



13 Day Oar-Boat Grand Canyon Adventure

If you're hungry for Grand Canyon river rafting, with loads of whitewater and lots of miles, this is the Colorado River tour for you. Aboard your Wilderness River Adventures oar boat, you'll experience 188 river miles in 13 days, complete with 67 rated rapids that you can brag about for years to come!

From Lees Ferry to Whitmore Wash, you'll experience it all. Marvel at pristine waterfalls, ancient Indian ruins, and cliff walls rising nearly a mile overhead. You'll be surrounded by wildlife, such as eagles, condors, bighorn sheep, coyotes, foxes, and mule deer.

Your experienced guides do more than help you with Grand Canyon white water rafting. They also do all the cooking, and spice it up with fascinating facts of geology, astronomy, and canyon folklore. Your trip comes complete with bus transportation from Page, Arizona to Lees Ferry at the beginning of your trip, as well as return from Whitmore Wash to Bar 10 Ranch at its conclusion, along with flights back to Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination may be required.
- Guests must have the ability to walk comfortably for up to 3 miles a day.

For more information or to Register, visit
www.uaf.edu/summer/travel

Tour Dates:

September 30 -
October 12, 2021

Tour Cost:

\$5,600.00

Inclusions

- Transportation from Las Vegas to Marble Canyon
- Complimentary double occupancy stay the night before your launch at Cliff Dwellers Lodge.
- All meals and beverages during your rafting trip *excluding* alcohol and soda.
- All camping gear: Camp chair, 3-person tent for 2 people, sleep kit (ground cloth, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, sheet, pillow), dishware, and utensils.
- Use of 2 dry bags for your day gear and night gear.
- Fixed wing plane ride from Bar 10 Ranch to either Las Vegas or Marble Canyon.

Transportation costs to and from the tour are NOT included in this tour price. All travelers must arrange their own transportation to and from the starting and ending city.

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Day 1

Our adventure begins by boarding our bus at Las Vegas International Airport for a comfortable scenic five- hour drive through Southern Nevada, the Southwest corner of Utah, and Northern Arizona arriving at Cliff Dwellers Lodge in historic Marble Canyon, AZ to begin soaking in the desert atmosphere. Relax and enjoy a fantastic meal from their restaurant. Get a good night sleep because tomorrow the adventure begins!



Day 2 - 3

Meet our guides for 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 the 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. Navajo bridge will be your last glance at civilization for 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, and House Rock.

Next up is the Roaring Twenties. You will pass below Vasey's Paradise and frolic in beautiful Redwall Cavern.

Days 4 – 7

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.

Days 8 – 10

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.

Days 11 - 12

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.

Day 13

Take a 1-hour hike along the Whitmore Wash Trail, followed by a UTV (also known as a side-by-side) ride to Bar Ranch 10. Lounge around or if time permits take a quick shower before your flight departs to take you back to Las Vegas or Marble Canyon.

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A Typical Day on the River...

Days on the river begin at dawn or earlier. Your boatmen will use the “coffee call” as the first sign that it is time to wake up. Smells of delicious breakfast may creep into your tent luring you out and persuading you it is time to crawl out of bed. Hot breakfasts are the norm with eggs cooked to order and a continental breakfast option as a lighter fare.

After breakfast it is time to pack up camp and get moving. Form a “duffel line” with your fellow guests and work as a team to load the boats. You will be amazed how quickly camp can be taken down when everyone works together. Need help? Just ask! If your physical abilities limit your capacity to lift and load, that’s no problem either. Throughout the morning, the guides will prepare you for the day ahead and the adventure that lies around the bend.

Once the gear is loaded, you are welcome to hop aboard our sturdy and reliable 18 ft oar boats and get ready for some thrills. After breakfast, the typical day begins with a few hours of rafting and rapids. Get ready to get up close and personal with those waves! These rapids will amaze you with their enormity and awesomeness.

Trips usually stop every few hours to discover a pristine swimming destination or get a bit more active with a side canyon hike. Some of the hikes are more strenuous than others, but your thoughtful guides will make you aware of what is to come. Many of our guests’ favorite parts of the trip are the destinations at the end of some of the side hikes. After some fun in the morning, lunch will be served picnic style on a sandy beach where you can eat, relax and enjoy the sights.

