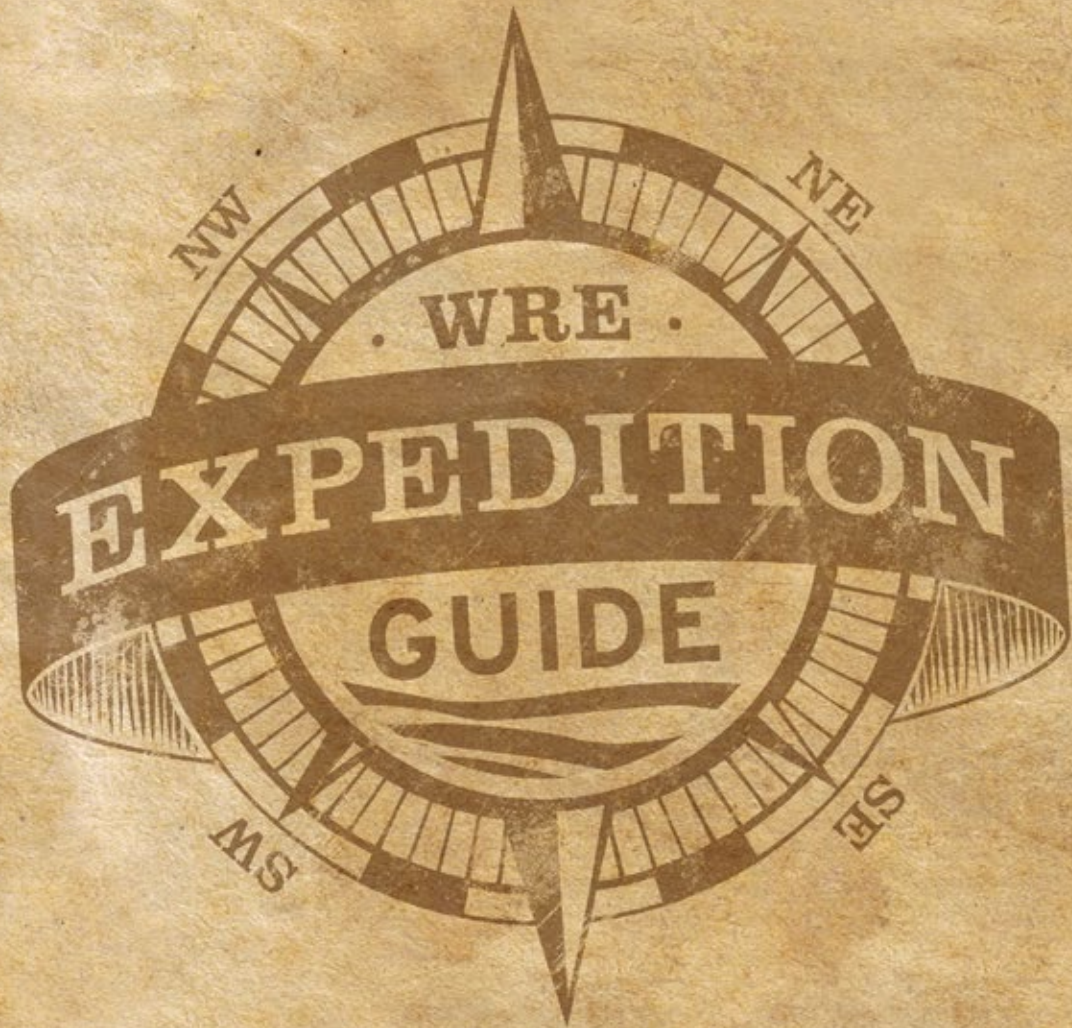




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4 DAY MOAB, UTAH ADVENTURE



**WESTERN**  
RIVER EXPEDITIONS

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Surrounded by an immense red rock playground, Moab, Utah is the perfect setting for a kid-friendly family outing—and Western’s Southwest Sampler provides just the right amount of adventure for the whole gang. You’ll get a taste of the “best of the Southwest” on this 4-day, 3-night getaway. First, you’ll spend 2 relaxing nights in luxurious comfort at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott – a quiet location between town and the National Parks, along the banks of the Colorado River. You’ll explore the wonders of Arches National Park and experience one of Moab, Utah’s most renowned adventures – an off-road Hummer Safari. Top it all off with 2 days of Colorado River rafting plus one night of all-inclusive beach camping and star gazing and you’ll return with endless stories and unforgettable memories. ❁

### Itinerary & Travel Information

**DAY ONE** » Arrive in Moab, Utah and check into the SpringHill Suites anytime after 4:00 PM. Take some time to explore this unique Southwestern town and its breathtaking surroundings. Top off your day relaxing at the spectacular Marriott pool.

