

# "A MIND THAT IS STRETCHED BY A NEW EXPERIENCE CAN NEVER GO BACK TO ITS OLD DIMENSIONS."

-OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES J





## The Western Way

The "Western Way" is a unique company culture that has been cultivated over five decades. It is an attention to detail that doesn't always allow us to take the easy way, but which we all believe is well worth the extra effort. We hire and train amazingly talented people, and the combination of their personalities and skills creates something that is truly outstanding. We are all very passionate about what we do and about the special places in which we are privileged to live and work. We think of ourselves as shepherds with a duty to lead our guests through these canyons and deliver them safe and happy at the end. Along the way we hope to teach, entertain, encourage, inspire, and create lasting friendships. Seeing these places for the first time again, through the eyes of our guests, gives us our greatest satisfaction.



# **Carpe Diem!**

SEIZE **YOUR** DAY. EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES AWAIT. ASTOUNDING PLACES BECKON TO BE EXPLORED. WHAT WILL YOUR WESTERN RIVER ADVENTURE BRING?

## 3:21 am

There must be a billion stars just above my head. If only everyone could see this... Another star streaks across the sky. The gentle water laps at the sand a few yards away. I'm lulled back to sleep.

## 6:32 am

"Coffee!" The exuberant cry from our guides echos across the canyon walls. I peek out from my sleeping bag. The sun casts a warm glow across the 2,000 foot walls towering around me.

## 7:06 am

3:22 pm

I sink my teeth into a warm dutch oven blueberry muffin followed by a bite of fresh grapefruit. I bury my toes into the cool sand. Watching the river drift by, I smile, anticipating what awaits downstream.

## 10:42am

I follow our guide on a narrow trail through tall vegetation. The air is suddenly filled with mist and the sound of thundering water. A spectacular stream gushes from a crack in the redrock cliffs. Breathtaking!

## 12:26 pm

Why does a sandwich taste so good out here? Perhaps it's the fresh air, warm sun, and cool water where my feet are dangling. Or maybe it's the way our guides carefully lay out all the fixings. Whatever it is, the food is fabulous. Sipping my ice-cold lemonade, I reflect on the early explorations of John Wesley Powell just recounted by our guide. "The most sublime spectacle in nature" Powell called this place. I lay back and gaze up. Sublime indeed...

## 8:10 am

I bring my gear down to the river's edge. The guides are securing the camp supplies and personal items to the rafts. I snap a photo before we load onto the boat and push away from the shore.

## 9:31 am

We drift in and out of cool shadows. The sound of a Canyon Wren is overtaken by a distant rumble... Whitewater. I slip into my raingear to stay warm in the early morning shade and take a seat up front.

## 9:33 am

My grip tightens. The bow of our boat is submerged in a mountainous wave. Cool water crashes over us, stifling screams of excitement. Then all is calm. Laughter fills the air. I have never felt so alive.

## 4:57 pm

Raindrops begin tickling the surface of the river. Downstream, I see small waterfalls beginning to pour from the canyon rim. The sandstone silt mixes in the emerald water like a magic potion.

## 6:42pm

I breathe in the delicious aroma of dinner being cooked by our guides. We toast to the perfect day with our new friends! Dazzling light dances across the river as sun drops behind the canyon walls.

## 9:02pm

We relax on our cots. Darkness starts to set in. The stars are just beginning their show overhead. Whispers about our incredible day quickly turn to sleep. **We will never be the same.** 



## THE WESTERN WAY THE FINEST FLEET

Whether you're quietly drifting amidst the shadows of towering cliffs or riding the waves in a rushing rapid, Western's rafts are designed for the most comfortable ride possible.





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"Your J-Rig and all of the equipment you supplied were top quality. The design of your J-Rig provided both maximum comfort for the less adventuresome and exhilarating thrills for the white water fans." STUART, Missouri



#### Western's J-Rig

Bigger rapids demand bigger rafts such as Western's patented J-Rig. Where the Colorado River carves through Cataract Canyon earlier in the summer and on our Grand Canyon trips, J-Rigs are the vessel of choice for maximum excitement and safety. Environmentally friendly, quiet 4-stroke motors power these rugged rafts specially built for Western.



#### High-Speed Snout Rig

On our 2-Day Cataract Canyon trip, our custom snout rigs skim across the calm water sections and provide huge excitement in the whitewater.



#### Oar Boat

On all Desolation Canyon, Idaho, and Oregon trips plus Cataract Canyon and Westwater Canyon (later in the summer), guides adeptly maneuver three to sixpassenger oar boats. These specially designed 18-foot rafts are "self-bailing" which means that you'll never touch a bail bucket, except for an impromptu water fight!



#### Paddleboat

On all Idaho and Oregon trips plus Cataract Canyon and Westwater Canyon (when water levels allow), you can join the spirited crew of a paddleboat.



#### Inflatable Kayak ("Duckie")

When water levels are suitable, two-person inflatable kayaks let you challenge the rapids on your own during Utah's Desolation Canyon and Idaho and Oregon trips When you're ready to kick back and relax, simply return to your oar boat, stretch out in the sun, and let your guide do the work.

## Western's J-Rig Raft

Named after Western's founder, Jack Curry, the "J-Rig" is a patented craft offering the most flexible and comfortable ride on the river. If you're a thrill seeker, you can sit up front where the waves hit hardest, or ride aft for more protection. There are plenty of calm sections along the river where you can move freely around the boat and trade seating positions throughout the trip.

> Whitewater "thrill" seating with safety lines

ALL PRATE

"Adventure" seating atop food coolers Padded seating atop dry food storage boxes Storage area for guest luggage and trip equipment Ice water and Iemonade coolers Extra motors and spare parts 4-Cycle outboard motor provides quiet propulsion with low emissions

Total weight without guests: 10,000 lbs Feet of rope used to prepare a raft: 800 Pounds of ice on board: 1,980 Top speed: 4 knots

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Compartmented neoprene rubber tubes have 21 separate air chambers and are capable of supporting 66,000 lbs. Cold beverage drag bag keeps drinks accessible throughout the day First aid supplies and satellite phone

#### THE WESTERN WAY

## OUTDOOR COMFORT

Whether you're a veteran camper or experiencing sleeping in the outdoors for the first time, Western makes it easy and comfortable. All you need to worry about is packing your personal items in a sturdy duffel bag. We'll supply the rest:

- » Comfortable cots make sleeping and relaxing on the river easy. Supplied on all Grand Canyon and Utah trips.
- 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.
- » Freshly laundered sleeping bags and sheets provide warmth on cool evenings.
- » Water-resistant gear 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.



The views don't get any better from your "beach-front room."

"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 Grand Canyon on the river."

## **Good Morning!**

Steaming coffee provides welcome warmth to counter the cool sand between your toes. You might think you're still dreaming when you see plates of hot pancakes, fresh fruit and scrambled eggs, but it's the way every morning on the river begins. Western's guides are not only trained river professionals, they're talented campfire cooks as well.

## **Mid-Day Buffet**

A wonderful selection of fresh meats and cheeses, delicious breads, along with crisp vegetables and a variety of spreads satisfy hearty lunchtime appetites after a morning on the river. Tasty chicken and veggie wraps or perhaps chicken salad pitas may also be part of Western's mid-day buffet. At all times, unlimited quantities of icy lemonade and fresh water are available to quench your thirst.

