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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, and will forever change your perception of The Big Ditch.

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 on the Colorado River for 7 or 8 days in 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 and a flight back to your starting point. Round-trip bus transportation from Flagstaff, AZ is included in our 8 and 13-day trips.

Upper Grand Canyon river tours include round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ and a hike out of the Grand Canyon. They last either 4 days in a motorized raft or 6 days in an oar-powered raft.

Lower Grand Canyon river trips, either a 5-day motorized trip or an 8-day oar-powered trip, include a hike into the Canyon via the Bright Angel Trail and return transportation to either South Rim of Grand Canyon or Flagstaff, AZ.

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 800-343-3121 for more details on our Grand Canyon rafting trips.

We suggest, before you book your Grand Canyon river tour, 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?

Motorized rafts are 35 feet long and hold 14 passengers and 2 guides; there are 2 motor rafts on each trip. 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 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 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 oar-powered raft trips is 12 years old.

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

The first thing most people choose is the type of raft they want to ride in. 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.

Next you need to think about whether you want to see the Full Canyon or just the Upper Canyon or the Lower Canyon. If you choose to participate in 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 your trip in advance. Another important thing to determine is the amount of time 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.

Our rafting season runs from April to October and any time is a good time to go rafting! Because the flow of the Colorado River through the 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 looking into the necessary transportation. Many of our trips offer round-trip options from Flagstaff, AZ 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 120 days before the trip begins. We accept Visa, MasterCard, or Discover by phone or you can mail a check. You may also reserve space and make payments online.

Hope that helps! Give us a call at 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 guests 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 many 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 vacation adventure and want to take advantage of the great Arizona weather, Grand Canyon Whitewater suggests booking your rafting trip from April to early June or in September.

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

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 10 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.



How can I make a reservation?

You can check availability and make a reservation online at www.grandcanyonwhitewater.com or by calling 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 fruit, vegetables, steak, chicken and your favorite desserts on even our longest trips.

Are there bugs or snakes in the Grand Canyon?

Being a desert environment, mosquitoes and flying insects are rare. 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 and let us see if we can help make your trip a reality.



Lava Falls

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 determined by your desire for adventure.

Is whitewater rafting dangerous?

Our experience has taught us that rafting trips are a relatively safe vacation. However, like any outdoor activity, you should be aware of the different risks involved. Our first priority is your safety. Preparing yourself physically for your trip can help reduce risk.

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 and a list of what we provide. You likely will already have most items on the 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 Travel Insurance?

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 120 days or more before departure. Cancellations within 119 days up to 31 days prior to departure will forfeit the deposit. Cancellations within 30 days of departure will forfeit full fare.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

GCW highly recommends that you purchase travel insurance after making the initial deposit for your river trip. We suggest Travelex Insurance Services, as they offer an assortment of appropriate coverage plans. It is your responsibility to research and choose the policy that works for you.

Travelex Insurance Services (800) 228-9792 Use Reference Code 03-0146

What is the Colorado River rated?

Most rivers are rated on the International Scale of 1 to 6 with a 6 meaning the rapid is impassable. The Colorado River is one of a few 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 writes the plan and it determines the use of the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. Your future access on the Colorado will be determined by this plan.

8-Day Full Canyon 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 Flagstaff, AZ. The 8-day is special in that it is one of our longest motorized trips. You will be able to raft world-class whitewater and have time to explore winding side canyons and waterfalls to examine ancient ruins.

7-Day Full Canyon Motorized Trip

This unique 7-day Grand Canyon excursion offers 7 days of exploration in the Grand Canyon, a scenic helicopter ride out of the Canyon and a flight back to your starting point. 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.

13-Day Full Canyon 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 Flagstaff, AZ is included with this package.