**DAY TWO** » Enjoy complimentary hot buffet breakfast at the SpringHill Suites, then meet in the lobby of the hotel for pick-up (see trip confirmation for exact meeting time) for an exploration of Arches National Park with Western’s knowledgeable guides. You won’t believe your eyes as you tour this one-of-a-kind place where over 2,000 natural sandstone arches and towering red rock formations blanket the landscape. After hiking and touring Arches, you’ll eat a catered lunch at the Marriott. At sunset, you’ll experience the exhilaration of an incredible off-road excursion aboard the worlds’ most serious 4x4. Be sure to take pictures because no one back home will believe where you’ve been!

**DAY THREE & FOUR** » Enjoy the breakfast, then check out of the Marriott and experience a 2-day Colorado River rafting adventure (meeting at 9:45 AM). On your first day of rafting, you’ll completely unwind as you drift between crimson cliffs on serene waters. Savor a barbeque dinner as you watch the sunset bathe the red rock landscape in a dazzling array of light and color. Then fall asleep to the sounds of the river under a blanket of innumerable stars. The next morning, you’ll awake to the smells of coffee brewing and bacon sizzling. After breakfast, we break camp and head downriver. Moderate whitewater, wondrous sites and a delicious lunch at Red Cliffs Lodge rounds out the perfect 2-day rafting adventure. You’ll arrive back to Moab around 2:00 PM.



### QUICK FACTS

**Southwest Sampler:**

4 days, 3 nights  
Minimum age: 5 years old

**Begins and Ends:**

Moab, Utah

**Travel Time from Nearest Major City:**

Salt Lake City, UT (4 hr drive)  
Salt Lake City, UT DIRECT FLIGHT (1 hr flight)  
Denver, CO (6 hr drive)  
Denver, CO DIRECT FLIGHT (1 hr flight)

**Current Rates, visit:** [www.westernriver.com](http://www.westernriver.com)

### RATE INCLUDES

-  **LODGING** » 2 nights at the SpringHill Suites in Moab, Utah
-  **CAMPING** » 1 night all-inclusive camping on the Colorado River
-  **MEALS** » All meals except dinner the first two nights
-  **ARCHES TOUR** » Guided tour with easy to moderate hiking
-  **HUMMER SAFARI** » Thrilling off-road adventure into Moab’s backcountry
-  **RAFTING** » Class II rapids and scenic float on Colorado River (2 days)
-  **TRANSFERS** » To and from all activities and the SpringHill Suites



Located 5 miles from Arches National Park and 2.5 miles from downtown Moab, SpringHill Suites by Marriott is the meeting location for your expedition. Having your own transportation to grab dinner in town, or last minute items is recommended.

## WHERE & WHEN TO MEET

### LOBBY OF THE SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT - MOAB, UTAH »

All adventures included in this package meet at the entrance of the SpringHill Suites. Check into the SpringHill Suites anytime after 4:00 PM on the first day of your trip. The SpringHill Suites are located at 1865 N. Hwy 191 just north of the bridge over the Colorado River. You'll have dinner on your own the first 2 nights.

**Activity Departure Times:** [CONSULT YOUR TRIP CONFIRMATION]

**Activity Return Times:** [CONSULT YOUR TRIP CONFIRMATION]

## Staying at SpringHill Suites

Transportation to and from every scheduled activity is included with this package, but please note that any extra activities you plan (such as getting to town to shop or dine) will require your own mode of transportation. Note that the Marriott properties are located a few miles from the heart of downtown.