## **Campfire Dinner with Flair**

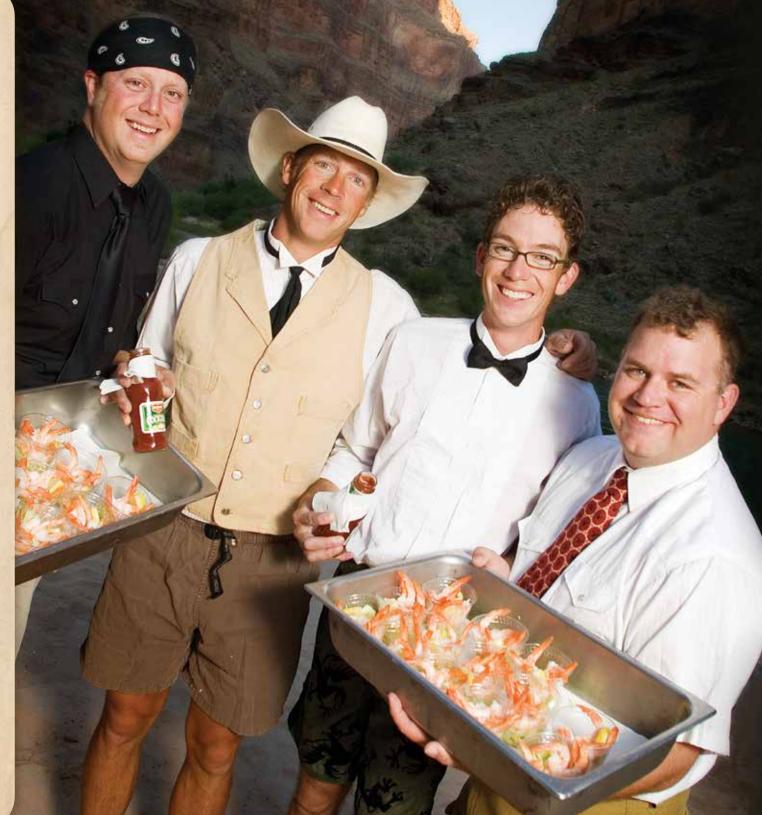
While you enjoy delectable appetizers and relax at the river's edge, the guides prepare a dinner that is sure to surprise and please. Every night is different, but the menu will likely include grilled chicken breasts, tender steaks, pasta, or fresh fish accompanied by tossed green salad with your choice of dressing, vegetables, and side dishes. Dutch-oven cake and cobblers or other desserts deliciously top off the evening meal. "The food was fantastic." It was amazing how the Western River guides transformed the campsites into a kitchen for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The meals were very well balanced. Dinners were gourmet." KATHY, Connecticut

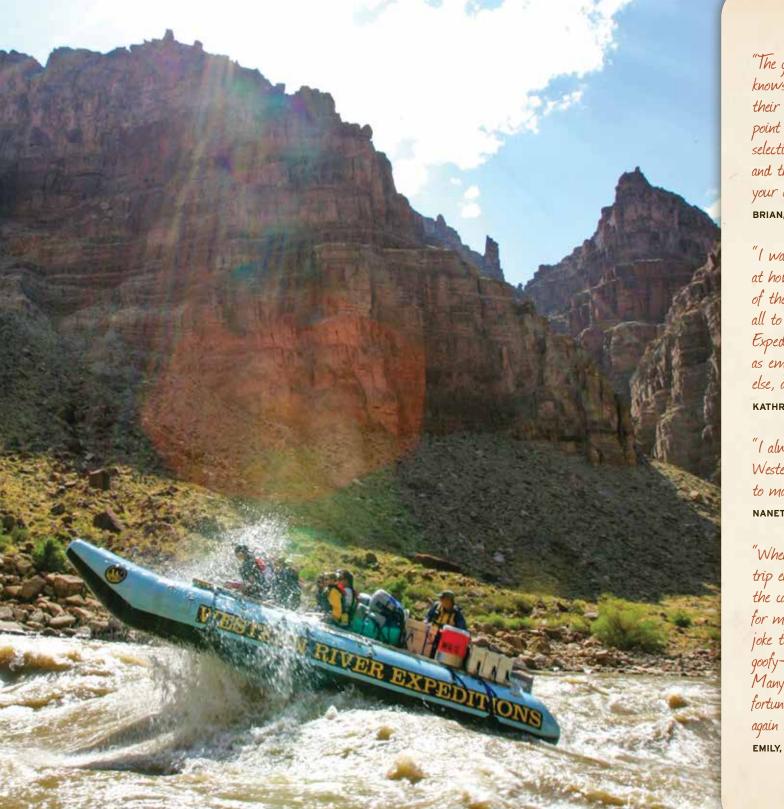


## AMAZING GUIDES & LEADERS

Western's claim to the best guides and trip leaders is not taken lightly; it is supported by rigorous selection and in-depth training sharply defined by five decades of experience. Each Western guide experiences nearly 300 hours of training before escorting his or her first guest down the river. This training includes swift water rescue certification, CPR and First Aid Certification, a state licensing test, food handler's education, on-river cooking courses, geology and interpretation classes, and Western's renowned custom guide-training program. The result? Guests continually rave that their guides were one of the best parts of their experience.







"The guides are a pure joy. Western knows that the guides are the face of their organization from their guests point of view, and they do a great job selecting them. They know their stuff and they are all about hospitality and your experience." BRIAN, Indiana

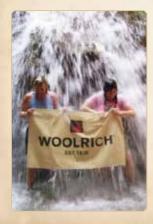
"I was amazed and extremely grateful at how patient, helpful and caring all of the crew members were. They are all to be commended.! Western River Expeditions is fortunate to have them as employees! And on top of everything else, all were excellent cooks.!" KATHRYN, Louisiana

"I always felt safe and cared for. The Western River guides go the extra mile to make your trip wonderful." NANETTE, Missouri

"When I came home from my best trip ever, I was super homesick for the canyon. But I was also homesick for my safe keeping, poetry reading, joke telling, music playing, therapizing, goofy-goofing guides. Simply the best. Many thanks. I hope that I am fortunate enough to be able to do this again someday." EMILY, Utah

# PRIVATE CHARTERS

Join others on a standard departure or charter your own private expedition! Just give us a call at 800-453-7450 to book your space and we'll give you a special booking link to share with your group members. Once the trip is full, you get your spot free!



#### THE PERFECT CORPORATE RETREAT

"As representatives of the Woolrich-sponsored rafting excursion down the Grand Canyon, inviting 3 of our best outdoor retailers across the country, we have in reflection considered Western River Expeditions as one of the best prepared, informed, inspiring organizations we have contracted to entertain and inform our guests as well as ourselves. The trip was beyond expectations. Meals were from Heaven. Guides were 'beautiful.' The fun and adventure we all experienced was unbelievable. Thanks to all of you!"

