



## Packing List & Travel Tips

As you prepare for outdoor adventure, having the right gear is essential for your comfort. Although the weather is generally very pleasant in the spring and summer months, you should prepare for the possibility of stormy weather. Please refer to the lists below for an idea of what to bring on each of your adventures.

### **HUMMER SAFARI**

- Shorts and t-shirt
- Comfortable shoes
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- For added sun protection, consider a hat and lightweight long-sleeve shirt and/or pants
- Water and snacks will be provided

### **WESTWATER CANYON RAFTING TRIP**

- Swimsuit (2-piece swimsuit and quick-drying shorts recommended for women)
- Quick-drying shirt—consider a long-sleeve shirt for added sun protection
- Sturdy water sandals or shoes
- Rain suit or poncho
- Sunscreen
- Sunscreen lip balm
- Sunglasses with safety strap
- Hat with safety strap
- Sport water bottle with clip or carabiner
- Medication if needed (cool storage is available)
- Camera - waterproof digital camera with extra batteries and memory cards recommended (Note: online post-trip photo sharing will be available for those with digital images. You will be given access information via email. Please ensure we have your accurate email address on file.)

### **HORSEBACK RIDE (optional activity at ranch)**

- Long pants
- Comfortable shirt (consider a lightweight, long-sleeve shirt for added sun protection)
- Closed-toe shoes
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Sport water bottle with clip or carabiner

### **GRATUITIES**

Your guides will make every effort to see that each of your adventures 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. As guides for each activity will likely differ, you'll want to take some cash on each of the trips. A suggested per-person guideline is between \$5 and \$15 for Hummer and Horseback tours and \$10 to \$25 on the rafting trip. The common practice is to give the gratuity to the guide at the end of the trip. In trips where multiple guides have participated, the gratuity will be split amongst all of them.



## Items provided by Western River Expeditions

- » 3 Nights accommodations at Red Cliffs Lodge
- » Off-Road Hummer Safari
- » Westwater Canyon rafting trip (includes lunch, snacks and unlimited water and lemonade)
- » Transfers to and from Westwater Canyon (from Red Cliffs)
- » Breakfast at Red Cliffs on days 2, 3 and 4
- » 1 dinner at Red Cliffs Lodge - can be used on day 1 or 2 (one dinner on your own). You may choose a horseback ride at Red Cliffs for an additional fee.
- » Professional, licensed guides
- » Custom rafts and lifejackets

## 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

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### 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. Get a FREE item with a "Works" purchase. 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.





## The morning of your trip:

- Eat a good breakfast at Red Cliffs Cowboy Grill.
- Meet the shuttle bus at approx. 8:15 am in front of the Red Cliffs Lodge reception area.
- Come dressed and ready to raft (see diagram below):
- 30 minute bus ride to the Westwater Canyon boat ramp.

### BIG SMILE

A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight

### RETENTION DEVICE(S)

River guides invented these thirty years ago for hats and sunglasses. They work!

### LIFE JACKET / PFD

Available at the river's edge, with the rafts

### LIP BALM & SUNSCREEN

At least 30 SPF - You will have time to apply this before rafting

### MEDICATION

(if needed)

### WATERPROOF CAMERA

Or use a waterproof / sandproof case

### QUALITY RAIN GEAR

Good quality rain gear is handy for rain, but especially for rapids!



### HAT FOR SUN PROTECTION

Wide-brimmed hat, baseball cap or visor

### COMFORTABLE 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 in the desert

### STURDY WATER SANDALS OR SHOES

No flip flops, mukluks, cowboy boots, spurs, etc.



## Gear provided:

- 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 and paddle rafts.

## 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 some stretches of calm water both before and after whitewater rapids.

## Things to bring:

- Extra snacks, if desired. (Snacks will be provided during the trip).
- Photo ID, a major credit card, and cash for gratuities.

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

- Car keys should be left in secure location in your room at Red Cliffs
- Electronic devices (storage available for heat-sensitive items)
- Jewelry



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