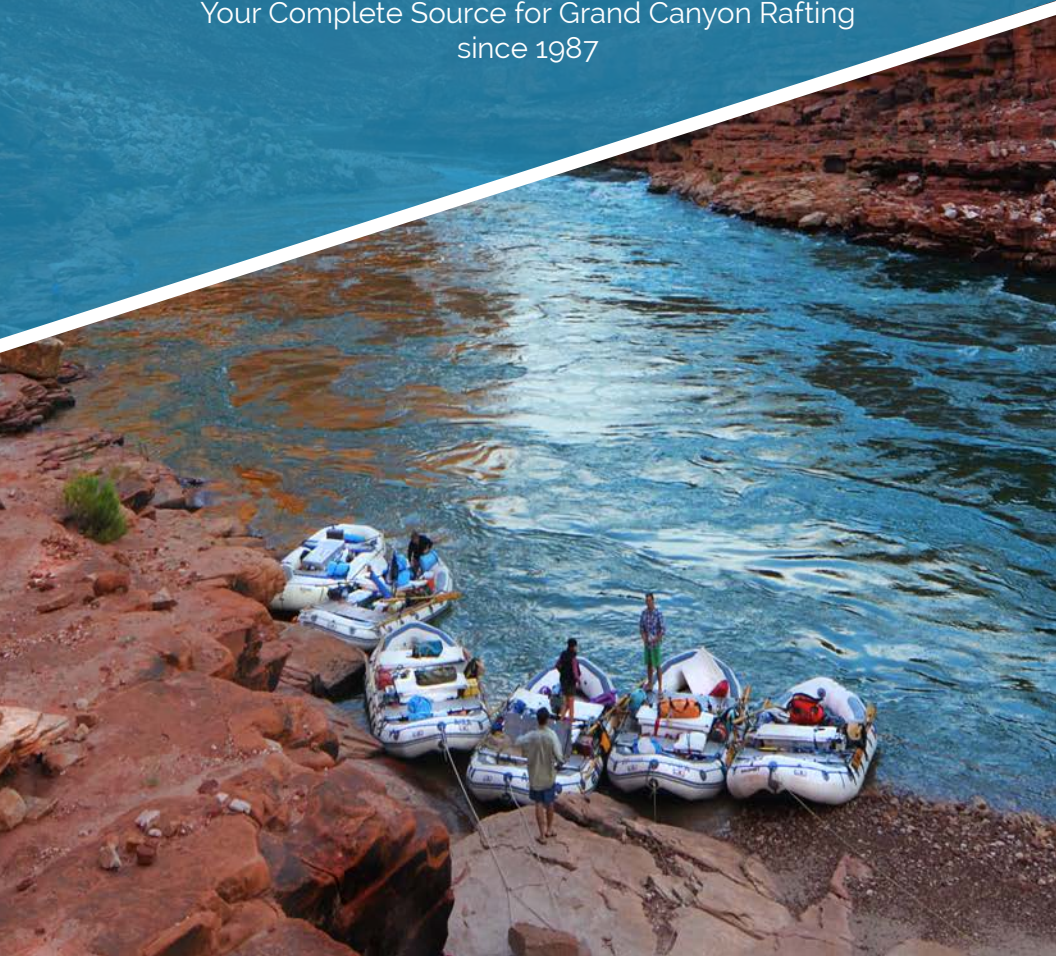


GRAND CANYON RAFTING MADE EASY



Rivers & Oceans

Your Complete Source for Grand Canyon Rafting
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With over 100 different trips, 15 commercial rafting outfitters, and other logistics to consider, choosing a Grand Canyon rafting trip that is right for you can feel overwhelming. We are experts at Grand Canyon rafting: We work with all the outfitters and we know all the trips. In the spirit of making it easy for you, we created this quick guide to help you understand your options.

We've broken it down into four simple sections:

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PUT IN TO TAKE OUT: LENGTH OF RAFTING TRIPS

A few essential river terms before we begin:

Put In

The point on the river where your rafting expedition will begin.