JACK, Woolrich Representative



#### THE ULTIMATE FAMILY REUNION

"I took my whole family, sons and wives and grandchildren rafting on the Colorado River. The trip from the Western River crew and food to equipment was first class. No one should miss an adventure trip like this. Totally unbelievable trip of a lifetime!" **RICK**, British Columbia

# FAMILY ADVENTURES

Nothing creates bonds and deepens friendships like a Western River Expedition. Those of us at Western who are parents and grandparents understand the importance of creating unforgettable family vacations with just the right dose of adventure and relaxation.

"I will never have a better Christmas gift. Ever. My spouse and I, with our 3 kids, ages 22, 20 and 17 had the time of our lives. The whitewater rapids are so exciting and fun, the hikes to beautiful waterfalls and lookout points are incredible, the food is fantastic. The Western River guides are knowledgeable, engaging, and warm-hearted, making every passenger feel special. When I think back to my favorite moments though, they were the evening talks we'd have while laying on our cots, gazing up at the very starry sky. Soon the kids will go back to college or high-school and I'll have less frequent contact, so I cherish those talks about life, their hopes and dreams, and their futures, greatly. An adventure like this is such special bonding time for families. I sure hope that they never figure out how to get cell reception down in the canyon because, for a parent, having your kid's undivided attention for a week is truly priceless!"



**GRAND CANYON** is a perfect adventure for older teens and adult children.



**DESOLATION CANYON** is ideal for kids as young as 5 years old.

TONI, California



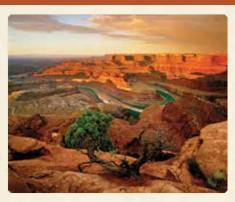
## **UNFORGETTABLE AND UNSURPASSED**



## **Grand Canyon**

One of the Seven Wonders of the World, Grand Canyon beckons visitors from all over the planet. Unfortunately, most only view the canyon from above. A select few are lucky enough to experience the hidden grottos, waterfalls, and ancient history of Grand Canyon National Park found only along the river's edge.

- » Convenient departures from Las Vegas (LAS)
- » 3 to 7-day expedition options
- » Moderate or exciting whitewater choices
- » J-Rig raft for all Grand Canyon trips
- » Grand Canyon National Park



## Moab, Utah

Located in southeastern Utah and surrounded by 2 national parks and one national forest area, Moab is often called the "Adventure Capital of the World." Here you can experience world-class whitewater, add an unforgettable ranch stay and explore the backcountry by balloon, bike, hummer, foot or plane.

- » Easy access from Grand Junction (GJT) or direct flight to Moab (CNY)
- » 2 to 5-day adventure options
- » Over 20 "add-on" adventures
- » J-Rig, oar boat, paddle, and kayak choices
- » Arches & Canyonlands National Parks



## Idaho

The spectacular forested canyons of Idaho are home to some of the nation's top rafting destinations on the Snake and Salmon Rivers. Natural hot springs and wildlife are not uncommon along these pristine river gorges. Some Idaho trips offer world famous trout, bass and sturgeon fishing as well.

- » Departures from Boise (BOI) and surrounding cities
- » 4 to 6-day river trip options
- » Spectacular forested canyons
- » Oar boat, paddle, and kayak choices
- » Largest roadless wilderness in the lower 48 states



## Oregon

Flowing down the lush pacific face of the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, Oregon's Rogue River offers an incredible rafting vacation and the only "lodge to lodge" option available through Western. The protected wilderness area of the Rogue River is home to deer, river otter, osprey and much more.

- » Convenient access from Medford, Oregon (MFR)
- » 3 or 4-day Rogue River options
- » Stay in riverside lodges each night
- » Oar boat, paddle, and kayak choices
- » Congressionally-designated "Wild & Scenic" wilderness area

# **10 REASONS** TO DISCOVER GRAND CANYON

## Thoughts from a Western River Guest

First, let me share with you that I am not one to go camping. While I love being outdoors, I usually opt for a cozy bed at the end of the day. Since there are no hotels at the bottom of the canyon, you camp. Not only did I not have any camping experience, I had only been whitewater rafting once in my life when I was 17! With all that said, this trip... this adventure, totally out of my comfort zone, has changed my life and will forever be in my heart.

Going off the beaten path on a "trip of a lifetime" has stretched me and impacted me in ways that I truly treasure. For an experience to bring forth such emotion where tears of joy could roll down my cheeks at any moment, I know it has touched me on a soul level.



Read more guest stories online at blog.westernriver.com

#### A FEW THINGS I LEARNED ON THIS ADVENTURE:

- 1. **Simple things bring a lot of joy.** We really don't need a lot to be happy.
- The vastness of the Grand Canyon walls and the many colors are breathtaking. Pictures do not do it justice.
- 3. Sleeping outside under the stars on a cot (not in a tent) is a must at least once in your life.
- 4. The thrill of being in a raft in a rapid is so fun, with experienced guides of course.
- 5. Seeing rock formations that are 1.6 2.2 BILLION years old blows my mind.
- Exploring and climbing rocks up into a cave to discover a beautiful waterfall is refreshing on so many levels.
- 7. **Riding in a helicopter** over and through the Grand Canyon down to the water looks like fake scenery – the wow factor is way up there on this one.
- 8. The canyon's unique and wondrous sites bring forth a quietness that is so peaceful. You can't help but smile from the inside out.

- Experiencing the Grand Canyon from the water is so different from seeing it from above. It is like getting to know the Grand Canyon on a more personal level and then it is with you forever.
- 10. Western River Expeditions is a top notch, A++ company with guides that feel like friends and can cook gourmet style along the river while keeping everyone safe. Highly recommended!!

When we do something different, when we step out of the box, when we go off the beaten path, we can stretch our mind, body and soul in ways we never knew possible. Audrey Hepburn once said, "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm Possible." Let possibility be a part of your life. Just because you never have, doesn't mean you couldn't try.

Trying something new can bring forth an immense amount of joy, peace and relaxation. This trip was a life-changer for me.

CARRIE, Ohio



# **GRAND CANYON** EPIC EXPEDITIONS IN THE GRANDEST CANYON ON EARTH





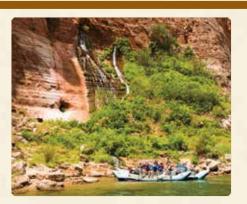
## Grand Canyon 3 Day Expedition

Enjoy a beautiful flight from Las Vegas to Bar 10 Ranch. Then take a spectacular helicopter ride deep into Grand Canyon where you'll meet your guides. During the course of your expedition, you'll enjoy moderate whitewater, calm stretches of river enveloped by astounding scenery, and hikes to places like Travertine Grotto, a fantastic series of hidden waterfalls and pools. At the end of your journey, a deluxe motor coach will be waiting to return you to Las Vegas.



## **Grand Canyon** 4 Day Expedition

Before you begin your 3-day exploration of Grand Canyon, enjoy an overnight stay at Bar 10 Ranch, a working cattle ranch perched high on the canyon rim. Your transition from civilization to wilderness includes horseback trail rides, skeet shooting, chuck wagon dinner and evening entertainment before settling into bed in the lodge or outdoors in a covered wagon. After a country breakfast, a helicopter takes you deep into Grand Canyon where you'll cover the same section of river as our 3-day expedition.