### NOTES FROM SPRINGHILL SUITES »

- **COMPLIMENTARY PARKING** for all guests of Western River
- **BAG STORAGE** Guests of SpringHill will receive complimentary storage for up to two bags per room during overnight river portion of trip.
- **HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET** is complimentary for overnight guests of SpringHill Suites.
- **RENTAL CAR CONVENIENCE** When you rent a car with Canyonlands Jeep & Car Rental (Moab Airport), you may leave your rental at the SpringHill parking lot for pickup while you are on the river. Leave keys with front desk, or Western employee at check-in. For discounted rental rate, visit: [www.moabcarrentals.com/westernriver](http://www.moabcarrentals.com/westernriver)

## Moab Car Rental



Free hotel shuttles are still not available in Moab. Taxis, ubers and shuttle services may be pricey or not fully reliable.

Canyonlands Jeep and Car Rental truly is the easiest and cheapest way to get to town - even if you're leaving first thing in the morning for a rafting trip. Canyonlands will pick your rental up from the Marriott! You just park it at the Marriott, go rafting, and voila!

**NOTE:** The Marriott is 2.5 miles north of town. You will still want a car to grab dinner or last minute items before your river trip in the morning.

Find special rates for Western River guests :  
[www.moabcarrentals.com/westernriver](http://www.moabcarrentals.com/westernriver)



## While in Moab...

### **ADDING A FEW MORE DAYS IN MOAB »**

You may be surprised at how much more you can pack into your Moab vacation by adding just one or two days before or after your Southwest Sampler.

## Top Recommendations to Add to Your Stay

Western River created the Moab Adventure Center in the heart of Moab to make ONE STOP for all the day adventures so abundant in Moab, Utah. It's too fun and too convenient to not get excited just suggesting them!

### **JEEP RENTAL »**

There are countless easy or difficult 4x4 roads accessing the backcountry. Plan a picnic day of exploring on your own.

### **JETBOAT JOURNEY »**

You'll notice that Canyonlands By Night is just next door to the Marriott. This is where your options begin when it comes to jetboating on the Colorado River. Get wild with the jetboat journey down the calm waters toward Canyonlands.

### **CANYONEERING OR BEGINNER ROCK CLIMBING »**

Morning or afternoon departures take you deep into the landscape, literally. It's a half-day commitment, but worth the bragging rights, for sure. Imagine rappelling into a hidden grotto and then off a giant rock arch. The hike out is a delight.

### **MOUNTAIN BIKING OR E-DIRTBIKE TOURS »**

Guided instruction and breathtaking views await!

### **ZIP LINE ADVENTURE »**

Close to town, but a world away with each zip across the chasms and dunes.

### **HOT AIR BALLOONING »**

The early morning start of these 3 hour tours may allow time for other adventures in the day.



*Western's Moab Adventure Center, 225 South Main.*

**BOOK A TOUR**

Add to your Moab itinerary with a phone call: 866-904-1163, or book online:  
[www.moabadventurecenter.com](http://www.moabadventurecenter.com)



(All distances measured from Colorado River bridge/Lion's Park)

- Arches National Park Entrance < 2.4 miles >
- Canyonlands Field Airport < 16 miles >
- Dead Horse Point State Park < 32 miles >
- Archview Campground Schoolhouse < 11 miles >
- Klondike Bluffs & Brand Trails
- Canyonlands N.P. Overlooks < 44 miles >

- Grandstaff Canyon < 3.2 miles >
- TakeOut Beach < 10.3 miles >
- Red Cliffs Lodge < 15.2 miles >
- Sorrel River Ranch < 18 miles >
- Hauer Ranch < 22.6 miles >
- Hittle Bottom Boat Ramp < 23.4 miles >
- Fisher Towers < 24 miles >
- Westwater Canyon < 72 miles >



### Things to do in Moab:

- Arches National Park Guided Bus/Hiking Tour
- Raft the Colorado River (Full/Half Day)
- Hummer Safari on Hell's Revenge (AM and PM)
- Canyoneering & Climbing (Guided)
- E-Bikes or Mountain Bikes - Take a Tour!
- Early morning Hot Air Ballooning
- Scenic Flights over the Parks
- Ride the Moab Zip Line  Rent a Jeep!
- Jetboat Adventures on Colorado River
- Horseback Rides  Mtn Biking Tours
- Gear up  Ask insider info  Buy souvenirs