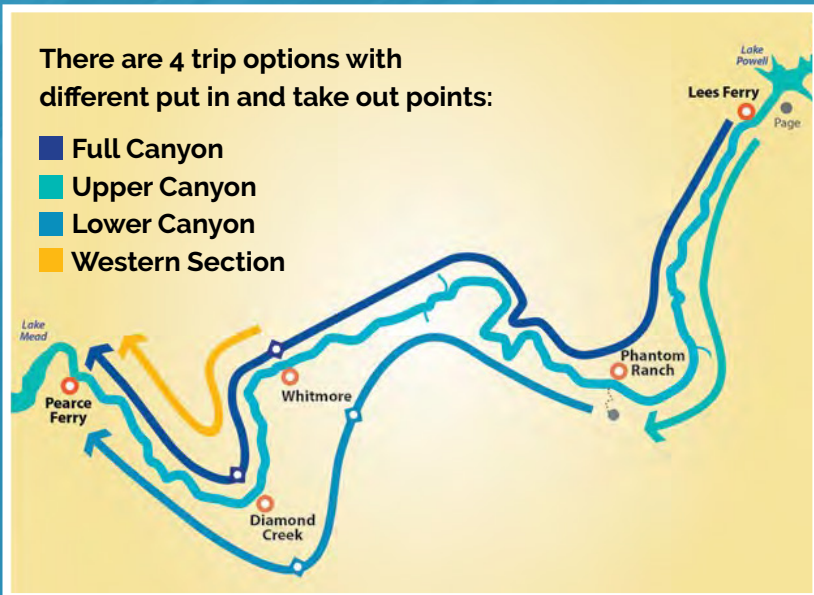
Take Out

The point on the river where your rafting expedition will end.

River Mile (RM)

The number of miles measured from Lees Ferry.

The Colorado River runs 280 river miles through Grand Canyon, but not all rafting trips cover the entire 280 miles.



We believe that each section of river in Grand Canyon has its own character and qualities, offering a unique rafting experience. Our advice: The more time you can spend in Grand Canyon, the better. No matter which trip you choose, there is always more to discover.

FULL CANYON

The Full Grand Canyon rafting adventure begins at Lees Ferry and goes through Grand Canyon to 1 of 3 take out points: Whitmore Wash (RM 188), Diamond Creek (RM 225), or Pearce Ferry (RM 280), depending on your trip's pre-arranged logistics.

[Click here to watch our Full Grand Canyon Video](#)

	MOTOR TRIPS	OAR TRIPS
LENGTH	6 – 10 days	11 – 18 days
PRICE	\$3,550 – \$5,000 per person	\$5,199 – \$8,900 per person

WHY WE LOVE THE FULL CANYON EXPERIENCE

The Whole Enchilada

Experience the entire Grand Canyon from the beginning until the end and immerse yourself in this wondrous place.

No Mandatory Hike

There is no requirement to do the hike in or out on a Full Grand Canyon rafting trip, making this trip more accessible.

Time to Explore

There are abundant opportunities for lengthy side canyon hikes, discovering the Canyon's secrets, and soaking in the scenery.



UPPER CANYON

The upper section begins near the Arizona/Utah border at Lees Ferry and covers 88 river miles. The trip finishes in the Phantom Ranch area where guests will hike out of Grand Canyon on the Bright Angel Trail. (For more information on hiking out, see page 19.)

	MOTOR TRIPS	OAR TRIPS
LENGTH	4 – 8 days	4 – 8 days
PRICE	\$1,975 – \$2,450 per person	\$2,470 – \$4,700 per person



WHY WE LOVE THE UPPER CANYON EXPERIENCE

Moderate Introduction

Both the Canyon walls and river rapids build in size as you float downstream, giving you time to gradually take in the experience.

Time Travel

See each rock layer up close as you gradually descend through geologic time on the Upper Grand Canyon rafting trip.

Hike Out

Your river adventure ends at Phantom Ranch, where you will hike out of the Grand Canyon from its deepest point; a great way to say goodbye to the Canyon.



LOWER CANYON

The lower section begins with a hike into Grand Canyon from the South Rim on the Bright Angel Trail. (For more information on hiking in, see page 19.) After hiking in, guests will travel to 1 of 3 take out points: Whitmore Wash (RM 188), Diamond Creek (RM 225), or Pearce Ferry (RM 280), depending on your trip's pre-arranged logistics.