## **Grand Canyon** 6 Day Expedition

From Lees Ferry to Whitmore Wash, you'll discover spellbinding sites including Vasey's Paradise, Redwall Cavern, Deer Creek Falls, and renowned Havasu Canyon where countless tranquil pools cascade down to the Colorado River. Experience world-class whitewater and calm stretches of river through the heart of Grand Canyon National Park. Just after Lava Falls rapid, a helicopter will take you over the rim to Bar 10 Ranch for a shower and lunch before your return flight to Marble Canyon or Las Vegas.



## Grand Canyon 7 Day Expedition

Covering the same 188 miles of astounding Grand Canyon beauty as the 6-day trip, our 7-day experience offers one more precious day on the river. Take additional side hikes to waterfalls, hidden grottos, and Native American ruins, and spend more time at renowned sites like Havasu Canyon. As with the 6-day expedition, this adventure begins in either Marble Canyon, Arizona or Las Vegas, Nevada.



# **Grand Canyon**

**3 OR 4 DAY EXPEDITION** WHITMORE WASH TO LAKE MEAD





"Our friends and family were surprised that we chose this trip, but it was one of the best vacations we've ever taken. We had been imagining sleeping under the stars in the Grand Canyon for months, but still weren't prepared for the aweinspiring spectacle of the universe spread above us. If that weren't enough, the moon rising late at night to light our campsite gave us a sense of how "grand" this place really was and how fortunate we were to experience it in this way. **REBA**, New Jersey

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### DAY 1

Enjoy a beautiful **flight** from Las Vegas to Bar 10 Ranch on the rim of Grand Canyon. Shortly after your arrival, a helicopter will take you deep into Grand Canyon to meet your guides. After an orientation and introductions, you'll be on your way downstream. Top off your day with a stop at Pumpkin Springs.

#### DAY 2

Our J-Rig rafts enter awesome Lower Granite Gorge with a series of moderate rapids. Take some time to hike and play at Travertine Grotto, a series of hidden waterfalls and pools. Then run the biggest rapids of the trip, the "230's."

### DAY 3

The river calms and the canyon widens. Savor a final morning in Grand Canyon. Then head downriver and ride a jet boat into Lake Mead where a deluxe motor coach will be waiting to return you to Las Vegas.

### **BAR 10 RANCH OPTION**

On our 4-Day Grand Canyon Expedition, you can start your 3-day trip with an overnight at the Bar 10 Ranch where you'll experience a horseback trail ride, skeet shooting, cowboy entertainment and more.



**Book online or call** 800-453-7450 Mon-Fri 7am-6pm Mountain Time

For full itinerary, photos & video W visit us at **westernriver.com** 

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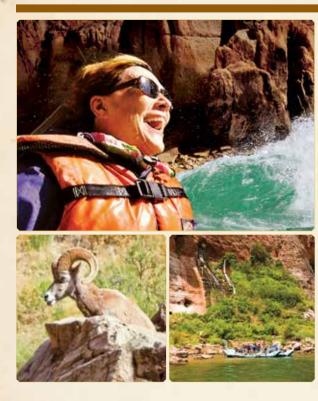
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- » Season: April September
- River Distance: 100 miles **>>**
- » Rapids: 15+ class II-III
- » Boat Type: Western's J-Rig
- » Minimum Age: 9





# **Grand Canyon**

6 OR 7 DAY EXPEDITION . LEE'S FERRY TO WHITMORE WASH



"Incredible, breathtaking, the most magical place on earth. I wasn't sure how this vacation would stack up to others, but after spending 6 days in that canyon it was without a doubt the best vacation of my life. I wouldn't be saying that were it not for our fabulous guides. If you are thinking about taking this trip do it. Whether you love being outdoors or love air conditioning and email like myself you will love this trip. Thanks everyone for great food, fun, family, and friends." KATIE, California

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### DAYS 1 & 2

Take a charter flight from Las Vegas or meet in Marble Canyon, Arizona. Drift lazily while taking in the magnificent views of the canyon. Experience mighty **House Rock Rapid** and the Roaring 20's. Visit **Vasey's Paradise**, a spectacular cascade of water supporting a hanging garden and **Redwall Cavern**, a vast chamber carved by the river.

#### DAYS 3 & 4

The canyon gets wider, giving views of both North and South rims, before narrowing into Granite Gorge where you'll experience Hance, Horn Creek, Granite, Hermit and Crystal... all rapids respected for their huge waves. Western's knowledgeable guides lead short hikes to hidden Elves Chasm and pounding Deer Creek Falls.

#### DAY 5

Hike up renowned **Havasu Canyon** where countless tranquil pools and waterfalls invite swimming and relaxing. Continue downriver through jaw-dropping scenery.

### DAY 6 OR 7

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Raft **Lava Falls**. Exit the canyon by **helicopter** to Bar 10 Ranch for a shower and lunch before your return flight to Marble Canyon or Las Vegas. Note: Our 7-Day Expedition covers the same section of river as the 6-Day trip, but offers one more day on the river for additional time at special sites.

For full itinerary, photos & video

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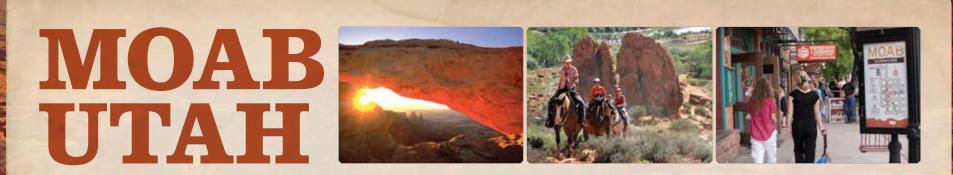
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- » Season: April September
- » River Distance: 188 miles
- » Rapids: 60+ class III-V
- » Boat Type: Western's J-Rig
- » Minimum Age: 12







Nestled between Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park and the towering La Sal Mountains is a destination unparalleled by any other. It's a hiker's heaven, a mountain biking mecca, a rafter's retreat and a geologist's gem. It's a paddleboarder's paradise, a four wheeler's fiddler's green, a National Park goer's playground. It's a UTV utopia, a naturalist's Never Never land and a rock climber's raison d'etre. You get the idea... It's Moab.

#### **GETTING THERE**

Moab, Utah is an easy four hour drive from Salt Lake City International airport (SLC), or a breezy two hour drive from Grand Junction Colorado's Walker Field Airport (GJT). Moab's Canyonlands Field airport (CNY) also welcomes two commercial flights per day, and is always happy to host private or charter planes.

#### **RIVER EXPEDITIONS**

The Green and Colorado Rivers that carve majesty out of this red rock region are among America's most sought-after rafting adventures. Choose from an allinclusive 2 or 4-Day journey through Cataract Canyon on the Colorado River or a 5-day epic exploration of Desolation Canyon on the Green River.

#### **BEFORE AND AFTER**

No matter which adventure you choose, be sure to schedule a few days before or after to enjoy the fun, eclectic mix of hotels, restaurants and tourist shops. Take some time to discover Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, ride a world-class mountain bike trail, or soar over the red rock canyons in a hot air balloon.

#### **EXPERIENCE IT FOR YOURSELF**

With the approximately two million visitors that make the journey each year, this stunning piece of country has arguably become one of the West's hottest destination spots. Isn't it about time you experience Moab for yourself?