**One Stop for Adventure:**  
 225 South Main Street | 866-904-1163

Arches Thai	200 NORTH
Love Muffin Cafe	Greyhound Bus
Doughbirds	
Rim Cyclery	Jailhouse Cafe
Quesadilla Mobilla	Moab Coffee Roasters
Food Truck Court	SPA Moab
(Gift Shops)	Moab Made
Tom Till Gallery	Moab Garage Co.
Miguel's Baja Grill	Kokopelli Gallery
(Gift Shops)	The T-Shirt Shop
The Spoke on Center	ATM Moab Yoga Bike Fiend
Spitfire Grill	Pasta Jay's
Gloria's Cafe	Sabaku Sushi
Red Rock Bakery	SingHa Thai Cuisine
(Gift Shops)	98 Center Restaurant
Zaks Pizza	Dewey's Restaurant
	Bangkok House Too
	(Gift Shops)
	100 SOUTH
	Indo Grill

- National Forest < 18 miles >
- LaSal Loop < 60+ miles >
- Needles District, Canyonlands N.P. < 68 miles >
- Monument Valley Tribal Park < 120 miles >
- Mesa Verde National Park < 150 miles >



## Packing List for the River



### DUFFLE BAG

All of your personal items should be packed into a soft-sided duffle bag approximately 12" x 13" x 24" in size. This 20-pound maximum weight limit does not include beverages.



### DAY BAG

Upon arrival to the river's edge, you will be provided a water-resistant day bag (approximately 7" x 13"). In this day bag, you will want to put those items you wish to access during the day (raingear, camera, gloves, sarong, medications, sun block, lip balm, river guidebook, etc). We recommend packing these items in a simple plastic grocery sack inside your duffle for easy transfer to your day bag at the launch site.



### GEAR BAG

Also upon arrival at the launch site of your trip, you will receive a water-resistant gear bag. This bag will contain your sleeping bag, sheet and ground tarp. You will put your duffle bag inside this bag, roll the top down and clip it securely to avoid getting your personal gear wet. Your personal gear bag will be available in camp the night of your trip.

### CLOTHING ITEMS

- Two-piece rain suit
- 1 swimsuit (2-piece swimsuit or quick-drying shorts and sports bra recommended for women)
- 1 quick-drying shirt, (long sleeved sunhoodies are breezy and effective sun protection)
- 1 pair comfortable shorts and underwear for camp
- 1 pair socks for use in case of sunburn or foot injury
- 1 pair quick-drying pants (optional - for sun protection)
- Lightweight fleece top
- Sturdy water sandals or water shoes. Based on the type and condition of your footwear, you may want to consider a backup pair of sandals or shoes in case of any damage.
- Comfortable footwear for camp (some guests prefer to change out of wet sandals or shoes into flip flops or other light weight shoes)
- Hat for sun protection with string or hat clip

» *Water clarity can vary from clear to very silty. Clothing may become discolored. Please pack accordingly.*

### PERSONAL ITEMS

- Personal hygiene products
- Plenty of sunscreen & lip balm
- LavaLava/Sarong coverup (long cloth useful for sun cover, light towel, changing clothes under cover)
- After-sun moisturizing lotion
- Biodegradable soap and shampoo in small bottles
- Sport water bottle with clip or carabiner
- Small towel and wash cloth
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Small pack of tissues
- Small headlamp or flashlight with extra batteries
- Insect repellent (small container)
- Sunglasses with safety strap
- Camera - waterproof digital camera with extra batteries and memory. Phones as camera in waterproof cases/sleeves. Charging brick for phones recommended. (Cell service unavailable).
- Small travel pillow
- Medication if needed (cool storage is available)
- Major credit card and photo ID in case of evacuation
- Cash for gratuities (Your guides on each of your tours will make every effort to see that your trip is enjoyable and successful. Gratuities for guides are appropriate, greatly appreciated and at your discretion, as a gesture of thanks for their professionalism and service. Guide gratuities for this is a suggested 10% of the overall package trip, to be offered proportionally throughout the trip as each activity concludes. A per-person guideline for gratuities on the Southwest Sampler package is as follows: Arches and Hummer Tours \$10 - \$15, and \$35 - \$45 for the river trip.