Hike-In 5-Day Lower Canyon Motorized Trip

This 5-day hike-in trip is for those seeking adventure in a limited amount of time. The trip begins with a 10 mile hike into the Grand Canyon from South Rim down to the river 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 from the river's edge. You elect to be returned to South Rim or Flagstaff, AZ at the end of the trip.

Hike-Out 4-Day Upper Canyon Motorized Trip

This scenic 4-day hike-out is the shortest and most challenging trip we offer in the Grand Canyon. Our optional transportation will take you from Flagstaff, AZ to Lees Ferry the morning the trip begins. The trip embarks from Lees Ferry and continues through the stunning rock formations of Marble Canyon to river mile 88. On the fourth day, you will begin your 10 mile hiking ascent from the river to the South Rim, where our shuttle will return you to Flagstaff, AZ.

Hike-In 8-Day Lower Canyon Oar-Powered Trip

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 an 8 mile hike from South Rim down to the river. 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 South Rim or Flagstaff, AZ at the end of the trip.

Hike-Out 6-Day Upper Canyon Oar-Powered Trip

This scenic 6-day oar-powered trip with hike-out gives you plenty of time to explore the natural beauty of Marble Canyon. Our optional transportation will take you from Flagstaff, AZ to Lees Ferry the morning of the trip. From Lees Ferry you will travel 88 miles on the river. Early on the sixth day, after days of un-paralleled Grand Canyon beauty and adventure, you will begin your challenging 8 mile hike out to the South Rim where our shuttle will return you to Flagstaff, AZ.

Hikers Special Motorized Trips

Offered just once each year, these three trips will allow you ample time in the Canyon for hiking. The Full Canyon trip is 11 days from Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek at mile 225, and is a nice round-trip vacation from Flagstaff, AZ. You may also elect to do the 5-day Upper Canyon Hikers trip that ends with a hike out of the Canyon on day 5 via the Bright Angel Trail at mile 88. The final option is the 7-day Lower Canyon Hikers trip that begins with a hike into the Grand Canyon from the South Rim and ends at Diamond Creek with return transportation to the South Rim or Flagstaff, AZ.

Hikers Special Oar-Powered Trips

Offered just once in the spring of each year, these three trips are the ultimate Grand Canyon exploration adventure with plenty of time both on the river and hiking the side canyons. The 15-day oar-powered Grand Canyon raft trip is our longest, and offers the most time for exploring, hiking and relaxing within the Canyon. The 15-day starts at Lees Ferry and continues whitewater rafting 225 miles of the Colorado River to Diamond Creek. With our optional round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ, this is a wonderful and convenient Grand Canyon vacation! An alternate option is to do the Upper Canyon portion of the trip and end on day 7 with a hike out of the Grand Canyon to the South Rim. The Upper Canyon trip includes round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ. Or you may elect to do the Lower Canyon trip and begin with a hike into the Grand Canyon from the South Rim and end at Diamond Creek 9 days later with return transportation to the South Rim or Flagstaff, AZ.

Trips in Blue are Hiker's Special Trips

Trips in Green are Full Canyon Trips

Trips in Red are Upper Canyon Trips

Trips in Orange are Lower Canyon Trips



Our Motorized rafts 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.

2016 RATES & DATES FOR GRAND CANYON WHITEWATER

Full Length Grand Canyon Trips

7 DAY MOTORIZED TRIP

\$2,575 per person - Lees Ferry to Whitmore Wash with Helicopter Take-Out, flight to/ from Las Vegas add \$260 per person

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
May 18-24	June 8-14	July 9-15	Aug 3-9	Sept 1-7
May 20-26	June 15-21	July 23-29	Aug 13-19	
May 30-June 5	June 25-July 1	July 30-Aug 5		

8 DAY MOTORIZED TRIP

\$2,655 per person - Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
May 8-15	June 1-8	July 20-27	Aug 6-13 Aug 19-26	3-10

13 DAY OAR-POWERED TRIP

\$3,645 per person - Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

JUNE	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
June 29-July 11	Aug 17-29	Sept 12-24 Sept 30-Oct 12