# **UTAH** AWE-INSPIRING ADVENTURES IN THE ICONIC SOUTHWEST





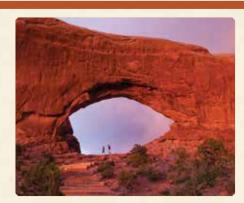
## **Cataract Canyon** 2 or 4 Day Expedition

The Colorado River upstream from Grand Canyon cuts a 100-mile chasm through the heart of Canyonlands National Park. Here, you'll wind through sculpted sandstone buttes and towering red rock cliffs. You'll plunge through exciting rapids including North Sea, Capsize and the famous "Big Drops." Explore Native American ruins, fascinating petroglyphs and more. Conclude your trip on Lake Powell and return to Moab, Utah.



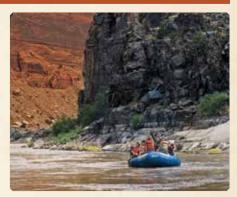
**Desolation Canyon** 5 Day Expedition

Winding amidst dramatic plateaus carved by an ancient inland sea, the Green River through Desolation Canyon offers one of America's top rafting trips. After a spectacular scenic flight from Moab, Utah, you'll experience 40 million years of geologic history, famous outlaw hideouts, dinosaur habitats, Native American writings and over 60 moderate rapids in a guided oar boat or a 2-person inflatable kayak.



Southwest Sampler 4 Day Adventure

Get a taste of the best that southern Utah has to offer on this 4-day, 3-night getaway. The first 2 days include a guided exploration of Arches National Park plus an off-road Hummer Safari. The first 2 nights' lodging are spent at one of Moab's finest properties. Then sample an overnight rafting trip on the Colorado River including all-inclusive beach camping and star gazing while overlooking the dramatic rock sculptures of Castle Valley.



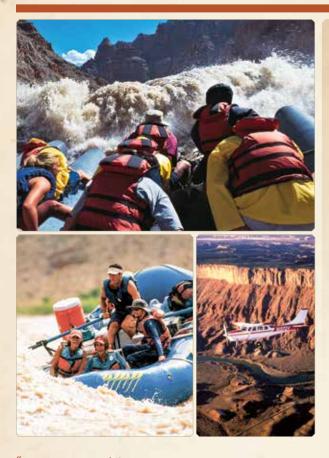
Westwater Multisport 4 Day Adventure

Discover the excitement of rafting the Colorado River through legendary Westwater Canyon, named "The West's best short whitewater trip" by National Geographic. Explore Moab's breathtaking backcountry on an exhilarating Hummer Safari and enjoy an optional horseback ride in Castle Valley. Each night, you'll enjoy the comfort and amenities of Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River.



# **Cataract Canyon**

**2 OR 4 DAY EXPEDITION** MOAB, UTAH TO LAKE POWELL



"I have been to Mexico, the Bahamas, and Europe. I have gone skydiving, bungee jumping, and flown in a fighter trainer. This trip has been without a doubt the most memorable experience I ve ever had. This trip has done something others haven't. It has truly touched our souls."

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### DAYS 1 & 2

After a short transfer from Moab, Utah to the Colorado River, you'll board your rafts and leave the busyness of life behind. Glide along smooth-flowing currents winding through **Canyonlands National Park** where sculpted sandstone, isolated buttes, and red rock castles offer unparalleled vistas for picture taking. Hike to **ancient Indian pictographs** and a **magnificent outlook** high above the mighty Colorado River.

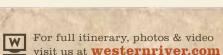
#### DAY 3 & 4

After passing the majestic **Confluence** of the Green and Colorado Rivers, the canyon deepens to 2,000 feet and the mood of the river changes drastically. Here you'll experience **over 30 thrilling whitewater rapids!** In one of the Colorado River's most notorious whitewater stretches called the "Big Drops," your raft plunges 30 feet in a matter of minutes through rapids that can match those of the Grand Canyon in power and difficulty. Your trip concludes on Lake Powell where a scenic flight over Canyonlands National Park returns you to Moab. (2-day expedition includes ground transfer to Moab.)

### 2-DAY OR 4-DAY OPTIONS

Choose from our Cataract Classic 4-Day Adventure or our shorter Cataract Express 2-Day Adventure. Both cover the same 100 miles on the Colorado River, but the 2-Day Express trip is done on our high-speed snout rigs.





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- » Begins & Ends: Moab, Utah
- » 4-Day Expedition Season: May August
- » 2-Day Expedition Season: May early July
- » River Distance: 100 miles
- » Rapids: 30+ class II-V
- » Boat Type: J-Rig, Oarboat, Paddleboat (Boat selection is based on water levels. Shorter trips use high-speed snout rigs)
- » Minimum Age: 10 (12 in high water)





# **Desolation Canyon**

5 DAY EXPEDITION SANDWASH TO GREEN RIVER





"When my 15-year old grabbed my hand as we looked up at the stars from our cots on the beach and said, Thank you mom, I knew this was a life-changing experience. Thank you and I'll be back!" LISA, Virginia

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### DAY 1

Experience a breathtaking scenic flight over the canyons of the Green River, landing atop a remote desert plateau. Launch onto a calm stretch of the Green River, perfect for swimming and relaxing. Before dinner, explore the area, play a game, or just relax and soak in the astonishing beauty of Utah's Desolation Canyon while your guides do all the cooking.

#### **DAYS 2 & 3**

Awaken to a hearty breakfast and hike a short distance to 1,000-year-old Fremont Indian petroglyphs or maybe an old moonshiner's hideout. Savor a delicious riverside buffet lunch. Then, climb aboard your oar boat and let your guide pilot you through several fun Green River rapids, or you and a partner may choose to paddle your own inflatable kayak.

### DAY 4

Hike to Rock Creek Ranch, an historic homestead rich in folklore and outlaw history. Run Wire Fence and Three Fords rapids, among the biggest whitewater on the Green River. Float out of Desolation Canyon, and enter scenic Gray Canyon, traversing 40 million years of geologic history.

### DAY 5

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After lunch, you'll celebrate your successful journey and return by bus or van to Moab, Utah.

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#### River Distance: 84 miles **>>** » Rapids: 60+ class II-III

- » Boat Type: Oarboat and inflatable kayak
- » Minimum Age: 5

**Quick Facts** 

» Season: June - July

» Begins & Ends: Moab, Utah





# **Southwest Sampler**

4 DAY ADVENTURE . ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, HUMMER® SAFARI & COLORADO RIVER RAFTING

## **Trip Itinerary**

### DAY 1

Check into Moab's **Gonzo Inn**. Take some time to explore this unique Southwestern town and its breathtaking surroundings.

### DAY 2

You won't believe your eyes as you tour **Arches National Park** where over 2,000 natural sandstone arches and towering red rock formations blanket the landscape. At sunset, you'll experience the exhilaration of an **off-road safari** aboard the worlds' most serious 4x4. Be sure to take pictures because no one back home will believe where you've been!

### DAYS 3 & 4

### Sample an overnight Colorado River rafting

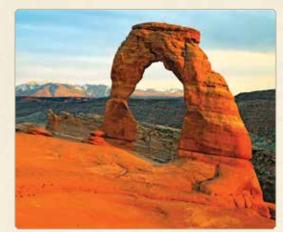
adventure. Unwind as you drift between crimson cliffs on serene waters. Savor a barbeque dinner as you watch the sunset bathe the red rock landscape in a dazzling array of light and color. Then fall asleep to the sounds of the river under a blanket of innumerable stars. The next morning, you'll awake 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 round out the perfect 2-day rafting adventure. Return to Moab in the afternoon.