### OPTIONAL PERSONAL ITEMS

- 2 large (3"-4") carabiners for clipping day-use bag and water bottle to ropes
- Plastic bag for dirty or wet clothing
- A few clothespins and small piece of rope for drying clothes
- Comfortable lounge-wear for camp and sleeping

## Packing List for Moab Activities

- Comfortable clothing
- Footwear appropriate for hiking/walking with good traction
- Light jacket for chilly evenings and cool mornings

## The morning of your river trip:

- Eat a good breakfast and prepare to check out of the hotel.
- Meet the bus at the SpringHill Suites lobby at the designated departure time. (See Confirmation paper for times)
- Come dressed and ready to raft (see diagram below):
- Leave luggage with the Marriott (possibly book an additional night after river trip)
- 30 minute bus ride to the Colorado River boat ramp.

**BIG SMILE**  
A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight

**RETENTION DEVICE(S)**  
River guides invented these in the 1980's for a reason: They work!

**LIFEJACKET / PFD**  
Available at the river's edge, with the rafts and guides

**LIP BALM & SUNSCREEN**  
At least 30 SPF - You'll have time to apply before floating

**MEDICATION**  
If needed

**CAMERA**  
Or use a waterproof/sandproof case

**QUALITY RAIN GEAR**  
Good quality rain gear is handy in your day bag for rain or rapids

**HAT FOR SUN PROTECTION**  
A wide-brimmed hat, a baseball cap, or a visor

**QUICK-DRY SHIRT**  
Best with UPF for sun protection

**SUNGLASSES**  
They're not just for Hollywood looks!

**QUICK-DRY SHORTS**  
Makes sitting on the raft more comfortable

**WATER BOTTLE WITH A CLIP**  
Always drink lots of water!

**STURDY WATER SANDALS OR SHOES**  
No Flip-Flops, Mukluks, spurs, etc.



## Gear provided:

- Large water-resistant gear bag containing a sleeping bag, sheet, and ground tarp. Once you arrive at the river that day, you should pack your personal duffle inside this large rubber bag where you can access it again that night at camp. (Inaccessible during the day).
- Small day bag to hold personal items you need throughout the day (sunscreen, lip balm, rain suit, camera, snacks).
- Lifejacket / PFD will be handed out and proper fitting will be demonstrated by your guides when you meet them at the rafts.
- Rafts: This trip uses oar-rig rafts, paddle rafts and inflatable kayaks.

## Things to bring:

- Duffle bag (approx. 12"x13"x24"), packed with clothing, toiletries, personal items outlined on the packing list
  - Extra drinks, if desired. No glass containers. Water and lemonade are provided.
    - Utah State Liquor Store (beer, wine) - 55 West 200 South (closed Sundays)
    - City Market (beer, soda, etc) -- 425 South Main Street
- Together, packed duffle bag + optional drinks should be 25 lbs or less per person
- Extra snacks, if desired. (Snacks will be provided during the trip).
  - Photo ID, a major credit card, and cash for gratuities.
  - Camera(s) - Phones as cameras in waterproof cases/sleeves (Cell service unavailable)

## Things to leave: (NOT TO BRING ON THE RIVER)

- Car keys can be left at your hotel front desk, or with stored luggage while away
- Unnecessary electronic devices (game devices for kids, etc.)
- Jewelry

## It's an Expedition!

- River water levels vary throughout the rafting season.
- Weather is always present on a river trip.... Temperatures can fluctuate daily, and may even disobey predicted weather forecasts!
- Trip includes calm water sections both before and after each of the whitewater rapids.





## Weather

We always hope for good weather but you should be prepared for the possibility of cooler weather and storms. This is applicable to all trips throughout the season. The following chart shows averages for the months of March through October. Temperatures and precipitation will vary. A rain storm or a cool front can happen anytime. You can find current weather

### TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION - MOAB, UTAH:

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Mean Max. Temperature	64	76	84	98	100	99	86	77
Mean Min. Temperature	33	39	49	58	62	61	50	40
Precipitation (inches)	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.1	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.6

## Be Prepared for Any Weather:

Weather is always present on a river trip... Temperatures can fluctuate daily, and may even disobey predicted weather forecasts! It is wise to come prepared for anything, but we realize there are weight and size limitations for packing. While we cannot predict it all, hopefully we've given you the proper insights and information to prepare you for the adventure of a lifetime!

