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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.

Full Canyon river trips allow you to see the “Heart of the Canyon.” Our full canyon trips range from 7 to 15 days. You can go whitewater rafting on the Colorado River for 7, 8 or 11 days in a motorized raft, or choose an oar-powered trip for a 13 or 15-day expedition! Our 7 Day Motor 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, 13 and 15-day trips.

Partial Canyon

Partial Canyon river trips are an awesome way to check two things off your bucket list – raft the Canyon and hike the Canyon. Our 4 Day Motor w/ Hike Out and 6 Day Oar w/ Hike Out river trips include round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ and a very strenuous hike out of the Grand Canyon.

Our 5 Day Motor w/ Hike In and 8 Day Oar w/ Hike In river trips include a very strenuous hike into the Canyon via the Bright Angel Trail and return transportation to either South Rim of Grand Canyon or Flagstaff, AZ.

We suggest, before you book your Grand Canyon river trip, you 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 can I go?

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.

Motorized rafts are 35 feet long and hold 14 passengers and 1 or 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. 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. The minimum age for oar-powered raft trips is 12 years old.

Next you need to think about Full Canyon vs Partial Canyon. If you choose to participate in a Partial Canyon trip, 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 15 days in length. 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 has all been on the river multiple times and 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 or pay with an e-check.

You may also reserve space and make payments online for most trips.

Still have questions? Give us a call at **800-343-3121** or send an email to info@grandcanyonww.com.

– Grand Canyon Whitewater Reservations Team



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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 for close to 40 years. A chance meeting in Europe and a love of the Grand Canyon brought Bruce, left, and Bill, right, together in the 1970s to work as guides on the mighty Colorado River through Grand Canyon. Later, these two river rats had the opportunity to buy an established rafting company. With one rafting company operating smoothly, Bill and Bruce expanded their presence in Grand Canyon and teamed up with Scott to become the owners of Grand Canyon Whitewater. 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.

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RIVER FACTS

What kind of adventure trips does Grand Canyon Whitewater offer?

Grand Canyon Whitewater offers a wide variety of rafting 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 15 days.

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

Throughout most of our season, the water is cold and the weather is warm. Most people book their Colorado River rafting trip during the peak periods of the summer (June-August). If you have flexibility in scheduling your rafting trip and want to take advantage of milder Arizona weather, GCW suggests booking your Grand Canyon whitewater rafting trip from April to early June or in September or October.

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

There are two different types of Grand Canyon Whitewater rafts and each has its unique advantages. Our motorized rafting trips are the most popular. Our guests have told us they like the comfort of the motor boat's size and strength and the opportunity it provides to socialize with many other passengers. Oar-powered trips are for those who want their Colorado River rafting experience to be more personal, more "one with the river."

Do I need any river rafting experience?

If this is your first experience on a river rafting trip, and for many of our customers it is, there is no need to worry! Grand Canyon Whitewater provides all the know-how and equipment, you just come along for the ride.

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

The belief that reservations must be made years in advance simply is not true. It does pay to plan ahead for large groups or if your travel time is restricted. Generally, we will be taking reservations throughout the season. Check availability online or by calling Grand Canyon Whitewater.



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 you provide?

In one word, delicious! Prior to every Colorado River rafting trip, a lot of time is spent planning and organizing menus. Scheduled deliveries to our operations warehouse ensure that only the freshest, high-quality food is packed. And, thanks to our ability to carry ice, we are able to keep fruits, vegetables, steaks, chicken and your favorite desserts fresh throughout even our longest trips. We also are able work with guests to satisfy certain dietary restrictions as long as restrictions are communicated in advance.

Are there bugs or snakes in the Grand Canyon?

Being a desert environment, mosquitoes and flying insects are practically nonexistent. Snakes and scorpions are rarely seen. If you do happen to spot any crawly critters, remember they're going to be doing their best to get away from you. Give them some space and notify a guide if they're close to camp.

Are there rafting opportunities for people with disabilities?

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



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?

Grand Canyon Whitewater provides all the camping gear: tent, sleeping bag, camp chairs, a sleeping cot or pad, dry bags, all the meals, kitchen necessities, water and soft drinks. You will need to bring your personal items, like clothing, toiletries, a flashlight or headlamp, camera and sunscreen, as well as your own alcoholic beverages. You probably already have most of the things you'll need at home. One important item you may not have is a 2-piece waterproof rain suit, meaning a rain jacket (with hood) and rain pants. Rain gear is recommended for each guest, regardless of time of year; it is your splash guard from the river which is always cold. Before your trip, we will send you a complete information packet that includes a detailed packing list.

What if I can't swim?

It is not necessary to know how to swim; in fact, we prefer you stay in the boat while rafting! Everyone must wear Coast Guard approved life jackets AT ALL TIMES while on the river. These PFDs are provided by Grand Canyon Whitewater.

What about travel insurance?

