

The Lower Canyon
6 ½ Day Oar trip OR 4 ½ Day Motorized Trip
Boat Beach 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 Boat Beach (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 require accommodations at the South Rim. These reservations should be made well in advance of your trip. Refer to the enclosed Transportation and Related Information 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 Boat Beach – all river passengers will meet in the lobby of the Bright Angel Lodge at the fireplace (Grand Canyon, South Rim) at the following times: May through August 5:00 am, April, September and October 6:00 am. A qualified hiking guide 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 Boat Beach. Immediately after leaving Boat Beach 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

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.

Going Home: We arrange your flight from the Bar 10 Ranch to Boulder City, Nevada.
You will be transported by shuttle to McCarran International Airport, Treasure Island or Desert Rose Resort.
Do not schedule a flight out of Las Vegas before 5:00 pm.

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 Airport in Tusayan, Arizona.
Taxi service is available from Tusayan to the Grand Canyon village to get back to your vehicle.

Hiking Bright Angel Trail

4-1/2 Day Motor Trip

6-1/2 Day Oar Trip

ALL PASSENGERS WILL MEET IN THE "BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE" IN FRONT OF THE FIREPLACE AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING TIMES: MAY THROUGH AUGUST 5:00 A.M., APRIL, SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 6:00 A.M. THE MORNING YOUR TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART

"DO NOT BE LATE"

A representative from Wilderness River Adventures will meet everyone – and guide the hike down the Bright Angel Trail to our boats at the river.

Be certain to have snacks for the hike (make your purchases the evening prior). Two 1-quart water bottles for water and electrolyte replacement drink is recommended. Know the prevention, symptoms and treatment of heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Wear clothing that covers the body, arms and legs to prevent excessive water loss and sunburn. During the summer, temperatures in the canyon can reach 120 degrees at noon.

IMPORTANT: REFER TO ATTACHED HIKING INFORMATION.

"WEAR A HAT" Adequate broken-in footgear prevents the formation of painful and disabling blisters. Wear a good pair of hiking boots or shoes (not new ones) and thick hiking socks (avoid cotton or multiple layers of socks). Stick a couple of Band-Aids in your pocket in case of blisters. We strongly recommend trimming your toenails prior to your hike to help alleviate possible damage to your nails due to downhill hiking.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT HIKERS BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION

We use the Bright Angel Trail, because of availability of water. Bright Angel Trail is a 10 mile trail. It starts just west of the Bright Angel Lodge. Water is available at 3-locations; 1-1/2 mile rest house, 3-mile rest house and Indian Gardens (half-way point on the trail). There are 4 telephones on the Bright Angel Trail **"FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY"**. Your guide is familiar with the trail, rest stops and emergency telephones and procedures.

PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR GUIDES AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

Inner Canyon Regulations:

All visitors are requested to leave the park in as good (or better) condition as they found it. Park regulations prohibit the destruction, injury, defacement, removal or disturbance in any manner of any public buildings, signs or equipment, vegetation, rocks or minerals, or any archaeological ruins or relics.

- **Stay on the trail. Cutting across switchbacks causes severe erosion.**
- **Mules have right-of-way on the trails. Should you meet a mule train, stand aside as they pass and obey all instructions given by the mule guide.**
- **Carry out all trash including cigarette butts.**