### Rain Gear vs. Paddle Gear



**Key Feature:** Easy to wear, versatile, best in warmer weather and rain.

**PROS:**

- Keeps you relatively dry without the "sweat chamber effect"
- Blocks wind-chill after rapids
- Versatile purpose/easy to wear
- Best for rain, shields whitewater

**CONS:**

- Not waterproof during large rapids
- Getting cold can be a threat to fun



**Key Feature:** Neoprene rubber "gaskets" around wrists & neck. Best in cold weather & whitewater.

**PROS:**

- Nothing better for staying dry
- Ideal when weather remains cold
- Blocks water from all directions
- Best for whitewater

**CONS:**

- Hot & sweaty in warm weather
- Pullover style can be difficult
- Specialized purpose lacks versatility
- No hood for rainstorms

## Get Ready in One Order: Red Rock Outfitters

Through several decades of experience on the river, Western knows what clothing and gear will keep you smiling every second of your adventure. Specifically, we've bundled "The Works" for him, for her and one for gear in general. For your convenience, you can order all these items online with Western's retail division:

[redrockoutfitters.com](http://redrockoutfitters.com)

## Moab Adventure Center

A large selection of clothing, footwear and gear is available at Western's Moab Adventure Center. Located conveniently at 225 South Main Street, Moab, Utah. Phone 866-904-1163.



## General Information

**BEVERAGES »** Water and lemonade are available in unlimited quantities on the boats and in camp. Coffee and hot chocolate are available every morning. Western does not provide beer, liquor, or soda pop. If you wish to bring your own alcoholic beverages and soda pop you may do so in moderate amounts. Please avoid glass containers. Plastic bottles and aluminum cans work well. Together, packed duffle bag + optional drinks should be 25 lbs or less per person.

**VALUABLES »** You will want to have photo ID, a major credit card, and some cash for gratuities. All other valuables and jewelry should be left at home or in a safety deposit box at your hotel. In addition, as a safety precaution we suggest that you not wear rings on the river. Also, each year a few of our guests traveling on airlines arrive without luggage. With this in mind, we suggest you carry with you medications, prescription glasses, and anything you may not be able to replace the evening before your trip departs.

**EXTRA LUGGAGE »** Transfer all your personal clothing and gear which you will need on your rafting trip to a small, lightweight duffle bag. Identify duffle bag with label, and leave any extra suitcases or luggage in your vehicle or at the hotel. Please **DO NOT BRING SUITCASES** on your river trip. As part of your camping equipment package, we provide a water-resistant bag in which you will place your duffle bag as well as the sleeping bag that we provide.

**OTHER QUESTIONS »** If you have additional questions, our friendly staff is available Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Mountain Time. Also, visit us online at [westernriver.com](http://westernriver.com) for more information. Be sure to see our "FAQS & POLICIES" section online under each trip.

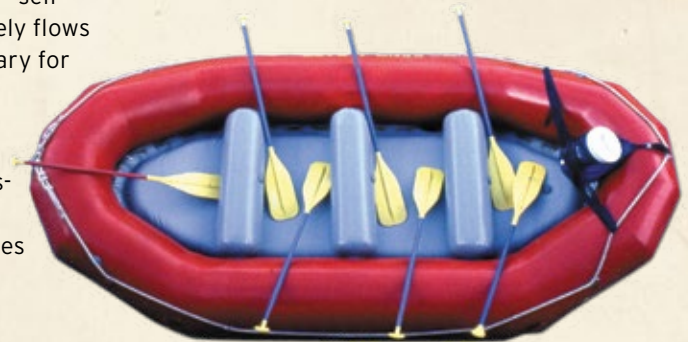
## Rafts on the Colorado River

The Southwest Sampler trip offers a taste of several of Western's boat options. You'll be able to experience the camaraderie of a paddleboat, paddle your own 2-person inflatable kayak, or ride aboard a comfortable oar rig piloted by Western's skilled guides.

**WESTERN'S OAR RIG »** Western's guides adeptly maneuver these specially designed 18-foot, 4-6 passenger boats. Oar Rigs offer a comfortable ride and are "self-bailing" which means that any water that comes into the raft immediately flows back out. These boats carry the camping and cooking comforts necessary for nights along the Green or Colorado Rivers.

**PADDLE RAFT »** Western also offers paddleboats which provide "hands-on" excitement in conquering the waves with a spirited team of 6 to 8 rafters. Paddlers need not have any prior experience as Western's guides will provide ample instruction and ensure everyone's success.

