Exploring the Grandeur of the Grand Canyon


Relish every moment of the 188-mile span of the Grand Canyon from Lees Ferry to Whitmore Wash as you float along at the river’s pace. You have 12 days to take in the views, get acquainted with some of the world’s best rapids, hike through slot canyons, and take a dip in waterfalls and pristine swimming destinations. Enjoy the company of your guides as they instruct you in Grand Canyon raft trip safety, history and lore, and cook hearty meals at the end of each day. There is nothing better than spending an evening in the Canyon only to fall asleep on a starlit beach. This is how the Grand Canyon National Park was mean to be seen!

Tuesday, April 10
Transfer from Las Vegas to Cliff Dwellers Lodge in historic Marble Canyon, AZ to begin soaking in the desert atmosphere. Enjoy a fantastic meal from their restaurant. Get a good night sleep because tomorrow the adventure begins!

Wednesday, April 11 & Thursday April 12
Meet our Hatch crew in front of Cliff Dwellers Lodge at 8:30 AM. Listen to a short introductory orientation and then load up the vans for a 20 minute shuttle ride down to the river. Here you will meet your crew and prepare to depart on your expedition. Guides will explain safety on the river and introduce you to our Oar Rigs. Load onto the rafts and away you go to begin your grand adventure. Experience your first splash at the Paria Riffle and then relax as you float down the beginning of the Grand Canyon. Crossing under Navajo bridge will be your last glance at civilization for the quite a while. Enjoy the tour as guides begin your Grand Canyon education. Have lunch on a beautiful white sand beach and experience your first rapids of Soap and Badger Creek, House Rock.

Friday, April 13 thru Sunday, April 15
Next up is the Roaring Twenties. You will pass below Vasey’s Paradise and frolic in beautiful Redwall Cavern. Hike to ancient Anasazi granaries or up awesome side canyons to spectacular sights. Float and frolic in the warm Little Colorado River and use Hance Rapid to prepare yourself for the larger rapids ahead. Horn, Granite, Hermit and Crystal are next so be prepared for some impressive waves and epic
splashes. You may stop at Phantom Ranch or continue for some exciting side hikes.

**Monday, April 16 through Thursday, April 19**
Elves Chasm is the perfect place to make a splash. Enjoy Deer Creek Falls or hike up to the spectacular Patio above to find a hidden green oasis. Check out that Bright Angel Shale or Tapeats Sandstone as you pass through.

**Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21**
Relax and enjoy the turquoise waters at the famed Havasu Canyon where you will experience a true paradise. Play in the pools or hike up the creek for more sights. Reflect on the geological changes you have experienced and enjoy this old section of Canyon. You are now more than a mile down in the Canyon. The volcanic formation of Vulcan's Anvil signals the approach of Lava Falls, one of the most famed rapids in the world.

**Sunday, April 22**
Helicopter flights to Bar 10 Ranch begin around 7:00 AM so be prepared to see the sights from above. Lounge around or if time permits take a quick shower before your flight departs to take you back to Las Vegas.

Program Fee: $4800. We only have 23 spaces, so reserve your place now with a $500 deposit. This fee **does not** include transportation to or from Las Vegas. Call 474-7021 or email summer@alaska.edu