After lunch, there is more exploring to do and likely some more thrilling rapids ahead. At the end of a day filled with adventure, you’ll pull into camp in the early afternoon so as to provide ample time for relaxation. Form a duffel line to unload the boats, then you are off to set up your own camp. There will be demonstrations of camp setup on the first evening but you will be responsible to set up on subsequent nights. Relax and enjoy the sounds of the river, play on the beach or kick back with a good book as the guides prepare appetizers for you to munch on before dinner.

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The food on our river trips is excellent and well rounded.

Dinner is often a highlight of the day with entrees such as fresh fish, grilled steaks or barbequed chicken breasts. Vegetarian and other options will be accommodated to the best of our ability just make sure to discuss it with our office staff when making your reservation. Leave room for dessert, though, because our Dutch oven cakes and brownies will blow you away. After dinner it's off to your camp where our comfortable sleep kit—ground cloth, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, sheet and pillow—awaits. Get a good night's sleep. There are more thrills tomorrow and daybreak comes early!

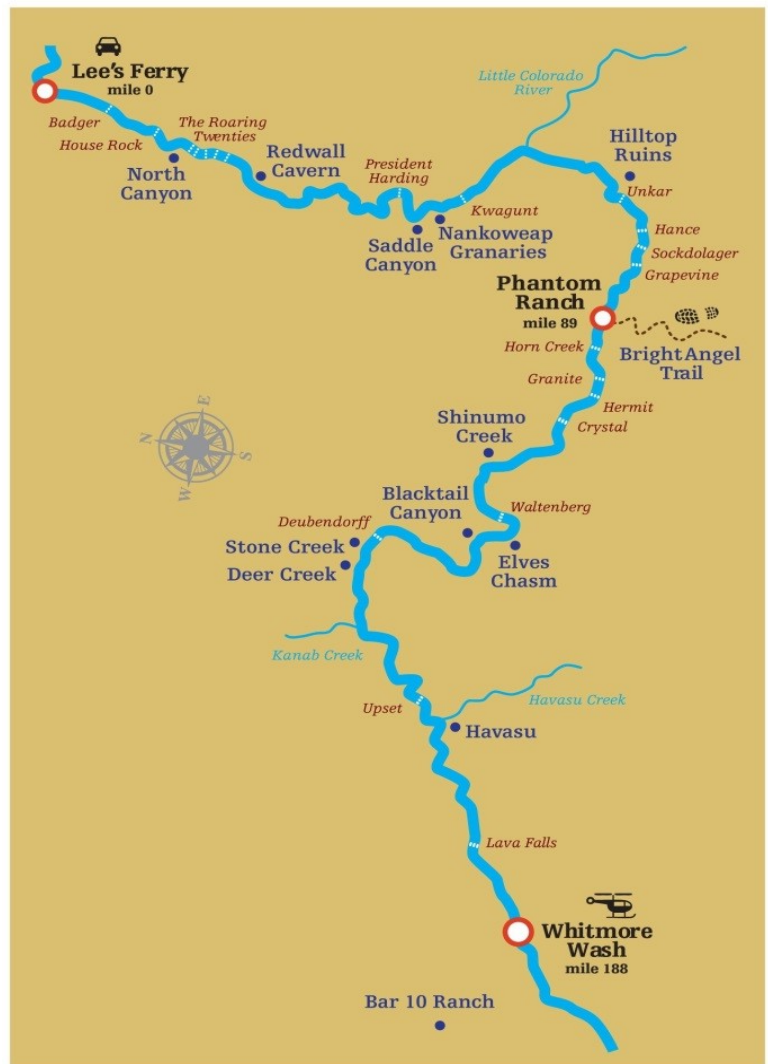


Sleeping and Dining

This trip is designed to accommodate everyone from the most experienced hikers to first time campers. You will be provided with camping gear (a camp chair, tent for 2, and "sleep kit" including a sleeping pad) so all you have to bring is your personal items.

Sandy beaches are typical campsites in the canyon, but each location is different, so be prepared for a different experience and view every night. Tent and sleeping sites are set up by guests and spread among the trees or across the open beach.

The kitchen will be set up near the boats so you can help unload then camp out in chairs nearby to take in the delicious aromas of guide-prepared meals.



Bathrooms

Toilet facilities are set up shortly after arriving in camp in a secluded area, and are the last thing taken down in the morning. The toilets are dry, meaning that everyone urinates in the river and all other "business" is taken care of at the toilet.