**INFLATABLE KAYAK »** Also known as a "duckie" or "duck," these two-person inflatable kayaks let you challenge the rapids on your own. They also provide a peaceful and relaxing way to recline and gaze up at the spectacular scenery in the calm stretches of river. If you've never paddled before, acquiring some basic paddle skills with the help of a guide takes only a few minutes. Inflatable kayaks are available throughout the trip and guests can take turns enjoying the ride.





## Camping With Western River Expeditions

Whether you're a veteran camper or experiencing sleeping in the outdoors for the first time, Western makes camping simple. All you need to worry about is packing your personal items in a soft-sided duffle bag. We'll supply the rest:

- » Comfortable cots make sleeping and relaxing on the river easy.
- » Roomy tents are always available and easy to set up. You may be like many of our river guests who prefer to sleep under the vast canopy of stars. If you haven't ever experienced camping in the desert you'll be surprised at how dry and comfortable everything stays when sleeping under the stars.
- » Freshly laundered sleeping bags and sheets provide warmth on cool evenings.
- » Water-resistant bags protect your personal belongings from exposure to sand and water.
- » A personal day-use bag keeps important items handy during the day.
- » Camp chairs offer comfortable seating while in camp.
- » A sturdy vinyl ground cloth keeps your gear and camping areas clean. (not shown above)

### TOILET FACILITIES

Western uses a portable toilet and hand wash system that is set up each day in camp in a secluded location that assures privacy. The toilet is available from the time we pull into camp until we leave the following day. An orientation concerning everything from rapid safety to bathrooms will be given at the beginning of your trip.



*"I still haven't come down from this trip! It was amazing, beautiful, adventurous, fun, exciting & spiritual all at the same time. Having never camped a day in my adult life, I did things I never thought possible. From setting up tents to sleeping under the stars to washing in the river - it was incredible. I am so thankful we had the chance to experience the river."*

FLORENCE - New York

## Items provided by Western River Expeditions

### SPRINGHILL SUITES STAY

- » 2 Nights lodging at SpringHill Suites
- » Breakfast at SpringHill Suites each morning
- » All meals between departure and return on river trip (While at the SpringHill Suites on days 1 and 2, you'll enjoy dinner on your own. There are plenty of excellent options in town.)
- » Arches National Park Hike & Tour
- » Off-Road Hummer Sunset Safari

### RAFTING TRIP

- » Transportation to the trip starting point
- » Return transportation after river trip back to Moab, Utah
- » Professional, licensed guides
- » All eating utensils and souvenir insulated bottle

- » Unlimited water and lemonade
- » Freshly laundered sleeping bag and sheet
- » Cot (28" x 74")
- » Tent and ground cover
- » Water-resistant dry bag for sleeping gear and personal duffle bag
- » Water-resistant day-use dry bag (7" diameter x 13") for personal items
- » Custom rafts
- » US Coast Guard approved whitewater life jackets
- » Wilderness First-Aid kit
- » Sanitary Facilities

## Physical Requirements for Rafting Trips

Our primary concern is participant safety. The nature of an outdoor adventure involves some physical exertion and also possible exposure to weather conditions that can fluctuate greatly due to heat, sun, wind, or rain. We do have experience accommodating persons with a wide range of physical challenges, disabilities, or medical and health conditions. However, we have found that for some people the fact of age, weight, lack of conditioning, heart or other disease, can endanger themselves, other guests or create additional hardship that diminishes the suitability or enjoyment of this type of vacation. Please consider these conditions in making your choice of river adventures. Please check with your physician prior to your trip if you have any medical or health condition or if you are taking any medications, and then notify us of how we can better help you with these conditions. In general, participants will need to meet the following physical requirements:

- » Fit into a Type 5 Life Jacket (maximum chest size is 52") required by the U.S. Coast Guard
- » Ability to securely grip ropes provided for handholds while running the rapids
- » Enough agility to climb on and off the rafts—this could be as much as a 2-3 foot reach and often on wet and slippery surfaces
- » Ability to navigate uneven terrain on hikes and in camp
- » Carry your own dry bag which will include your 20-pound duffel bag along with the sleeping bag and ground cover provided

Our principle objective is for you and your fellow guests to have an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. If you are concerned about any of these requirements, please call our friendly staff to further discuss which trip is right for you.

Our Waiver & Acknowledgement of Risks Form will more fully describe some of the inherent risks involved in these activities. We look forward to having you join us on the adventure of a lifetime.