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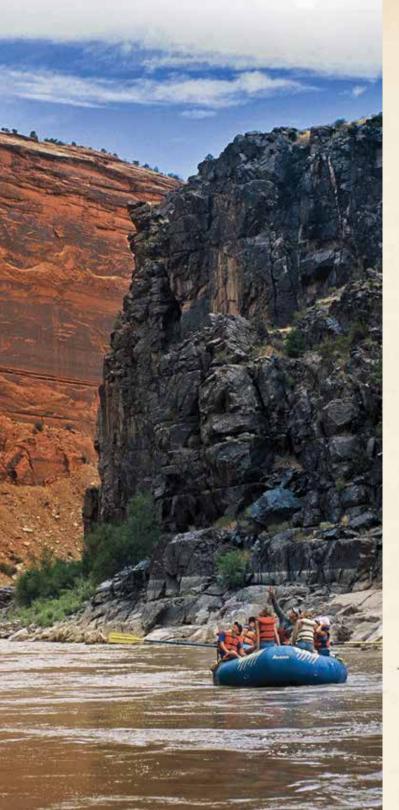
"Our family ranging in ages from 6 to 70 had a wonderful time on this trip. There was just the right mixture of adventure and relaxation for all of us" LISA, Virginia

- » Begins & Ends: Moab, Utah
- » Season: May August
- » River Distance: 20 miles
- » Rapids: 6+ class II-III
- » Boat Type: Oarboat, paddleboat, inflatable kayak
- » Minimum Age: 5
- » Also includes: 2 nights at Gonzo Inn, Arches National Park tour, and Hummer® Safari









# Westwater Canyon

4 DAY MULTI-SPORT ADVENTURE

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### DAY 1

Check into **Red Cliffs Lodge** on the banks of the Colorado River, a secluded location 14 miles outside of downtown Moab. Take the evening to unwind at the pool, read a book on your private patio or explore famous **Castle Valley**. Savor a spectacular sunset dinner on the Red Cliffs Lodge deck overlooking the Colorado River.

#### DAY 2

Experience an exhilarating **off-road Hummer Safari** in the morning. Climb to the top of seldom-seen, awe-inspiring overlooks and return with a new feeling of freedom and unforgettable memories. Take the afternoon to explore the National Parks or go horseback riding (optional).

### DAY 3

Raft **Westwater Canyon**, labeled "The West's Best Short Whitewater Trip" by National Geographic. This one-day rafting adventure gives you everything from calm waters winding through amazing geologic formations to the excitement of Colorado River whitewater. After you are returned to Red Cliffs Lodge, you'll have time to enjoy a dinner in town on your own or spend another evening dining at Red Cliffs.

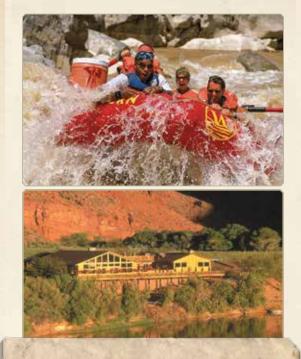
### DAY 4

Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet and relish one final morning at Red Cliffs Lodge before checking out by 11:00 AM. Head home with endless stories of the perfect adventure in Moab, Utah.



## **Quick Facts**

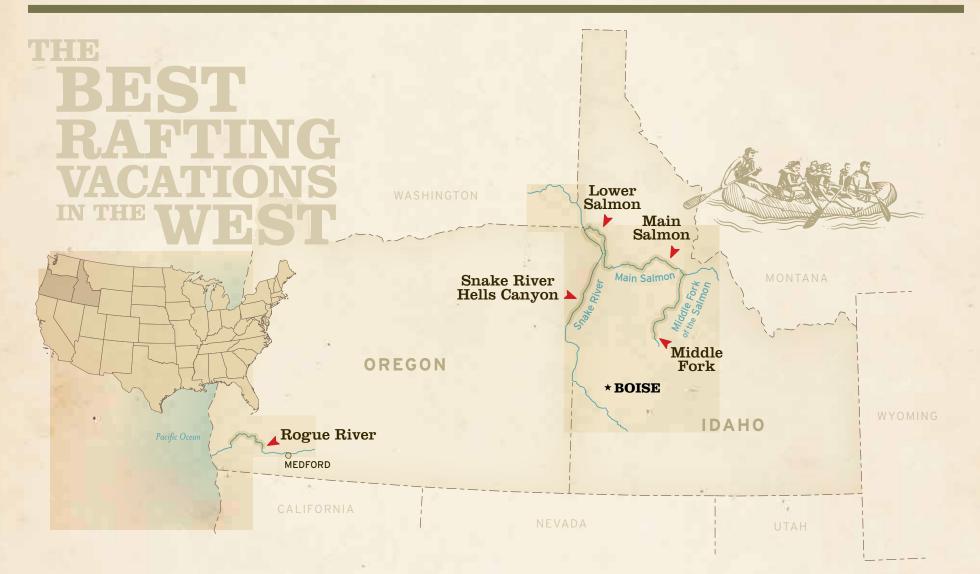
- » Begins & Ends: Moab, Utah
- » Season: May September
- » River Distance: 26 miles
- » Rapids: 8+ class II-V
- » Boat Type: Oarboat, paddleboat
- » Minimum Age: 12
- » Also includes: 3 nights at Red Cliffs Lodge and Hummer<sup>®</sup> Safari



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# JAW-DROPPING JOURNEYS IN THE WILD & SCENIC WILDERNESS





## Middle Fork Salmon River 5 or 6 Day Expedition

Among river runners, the Middle Fork of the Salmon is a legend. One hundred and five miles of pure, clear, freeflowing river drop 3,000 feet through astounding canyons. Experience over 100 whitewater rapids, fish in the river's clear mountain waters, relax in natural hot springs, hike to magnificent waterfalls, and camp in alpine meadows. Natural and untamed, the Middle Fork offers an unforgettable experience.



Main & Lower Salmon River 5 Day Expedition

Full of scenic wonder and history, the Salmon River features 2 popular trips. The Main Salmon adventure winds through dense pine forests garnished with riverside hot springs and historic homesteads. The Lower Salmon River serves up huge, sandy beaches for camping. On select trips, a dedicated "River Jester" entertains the children with nature hikes and fun activities. Both provide the perfect blend of excitement and relaxation.



## Snake River Hells Canyon 4 or 5 Day Expedition

Straddling the borders of Idaho and Oregon, the Snake River cuts through the deepest river gorge in North America – Hells Canyon. Journey through a land rich in myth and geologic wonder. Discover the biggest rapids in the Pacific Northwest. Here mountains of golden grass and pine forest topped with snow-capped peaks are home to soaring eagles, wild mountain goats and Native American legends.



