

The Upper Canyon
3 ½ Day Motorized Trips OR 5 ½ Day Oar Trip
Lee's Ferry to Boat Beach
88 River Miles

On this 3 ½ day motor and 5 ½ oar expedition your journey will take you 88 miles from Lees Ferry to Boat Beach (deep within the Grand Canyon). Your only schedule is to arrive at the take-out destination the morning of the last day – so relax and enjoy the grandeur of the upper canyon with its geological changes as the canyon walls rise above the river to heights of 5000 feet.

THE DAY BEFORE: Arrive to Las Vegas by 12 pm, you will take a shuttle to Boulder City to catch a flight to Page, AZ. Wilderness River Adventures can help arrange your room reservation at Lake Powell Resorts and Marina for an additional cost. You will be charged at the time of booking and confirmation will be sent with your trip instructions. The evening prior to your trip you will attend a “Meet and Greet” which last approximately ½-1hour.

THE DAY OF DEPARTURE: We transport all participants to the Colorado River launch point at Lees Ferry, AZ via bus. The drive takes approximately 1 hour and is 50 miles from Lake Powell Resort.

TYPICAL DAY ON THE COLORADO RIVER: Wake up to the smell of freshly brewed cowboy coffee. Breakfast is hot and hearty – or as light as you want. After breakfast you will be asked to form a “bucket line” to help load the gear back on the boats. Enjoy spectacular white water of major rapids, such as House Rock Rapid, Hance Rapid, Sockdolager, and Grapevine – you will see and enjoy dozens of additional sights including Vasey’s Paradise, Redwall Cavern and The Little Colorado, as well as stretches of calm water where you will relax in the warm sun and enjoy breathtaking scenery. Lunch on the Colorado River; build your own sandwiches, with chips, cookies, fruit and soft drinks. Late afternoon finds you at camp for the evening and you will be asked to help unload the gear from the boats. As your crew sets up the camp kitchen everyone finds their ideal camp spot and sets up their “home” for the night. You will be able to relax and enjoy hors d’ oeuvres, get better acquainted with your fellow river companions as dinner sizzles on the grill. After dinner watch the sun set, join in the conversation of the group, and listen to the quiet of the canyon as you settle into your sleeping bag under a blanket of stars

THE LAST DAY: Your expedition terminates deep within Grand Canyon’s inner gorge at Boat Beach. Our boats arrive at Boat Beach early morning to give you the advantage of the cool morning temperatures. A selection of food and water will be provided for your hike out. Make sure that you bring two 2-quart water bottles, one for water and one for electrolyte replacement drink. Backpacks are necessary for this hike. Hiking instructions will be sent with your trip instructions. **This is a 9.5-mile hike. We do not recommend this hike unless you are in excellent physical condition and have done a lot of hiking.** You will ascend over 5000 feet in elevation from the river to the rim. Temperatures can vary greatly; during the summer inner canyon temperatures can reach 120° at high noon. The hike will take from 6 to 9 hours depending on the individual up a maintained but strenuous trail.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

1. Flying into Las Vegas

Getting here: Get to Las Vegas by 12 pm, you will take a shuttle from McCarran Airport to Boulder city and charter flight to Page, AZ

Going home: Hike out to the South Rim. You will need to make your own arrangements to fly back to Las Vegas, NV

2. Driving to Page, AZ

Getting here: Drive your car to Page, AZ. Having made prior arrangements, have your car shuttled from Page to the South Rim by a car shuttle service listed on our Transportation Information sheet.

Going home: Hike out to the South Rim where your car awaits you. The shuttle company will advise where they will leave your car.