## Payment & Cancellation Policies

### PAYING YOUR BALANCE

A deposit due at the time of your reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to trip departure and may be paid by check (preferably) or by credit card. All payments are non-refundable. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if full payment is not collected by the due date.

### CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

The cancellation policy applies at the time of deposit. Details regarding cancellations and travel changes for each trip can be found at [WesternRiver.com](http://WesternRiver.com) or on your reservation confirmation. If you must cancel any reservation, the cancellation policy applies in every instance and there will be no exceptions for any reason. Western will not issue any refund for arriving late or leaving a trip early. Western River Expeditions is not responsible for any expenses incurred in preparation for any cancelled trips or for costs incurred due to travel delays, flight cancellations, or illness. If you are concerned about the possibility of having to cancel, you may find information about cancellation coverage and policy details at:

 [westernriver.com/cancellation](http://westernriver.com/cancellation)



*"Our family ranging in ages from 6 to almost 70 had a wonderful time on this trip. All of our guides were so friendly and helpful. There was just the right mixture of adventure and relaxation for all of us. The rafting trip was amazing, thanks to James, Scott and Jess who were great guides and cooks! We had some skeptics in the family before we left on the trip, but the Southwest Sampler quickly became their favorite part of a larger Western vacation. We are already looking at future trips with WRE."*

LYNN - Maryland



## A Typical Day on the River

After meeting your guides you will be given a trip orientation that will include how and where you can sit on the rafts, how to hold on, and safety precautions while on the river.

A typical day will include rafting for a few hours at a time, stopping for bathroom breaks, lunch and possible swimming opportunities. Visiting with new-found friends and learning river lore and geology from our well-trained guides add to the enjoyment.

After a full day of learning and fun we arrive in camp. Guests will be allowed to find their favorite campsite and then return to the rafts for the famous "fire line" - the way we load and unload rafts. Your help in passing the gear off the boat is greatly appreciated; however, if you have physical restrictions or limitations that would prohibit you from participating you are not required to help.

In camp, the guides will give a demonstration on how to easily assemble the cots and tents and will be available to help you if you need additional assistance. Western River provides cots, tents, sleeping bags, sheets, camp chairs and water-proof gear bags for all guests. You'll have no need to worry about bringing any of your own camping equipment.

While you relax at the river's edge, your guides will prepare dinner. The menu includes items such as grilled chicken breast, green bean almondine, rolls and green salad. Breakfast is blueberry pancakes, sausage, fresh fruits and coffee.

At night, whether you choose to sleep in your tent or under the vast canopy of stars, the fresh night air and the rhythm of the river will lull you to sleep.

In the morning, your guides will prepare a delicious breakfast. You'll have a chance to enjoy eating before returning to your campsite to take down your tent and cot and pack up your belongings in your dry bag. After bringing your bag down to the boats, guests participate in the fire line once again and you are off on another fun-filled day of adventure.

## Rafting Trips vs. Other Vacations

The setting and pace of a rafting adventure gives you something you don't find in other vacations. On a Western River Expedition, you will quickly discover why so many are calling this "the best vacation of their lives." It's the combination of drifting over tranquil pools of water under the shadows of towering rock formations, the exhilaration and thrill of rolling waves and fun whitewater, the peaceful moments of reflection as you gaze up at the star-studded sky and the fresh feeling of renewal as the morning sun slowly filters through winding canyons. All this provides an indescribable sense of belonging. A sense of oneness with yourself and those around you. A sense of adventure, reflection and renewal. Come discover the difference.



*"Our trip was amazing! I felt like a kid again. The guides were wonderful and really helped make the experience a great one. I would love to do this again!"*

**DONNA**, New York City

*"AMAZING!!! The trip itself was awesome: beautiful scenery, exciting rapids, awesome night skies....but really, it was the people that made the trip what it was! Fellow rafters: an extraordinary group of folks from all over the US, we really melded into a river "family"! The crew: Josh, Mark, Shad and John took such great care of all of us, were knowledgeable about the river, and were entertaining, fun, and funny!! This was definitely a trip to remember. I'm feeling a bit of post-river withdrawals, but thinking back on the great times we all shared, makes me smile all over again! If you're considering doing a raft trip with Western, don't hesitate!! You'll be so glad you did!"*

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