip starts at Lees Ferry and continues for 225 river miles to Diamond Creek. The 13-day is great for those who wish to have time to connect with the Canyon at a more leisurely pace yet still experience the full Canyon. A neat round trip from Las Vegas is included with this package.

8-Day Oar-Powered Trip with Hike-In

The 8-Day Oar-Powered Trip with Hike-In is for those seeking maximum adventure in a limited amount of time. The trip begins with a hike from South Rim down to Phantom Ranch. From there you will travel 135 rapid-filled river miles to Diamond Creek. Along the way, you will have time to explore the many side canyons and waterfalls just a hike away from the river's edge. Our optional transportation will return you to Las Vegas, NV at the end of the trip.

6-Day Oar-Powered Trip with Hike-Out

This scenic 6-day oar-powered trip with hike-out gives you plenty of time to explore the natural beauty of Marble Canyon. If you choose our optional transportation, we will take you from Las Vegas, NV to Lees Ferry the morning of the trip. From Lees Ferry you will travel 88 river miles to Phantom Ranch. Early on the sixth day, after days of un-paralleled Grand Canyon beauty and adventure, you will begin your challenging 9 mile hike out from Phantom Ranch to the South Rim.

****10 Different Trip Options** (Notes)**

Trips in Blue are considered Special Package Trips

Trips in Green are Full Canyon Trips

Trips in Red are Upper Canyon Trips

Trips in Orange are Lower Canyon Trips



Our Motorized raft are 35 feet long and hold 14 passengers and 2 guides.



Our Oar-powered rafts are 18 feet long and carry up to 5 passengers and 1 guide.

2012 RATES & DATES FOR GRAND CANYON WHITEWATER

Special Package Grand Canyon Trips

11-DAY MOTORIZED HIKER'S SPECIAL TRIP

\$2,570.00 per person | Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round trip transportation from Las Vegas, NV

APRIL
April 9-19

5-DAY MOTORIZED HIKER'S SPECIAL UPPER CANYON

\$1,080.00 per person | Lees Ferry to Phantom Ranch Hike Out

APRIL
April 9-13

7-DAY MOTORIZED HIKER'S SPECIAL LOWER CANYON

\$1,525.00 per person | Phantom Ranch Hike In to Diamond Creek

APRIL
April 13-19

Full Length Grand Canyon Trips

7-DAY MOTORIZED TRIP

\$2,395.00 per person | Lees Ferry to Whitmore Wash with optional (+\$245) round trip transportation from Las Vegas, NV

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
May 1-7	June 2-8	July 7-13	August 4-10	September 6-12
May 5-11	June 6-12	July 14-20	August 11-17	
May 13-19	June 16-22	July 21-27	August 18-24	
May 25-31	June 20-26	July 28-Aug 3	August 27-Sept 2	
May 27-June 2	June 23-29	June 30-July 9		

8-DAY MOTORIZED TRIP

\$2,480.00 per person | Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round trip transportation from Las Vegas, NV

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
May 16-23	June 4-11	July 11-18	August 2-9	September 8-15
May 23-30	June 13-20	July 18-25	August 24-31	
		July 25-August 1		

13-DAY OAR-POWERED TRIP

\$3,395.00 per person | Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round trip transportation from Las Vegas, NV

APRIL	MAY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
April 10-22	May 12-24	July 4-16	Aug 22-Sept 3	September 13-25 September 30-October 12

Upper Grand Canyon Trips

4-DAY MOTORIZED TRIP WITH HIKE-OUT

\$1,090.00 per person | Lees Ferry to Phantom Ranch Hike-Out

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
May 23-26	June 13-16	July 18-21	August 2-5 August 24-27

6-DAY OAR-POWERED TRIP WITH HIKE-OUT

\$1,600.00 per person | Lees Ferry to Phantom Ranch Hike-Out

APRIL	MAY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
April 10-15	May 12-17	July 4-9	August 22-27	September 13-18 September 30-October 5

Lower Grand Canyon Trips

5-DAY MOTORIZED TRIP WITH HIKE-IN

\$1,505.00 per person | Phantom Ranch Hike-In to Diamond Creek

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
May 26-30	June 16-20	July 21-25	August 5-9 August 27-31

8-DAY OAR-POWERED TRIP WITH HIKE-IN

\$2,265.00 per person | Phantom Ranch Hike-In to Diamond Creek

APRIL	MAY	JULY	AUGUST/ SEPT	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
April 15-22	May 17-24	July 9-16	Aug 27-Sept 3	Sept 18-25	October 5-12



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Marble Canyon, AZ

MARBLE CANYON LODGE

www.marblecanyoncompany.com

800-726-1789

Grand Canyon – South Rim Area

TAXI SERVICE

928-638-2631

XANTERRA SOUTH RIM

www.grandcanyonlodges.com

888-297-2757

TRANS-CANYON SHUTTLE

(South Rim to Marble Canyon)

www.Trans-canyonshuttle.com

928-638-2820

Grand Canyon - North Rim Area

BAR 10 RANCH

www.bar10.com

800-582-4139

Inner Canyon

PHANTOM RANCH

888-297-2757

Las Vegas, NV

DESERT ROSE RESORT

www.DesertRoseResort.com

800-811-2450

5051 Duke Ellington Way

Las Vegas, NV 89119

NORTH LAS VEGAS AIRPORT

www.vgt.aero

702-261-3803

Other Arizona Attractions

COLORADO RIVER DISCOVERY

www.raftthecanyon.com

888-522-6644

LAKE POWELL

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

www.nps.gov/glca

928-608-6200

ARIZONA OFFICE OF TOURISM

www.arizonaguide.com

602-364-3695

Travel Insurance

TRAVEL GUARD

www.travelguard.com

800-826-1300

ACCESS AMERICA

www.accessamerica.com

800-284-8300

TRAVEL INSURED

www.travelinsured.com

800-243-3174

CONTACT US

Now that you are familiar with some of the fundamentals of rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon it is time to give us a call at 1-800-343-3121. Our professional staff will guide you through the details of reserving your perfect trip. The dynamics are such that trip availability changes rapidly. To guarantee that you are able to reserve the trip you want, be ready to make your deposit when you call. We accept Visa or

MasterCard or Discover over the phone and can start processing your reservation with your payment. If you need to send a check, we can put a courtesy hold on your reservation long enough to receive your deposit. After your reservation has been processed, you will receive a confirmation invoice with your trip date, the monies you have on account, the final payoff date and amount, and the details of our cancellation policy.



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