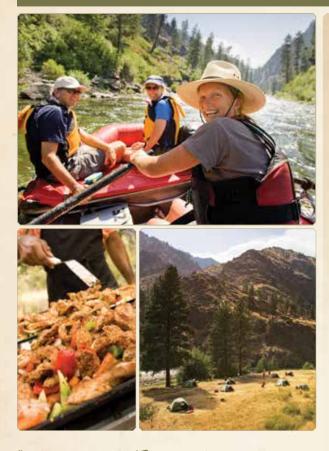
## **Rogue River Lodge to Lodge** 3 or 4 Day Expedition

One of the most unique rafting vacations in the world, the Lodge to Lodge Rogue River rafting trip delivers a perfect blend of wildlife and wilderness with the cozy charm of cabin comforts. Each day you'll raft further towards the Pacific Coast through magnificent scenery. Every evening you'll enjoy family-style meals and relax on a deck or lawn area to the sights and sounds of this congressionally-designated "Wild & Scenic" river ecosystem.



# Middle Fork Salmon River

5 OR 6 DAY EXPEDITION . BOUNDARY CREEK OR INDIAN CREEK TO CACHE BAR



"A fantastic time! The beauty of the river and surrounding landscapes imparts peace and awe. The excitement of the rapids instills exhilaration. The organization, preparedness and skill of the guides fosters trust and relaxation. We loved it! Thinking of doing it again with friends and family." VEDRANA, New Jersey

#### DAY 1

A bus ride from Stanley, Idaho to Boundary Creek begins the trip into the Idaho wilderness. Fir and Spruce fragrances fill the crisp mountain air at 6,000 feet above sea level. The **Middle Fork rapids** come fast and steep, offering plenty of excitement for the first 15 miles. In camp, you'll enjoy free time for fishing, reading, hiking or simply relaxation.

#### DAYS 2-4

As the river plunges through steep mountain valleys, the adrenaline from thrilling rapids is balanced by visits to **pioneer homesteads**, and more relaxing stretches of river. Stop at **Sunflower Flat Hot Springs**, where half a dozen pools above the river tumble over a cliff, creating the perfect natural shower. Fishermen in the group will find the river stocked with trout, while birdwatchers may see **falcons and golden eagles**.

#### DAY 5 OR 6

Experience the legendary Haystack Rapid as you make your way through Impassable Canyon. Hike into the Bighorn Crags where you'll find refreshment under Waterfall Creek. Raft through the Idaho Batholith - the largest single piece of granite in North America. Visit Veil Falls, a grotto graced by spirits of ancient pictographs. After a final lunch on a sprawling sand beach, you'll board a bus for the town of Salmon, Idaho where you'll have a shower and meet your guides for a farewell dinner.



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- » Begins: Stanley, Idaho
- » Ends: Salmon, Idaho
- » Season: June September
- » River Distance: 100 miles
- » Rapids: 100+ class II-V
- » Boat Type: Oarboat, paddleboat, inflatable kayak
- » Minimum Age: 7 (12 at highwater)



# **Main Salmon River**

**5 DAY EXPEDITION** © CORN CREEK TO CAREY CREEK

## **Trip Itinerary**

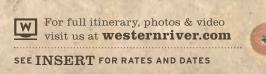
#### DAYS 1 & 2

Deep in the splendor of a remote canyon, your adventure begins. Moderate rapids such as **Kill um**, **Rainier and Devil's Tooth** will get you ready for the more challenging rapids that lie downstream. Stop at **Barth Hot Springs**, one of the best hot spring pools on the entire river. Relaxing time on the river and at camp gives time to absorb the splendor of the surrounding mountain wilderness.

#### DAYS 3-5

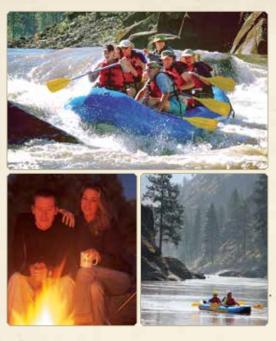
Through a mile deep, heavily-forested canyon, you'll run Salmon Falls, Big Mallard, Elk Horn and several other exciting rapids. Explore **Campbell's Ferry Ghost Town** and **Buckskin Bill's Compound**. Lower in the canyon, thick forests give way to steep granite cliffs. Large **sandy beaches** and glass-like pools provide favorite play spots for swimming and beach volleyball. Top off your final day with two of the largest rapids on the trip -**Chittam and Vinegar Creek**. After lunch, you'll enjoy a scenic ride to the resort town of McCall, Idaho.





## **Quick Facts**

- » Begins: Salmon, Idaho
- » Ends: McCall, Idaho
- » Season: June August
- » River Distance: 82 miles
- » Rapids: 80+ class II-IV
- » Boat Type: Oarboat, paddleboat, inflatable kayak
- » Minimum Age: 6 (10 at highwater)



"Thanks for the memories! Our whitewater rafting trip was the best family vacation we have ever taken! We met wonderful people, ate wonderful food, and enjoyed the spectacular scenery and wildlife. The river guides were awesome and kept our teenagers entertained as well as the adults. We'll be talking about this trip forever.!" KAREN, Florida



# Lower Salmon River

5 DAY EXPEDITION . HAMMER CREEK TO HELLER BAR

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### DAYS 1 & 2

A scenic bus ride from Lewiston, Idaho takes you to Hammer Creek where you'll begin your rafting journey down the Lower Salmon River. Rollercoaster-style rapids, **large sandy beaches** for lunch and camping, and calm pools of water perfect for swimming and relaxing make this section of river a favorite. Stop and view some **Indian rock art** just before entering the larger whitewater in "Green Canyon." Enjoy a **warm campfire** on the beach at night or perhaps a lesson in astronomy as the stars fill the night sky.

#### DAYS 3 & 4

Enter **Cougar Canyon** and **Snowhole Canyon**, filled with exciting rapids like Lorna's Lulu, Bodacious Bounce, Bunghole, and the Gobbler. Search for **Bald Eagles** soaring over the rustic cabins of early settlers as you drift into **Blue Canyon** where igneous rock constrains the river channel creating whitewater thrills like **Devil's Slide, Sluice Box and Eye of the Needle**. Relax later in camp, try your hand at horseshoes, or take a hike up the mountainside for a new perspective of the Lower Salmon River.

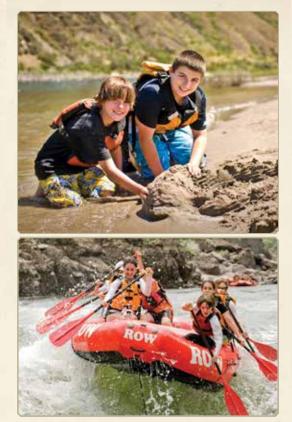
### DAY 5

The Salmon River joins the mighty flow of the Snake River at the lower end of colossal Hell's Canyon. Raft the borders of **Idaho, Oregon and Washington** on your way to our take-out point at Heller Bar. After a short ride back to civilization, you'll enjoy a hot shower and meet your guides for a **farewell dinner.** 



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- » Begins & Ends: Lewiston, Idaho
- » Season: July September
- » River Distance: 74 miles
- » Rapids: 55+ class II-IV
- » Boat Type: Oarboat, paddleboat, inflatable kayak
- » Minimum Age: 5
- » "Family Magic" option on Sunday departures



# **Snake River Hells Canyon**

4 OR 5 DAY EXPEDITION CANYON DAM TO HELLER BAR

## **Trip Itinerary**

### DAY 1

Ride from Cambridge, Idaho to Hell's Canyon Dam, stopping for breakfast along the way. At the entrance to Hell's Canyon, your adventure down the Snake River begins. Two class IV rapids, Wild Sheep and Granite, kick off the action with smaller rapids along the way.

