

## **The Lower Canyon – Grand Tradition 8 ½ Day Oar trip Boat Beach to Diamond Creek 137 River Miles**

On this 8 ½ Day Oar Expedition your journey will take you 137 miles from Boat Beach (deep within the Grand Canyon) to Diamond Creek. 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 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 Diamond Creek river mile 225. At approximately 1:00 pm, you and your gear will be transported from Diamond Creek to the canyon rim via a chartered bus to Peach Springs, Arizona. Lunch and showers will be provided at the Hualapua Lodge. You will then be transported 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 Peach Springs to the 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 7 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 Peach Springs to Grand Canyon Airport in Tusayan, AZ.