Grand Canyon Whitewater recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to protect you and your trip investment. A number of guests do use their

trip insurance each year. Consider travel protection for Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. Remember to insure your flights to and from the area, as well.

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, 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 (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 river is impassable. However, the rapids in Grand Canyon use a different scale. The Colorado River is one of three rivers in the world rated by individual rapid on a 1 to 10 scale. This system of rating arose due to the variety of rapids and volume of water in the Canyon. Grand Canyon rapids are formed in 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 in Grand Canyon, like Lava Falls and Crystal, can be rated a 10 depending on water level.

What if I've never been camping?

Some of our guests are not only first-time rafters but also first-time campers. Camping with GCW is actually the easiest way to take the plunge – our guides cook all the meals, set up toilet facilities for you and demonstrate how to work all the camping gear. You will have to live without some conveniences – there are no hot showers or blow dryers on the river – but we're confident you'll agree, after your adventure, it is invigorating to take a short break from the trappings of the modern world!

8 Day Motor

The 8 Day Motor 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 and to examine ancient ruins.

7 Day Motor

The unique 7 Day Motor excursion offers a full week 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 Oar

The 13 Day Oar trip is one of our longest trips 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.

5 Day Motor w/ Hike In

The 5 Day Motor w/ 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 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 may elect to be returned to South Rim or Flagstaff, AZ at the end of the trip.

4 Day Motor w/ Hike Out

The scenic 4 Day Motor w/ 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. From Lees Ferry, you will continue 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.

8 Day Oar w/ Hike In

The 8 Day Oar w/ Hike In trip 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.

6 Day Oar w/ Hike Out

The scenic 6 Day Oar w/ 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 be waiting to 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 Hiker's Special 11 Day Motor trip is 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 Hiker's Special 5 Day Motor w/ Hike Out that ends with a hike out of the Canyon on day 5 via Bright Angel Trail at mile 88. The final option is the Hiker's Special 7 Day Motor w/ Hike In 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 adventure with plenty of time both on the river and hiking the side canyons. The Hiker's Special 15 Day Oar 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 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 Hiker's Special 7 Day Oar w/ Hike Out of the Grand Canyon to the South Rim. This trip includes round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ. Or you may elect to do the 9 Day Oar w/ Hike In from the South Rim and end at Diamond Creek 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 Partial Canyon Trips



Our motorized rafts are 35 feet long and hold 14 passengers and 1 or 2 guides.



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

Full Canyon Trips

13 DAY OAR

\$3,850 per person - Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

May 12-24 July 4-16 Sept 15-27
Sept 30-Oct 12

8 DAY MOTOR

\$2,835 per person - Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

May 1-8 June 4-11 July 11-18 Aug 24-31
May 23-30 June 16-23 Sept 8-15

7 DAY MOTOR

\$2,785 per person - Lees Ferry to Whitmore Wash with Helicopter Take-Out, flight to/ from Las Vegas additional \$270 per person

May 5-11 June 2-8 July 7-13 Aug 4-10
May 13-19 June 13-19 July 14-20 Aug 27-Sept 2
May 25-31 June 20-26 July 21-27
May 27-June 2 June 23-29 June 30-July 6

Partial Canyon Trips

8 DAY OAR w/ HIKE IN

\$2,775 per person - Difficult 8-mile hike in to river mile 88 and raft to Diamond Creek with return transportation to Flagstaff or South Rim

May 17-24 July 9-16 Sept 20-27 Oct 5-12

6 DAY OAR w/ HIKE OUT

\$2,115 per person - Lees Ferry to difficult 8-mile hike out at river mile 88 with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

May 12-17 July 4-9 Sept 15-20
Sept 30-Oct 5

5 DAY MOTOR w/ HIKE IN

\$1,880 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 19-23 June 9-13 July 28-Aug 1 Aug 5-9
Aug 11-15
Sept 9-13

4 DAY MOTOR w/ HIKE OUT

\$1,338 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 16-19 June 6-9 July 25-28 Aug 2-5
Aug 8-11
Sept 6-9

2018 RATES & DATES GRAND CANYON WHITEWATER

Hiker's Special Trips

HIKER'S SPECIAL 15 DAY OAR

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

April 15-29

HIKER'S SPECIAL 11 DAY MOTOR

\$3,025 per person - Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek with round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

April 9-19

HIKER'S SPECIAL 9 DAY OAR w/ HIKE IN

\$2,815 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

April 21-29

HIKER'S SPECIAL 7 DAY OAR w/ HIKE OUT

\$2,125 per person - Lees Ferry to river mile 88 with difficult 8-mile hike out and round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

April 15-21

HIKER'S SPECIAL 7 DAY MOTOR w/ HIKE IN

\$1,995 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 13-19

HIKER'S SPECIAL 5 DAY MOTOR w/ HIKE OUT

\$1,550 per person - Lees Ferry to river mile 88 with difficult 10-mile hike out and round-trip transportation from Flagstaff, AZ

April 9-13



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

www.DesertRoseResort.com

702-811-2450

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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