#### DAY 2 & 3

Get a sense of pioneer life 100 years ago as you visit an old **homesteader's cabin** and root cellar. Stop to view a few of over 100 Indian rock art sites along the Snake River through Hell's Canyon. Hike along the trail at "Suicide Point" where sweeping vistas of the Snake River 300 feet below will take your breath away. Visit the shearing shed and blacksmith shop at **Kirkwood** Historic Ranch. Choose to relax on an oar boat where the guide does the rowing, paddle with others in a paddleboat or ride in your own inflatable kayak.

### **DAYS 4 & 5**

Tales of the Nez Perce 1877 exodus from their homeland, Snake River steamboats, and Chinese gold miners are complemented by fascinating wildlife, plant life and geology. Reach the Confluence with the Salmon River and continue downriver to our takeout point. It's then a short ride back to Lewiston for a hot shower and farewell dinner. Itinerary will vary slightly based on the selection of a longer or shorter trip.



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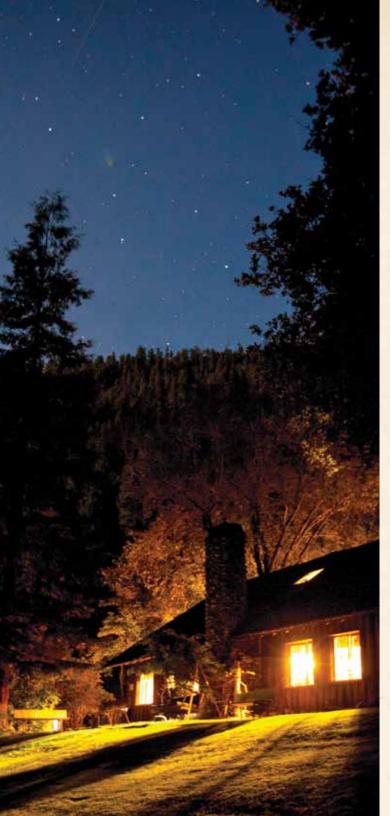
## **Quick Facts**

- » Begins: Cambridge, Idaho
- » Ends: Lewistown, Idaho
- » Season: May September
- » River Distance: 80 miles
- » Rapids: 150+ class II-IV
- » Boat Type: Oarboat, paddleboat, inflatable kayak
- » Minimum Age: 7 (10 at highwater)



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# **Rogue River**

3 OR 4 DAY LODGE TO LODGE S RAND BOAT LAUNCH TO FOSTER BAR

## **Trip Itinerary**

### DAY 1

Meet at Morrison's Lodge along the banks of the Rogue River. After a short orientation, you'll push off onto the gentle currents of the Rogue, perfect for a little relaxation before the first of several moderate rapids. Enter the congressionally-designated **"Wild & Scenic" section** of the Wild Rogue River. Snap a photo of Thundering Rainey Falls. Spend the evening and night at **Black Bar Lodge** where you'll have time to relax in your assigned cabin or explore the area before a family-style dinner.

#### DAY 2

After a hearty breakfast at the lodge, we continue our journey down the Rogue. Experience a series of class II and III rapids, enjoy lunch along the river's edge and learn about early pioneer history with a stop at the **Rogue River Ranch**. Spend the night at **Marial Lodge** where you may enjoy a beautiful hike that leads to a **spectacular waterfall**.

### DAYS 3 & 4

Be on the lookout for deer, black bear and river otters as you drift past dramatic **Stair Creek Falls**, cascading into the emerald water. Turn up the thrill level with some of the Rogue's **most notorious rapids** including Mule Creek Canyon, Blossom Bar and Devil's Staircase. Based on the length of your trip, you may enjoy one more night at a unique riverside lodge along the Rogue River.

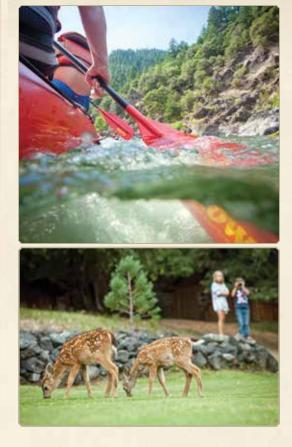
### **CAMPING OPTION**

In addition to the Lodge to Lodge Rogue River trips, camping trips are also available. These include all meals and equipment. Visit westernriver.com for more information.



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- » Begins & Ends: Merlin, Oregon
- » Season: May October
- » River Distance: 40 miles
- » Rapids: 50+ class II-IV
- » Boat Type: Oarboat, paddleboat, inflatable kayak
- » Minimum Age: 5





## What to expect on a river trip with Western River Expeditions

"The most amazing adventure of a lifetime. The majesty of the Canyon is beyond anything I could have imagined and the hiking into the side canyons awesome. Our guides Johnny, Wiley, Nate and Patrick are people I will never forget, entertaining, knowledgeable, funny, the best cooks ever and just wonderful, wonderful people. The team on our rig were fabulous as well, again amazing and wonderful people. Thank you all so much, I had so much fun going down the rapids my sides ached from laughing and I dream of the day I will be able to return. This trip was out of this world and beyond my dreams."

**CHOOSING YOUR ADVENTURE »** We want to make sure that the vacation package you select is an adventure of a lifetime. Rest assured, we will make every possible effort to ensure your comfort and safety while traveling with us. We have a five decade history of satisfied guests, and we are excited to have you join their ranks.

During the pre-trip planning process, we often receive a number of questions related to choosing which trip is best for you, the nature of a river trip, what to expect during the trip, and what degree of physical conditioning is required. While we have found that we can accommodate a wide range of abilities on all of our rafting trips, the better prepared you are, the more you will enjoy yourself.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GUESTS » 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. Although we do have experience accommodating persons with a wide range of physical challenges, disabilities, or medical and health conditions, we have found that for some people the fact of age, weight, lack of conditioning, heart or other disease, can 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 52") required by the National Park Service.
- Securely grip ropes provided for handholds while running the rapids.
- Climb on and off the rafts. Depending on type of raft this could be as much as a 2-3-foot reach and often on wet and slippery surfaces.
- Navigate uneven terrain on hikes and in camp.
- Carry your own dry bag which will include your 20-pound duffle bag along with the sleeping bag and ground cover we provide.

Our principle objective is for you and your fellow guests to have a safe, 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 Acknowledgement of Risk 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.

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 scenic side-canyon hikes, bathroom breaks, lunch and possible swimming opportunities. Visiting with new-found friends and learning river lore and geology from our well-trained guides adds to the enjoyment of each day.

After a full day of learning and fun we arrive in camp. Guests will find their personal campsite and then return to the rafts for the famous "fireline"-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.

The first evening 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 chair 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. Every night is different, but the menu may include items such as grilled chicken breast, steak with sautéed onions, pasta or fresh fish.

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.

Each 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 fireline once again and you are off on another fun-filled day of adventure.

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