

The Lower Canyon – 6 ½ Day Oar trip And 4 ½ Day Motorized Trip Phantom Ranch to Bar 10 Ranch 100 River Miles

On this 4 ½ Day Motor Expedition or 6 ½ Day Oar Expedition your journey will take you 100 miles from Phantom Ranch (deep within the Grand Canyon) to Whitmore Wash. Your only schedule is to arrive at the take-out destination the morning of the last day – so relax and enjoy the grandeur of the lower canyon, with its high sheer walls and spectacular white water of major rapids and smooth relaxing calm water.

THE DAY BEFORE: Please plan to arrive at Grand Canyon South Rim the day prior to your trip date. You will probably require motel accommodations. These reservations should be made well in advance of your trip. Refer to the enclosed Optional Related Facilities and Transportation sheet enclosed in the brochure packet for telephone numbers. If you plan to arrive at the South Rim via charter airlines, taxi service is available from the Grand Canyon Airport to Grand Canyon Village by calling (928)-638-2631.

THE DEPARTURE DAY: The morning your trip is scheduled to depart to Phantom Ranch – all river passengers will meet in the lobby of the Bright Angel Lodge at the fireplace (Grand Canyon, South Rim) at the following times: April through September 5:00 am and October 6:00 am. Qualified hiking guides will meet everyone – and guide the hike down the Bright Angel Trail to our boats at the river. **THIS IS A 10-MILE HIKE. We do not recommend this hike unless you are in excellent physical condition and have done a lot of hiking.** Complete hiking instructions will be sent with your trip instructions. Lunch will be served prior to departing Phantom Ranch. Immediately after leaving Phantom Ranch you will be in white water of major rapids.

TYPICAL DAY ON THE COLORADO RIVER: Wake up to the smell of freshly-brewed cowboy coffee – sounds of rushing water mingled with the murmur of sleepy voices echoing through the grotto's of the canyon walls. Breakfast is hot and hearty – or as light as you want. After breakfast you will be asked to form a “bucket line” to help load the gear back on the boats and then the Colorado River beckons and you are off once again experiencing the rush of adrenaline as you continue on your journey back in time. Enjoy spectacular white water of major rapids, such as Horn Creek, Granite, Hermit, Crystal, Upset and Lava Falls – you will see and enjoy dozens of additional sights, as well as stretches of calm water where you will relax in the warm sun and enjoy breathtaking scenery. Photographic opportunities abound in the lower canyon. Lunch on the Colorado River; build your own sandwiches, with chips, cookies, fruit and soft drinks. Relax, read a book or perhaps hike or fish before shoving off again for an afternoon of thrills and surprises. Late afternoon finds you at camp for the evening. Again you will be asked to help unload the gear from the boats. As your crew sets up the camp kitchen everyone finds their ideal camp spot and sets up their “home” for the night. Later you relax with a cool drink and hors d'oeuvres, get better acquainted with your fellow river companions – as dinner sizzles on the grill. After dinner watch the sun set, join in the conversation of the group, and listen to the quiet of the canyon as you settle into your sleeping bag under a blanket of stars. Tomorrow brings another typical day on the Colorado River.

THE LAST DAY: Your expedition terminates at Whitmore Wash river mile 188. At approximately 9:00 am, you and your gear will be transported from Whitmore Wash via a 7 ½ minute helicopter ride to the Bar 10 Ranch on the canyon rim. Showers are provided and you will have the opportunity to enjoy your last buffet style lunch before returning to “civilization” via a previously arranged charter flight back to Grand Canyon Airport in Tusayan, AZ or Las Vegas, NV. Your charter flight is included in your trip cost.

Transportation Arrangements

(Refer to the enclosed Optional Related Facilities and Transportation)

1. If you are flying to the Grand Canyon, South Rim

Getting There: Take a scheduled charter flight to Grand Canyon, South Rim (arriving the day before your river trip begins.) Taxi service is available from the Grand Canyon Airport to the Village; there is an additional charge for this service.

Going Home: We arrange your flight from the Bar 10 Ranch to the North Las Vegas Airport. You will be transported by shuttle to McCarran International Airport or your hotel in Las Vegas.
Do not schedule a flight out of Las Vegas before 5:00 pm.

2. If you are driving to the Grand Canyon, South Rim

Getting There: Drive your car to Grand Canyon Village, arriving the night before your river trip begins. You will be able to leave your car in the Village while on your trip.

Going Home: We arrange your flight from the Bar 10 Ranch to Grand Canyon, South Rim.

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Phantom Ranch to Bar Ten Ranch
100 River Miles

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THE DAY BEFORE YOUR TRIP DEPARTS:

You must arrive at Grand Canyon, South Rim, the day before your river trip begins.

You must make advanced reservations to have your gear taken to Phantom Ranch. This is **not** a service we provide. Please double check to make certain everything is in order. Your gear must be taken to the Fred Harvey Livery Barn by 4:00 p.m., the evening prior to your trip. **Do not wait until the last minute to make your duffel reservations - or you will have to carry your duffel to Phantom Ranch Boat Beach.**

Late duffels at the South Rim will be accommodated between 4:30 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. You must call Fred Harvey Switchboard (928) - 638-2631 and the operator will arrange for an employee to handle the late duffel. A \$10.00 additional fee will be collected for the late duffels per call (not per duffel). You will pick up your duffel at the Hitching Rail at Phantom Ranch.

IMPORTANT NOTE: WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL HIKERS BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND BE ABLE TO HIKE 10 MILES.

THE DAY YOUR TRIP DEPARTS:

All passengers will meet in front of the "BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE" AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES APRIL through SEPTEMBER 5 A.M. & OCTOBER 6 A.M. "DO NOT BE LATE" A guide from Grand Canyon Hikes will meet everyone and guide the hike down the Bright Angel Trail to our boats at the river. Be certain to have food for the hike (deli type sandwich – at least 2 - power bars / crackers & cheese and oranges) **Make your food purchases the night prior to the hike.** Two quarts of electrolyte supplement drink should be considered essential, along with a carrying capacity for at least three quarts of water. Adjustable walking sticks are a smart carry – especially for participants over 40 or for anyone with a prior knee, ankle or hip history. Also Ace Wraps required for prior injuries. Relief from inflammation and pain should be in everyone's back pocket. We also recommend trimming of toenails prior to hike to help alleviate possible damage to the nails due to down hill hiking. Wear a hat.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE SANDBAR AT PHANTOM RANCH: Your lead guide will introduce themselves and their crew. They will instruct you on how to properly pack and stow the waterproof bags and containers. They will explain the rules and customs while on the river and demonstrate the proper use of the life preservers (which are worn at all times by all persons while aboard our boats). They will also answer any questions you may have pertaining to your expedition or equipment.

THE DAY YOUR TRIP TERMINATES: At Bar 10 Ranch

Upon termination of your river trip at Whitmore Wash at approximately 9:00 a.m., you and your gear will be transported via a short helicopter ride to the Bar Ten Ranch on the canyon rim. Showers are provided and you will enjoy another buffet style lunch before departing via previously arranged charter flight to the South Rim or Las Vegas. Charter flights will start departing the Bar Ten Ranch at approximately 11:00 / 12:00 p.m. **If you plan to charter to Las Vegas, departing via commercial airlines the same day your trip ends, please do not schedule your commercial flight out of Las Vegas until after 5:00 p.m.**