Hiker's Special Grand Canyon Trips

11 DAY MOTOR HIKER'S SPECIAL

\$2,925 per person - Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ
April 3-13

5 DAY MOTOR HIKER'S SPECIAL UPPER CANYON

\$1,400 per person - Lees Ferry to river mile 88 with difficult 10 mile hike out and round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ
April 3-7

7 DAY MOTOR HIKER'S SPECIAL LOWER CANYON

\$1,955 per person - Difficult 10 mile hike in to river mile 88 and raft to Diamond Creek with return transportation to Flagstaff or the South Rim
April 7-13

15 DAY OAR HIKER'S SPECIAL

\$3,725 per person - Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ
April 28-May 12

7 DAY OAR HIKER'S SPECIAL UPPER CANYON

\$1,935 per person - Lees Ferry to river mile 88 with difficult 8 mile hike out and round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ
April 28-May 4

9 DAY OAR HIKER'S SPECIAL LOWER CANYON

\$2,675 per person - Difficult 8 mile hike in to river mile 88 and raft to Diamond Creek with return transportation to Flagstaff or the South Rim
May 4-12

Upper Grand Canyon Trips (Hike Intensive)

HIKE-OUT 4 DAY MOTORIZED TRIP

\$1,300 per person - Lees Ferry to difficult 10 mile hike out of the Grand Canyon at river mile 88 with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
May 11-14	June 1-4	July 13-16	Aug 6-9
May 22-25	June 11-14	July 28-31	Aug 31-Sept 3
May 28-31	June 18-21		

HIKE-OUT 6 DAY OAR-POWERED TRIP

\$1,915 per person - Lees Ferry to difficult 8 mile hike out at river mile 88 with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

JUNE	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
June 29-July 4	Aug 17-22	Sept 12-17 Sept 30-Oct 5

Lower Grand Canyon Trips (Hike Intensive)

HIKE-IN 5 DAY MOTORIZED TRIP

\$1,765 per person - Difficult 10 mile hike in to river mile 88 and raft to Diamond Creek with return transportation to Flagstaff or South Rim

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
May 14-18	June 4-8	July 16-20	Aug 9-13	Sept 3-7
May 25-29	June 14-18	July 31-Aug 4		
May 31-June 4	June 21-25			

HIKE-IN 8 DAY OAR-POWERED TRIP

\$2,585 per person - Difficult 8 mile hike in to river mile 88 and raft to Diamond Creek with return transportation to Flagstaff or South Rim

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
July 4-11	Aug 22-29	Sept 17-24	Oct 5-12



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Marble Canyon, AZ

MARBLE CANYON LODGE

www.marblecanyoncompany.com

800-726-1789

Grand Canyon - North Rim Area

BAR 10 RANCH

www.bar10.com

800-582-4139

Other Arizona Attractions

COLORADO RIVER DISCOVERY

www.raftthecanyon.com

888-522-6644

Travel Insurance

TRAVELEX

www.travelexinsurance.com

800-228-9792

Reference Code: 03-0146

Grand Canyon - South Rim Area

TAXI SERVICE

928-638-2631

Inner Canyon

PHANTOM RANCH

888-297-2757

HIDDEN CANYON KAYAK

www.hiddencanyonkayak.com

928-660-1836

XANTERRA SOUTH RIM

www.grandcanyonlodges.com

888-297-2757

Las Vegas, NV

DESERT ROSE RESORT

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702-811-2450

5051 Duke Ellington Way

Las Vegas, NV 89119

ARIZONA OFFICE OF TOURISM

www.visitarizona.com

602-364-3700

TRANS-CANYON SHUTTLE

(South Rim to Marble Canyon)

www.transcanyonshuttle.com

928-638-2820



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,

MasterCard or Discover over the phone or online 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 payments you have on account, the final payoff date and amount, and the details of our cancellation policy.



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