	MOTOR TRIPS	OAR TRIPS
LENGTH	5 - 7 days	7 - 12 days
PRICE	\$2,670 - \$3,225 per person	\$3,695 - \$7,000 per person

WHY WE LOVE THE LOWER CANYON EXPERIENCE

Hike In

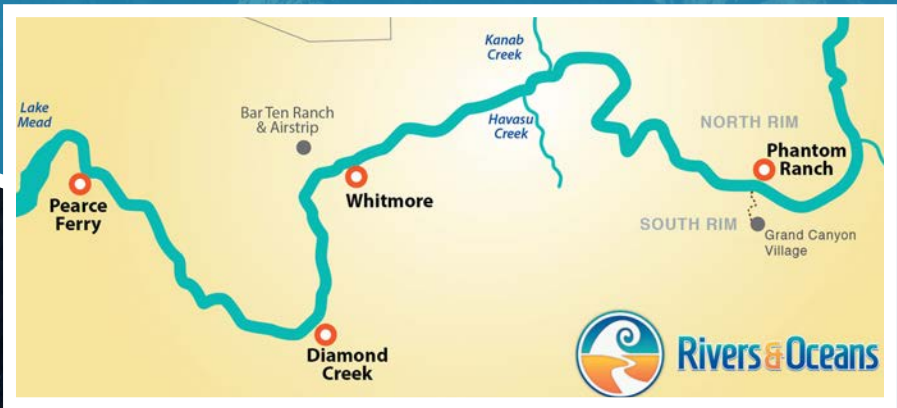
Your adventure begins by hiking into the deepest part of Grand Canyon via the famous Bright Angel Trail.

Big Whitewater

On day one, you'll immediately plunge into some of the Colorado's most famous rapids and by the end of the trip you'll have run many of the biggest, navigable rapids on the North American continent.

Tributaries

There are an abundance of hiking opportunities alongside streams in the lower section that provide reprieve from the hot summer temperatures.



WESTERN SECTION

The Western section begins with a helicopter ride from the rim to the Colorado River at Whitmore Wash (RM 188) and ends 92 miles downstream at Pearce Ferry (RM 280).

	MOTOR TRIPS	OAR TRIPS
LENGTH	3 - 4 days	4 - 5 days
PRICE	\$2,000 - \$2,430 per person	\$2,400 - \$3,600 per person



WHY WE LOVE THE WESTERN EXPERIENCE

An Ideal Introduction

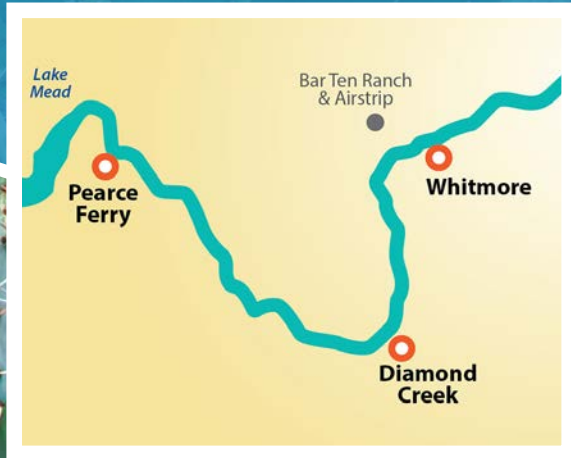
With no mandatory hike in or out of the Canyon, this is a great introductory trip offering mild whitewater, the feeling of being a mile deep in the earth, and the experience of sleeping beneath the stars.

Bird's Eye View

The scenic helicopter transport from the ranch to the river offers a breathtaking aerial view of Grand Canyon.

Big Scenery

The Colorado River saves some of its best for last as it cascades into the lower gorge of Grand Canyon, creating wide vistas and views that are unparalleled.



MOTOR OR OAR: TYPES OF RAFTING TRIPS

One of the biggest factors to consider when choosing your Grand Canyon river trip is the type of craft you would like to take down river. We have organized our offerings into two categories: motor trips and oar trips. Each offers a different experience, yet the two main deciding factors for most of our clients are age restrictions and length of trip.

- 1. Age Restrictions:** A motor trip requires children to be at least 8 years of age. A non-motor trip requires children to be at least 12.
- 2. Length of Trip:** A motor trip travels approximately twice as fast as a non-motorized trip. This means that you can travel the length of the canyon in as little as 6 days on a motor boat and as few as 12 days by oar boat.

No matter what type of boat you choose, remember:
It's the Grand Canyon that makes the experience!



Motor vs. Non-Motor Trips

The Stats	Motorized	Non-Motorized
Group Size	14-28 people	16-24 people
Boats per Trip	1-2	4-6
Boat Capacity	14 people	4 people
Minimum Age	8	12 oar trips, 14 all paddle
Average Miles Traveled per Day	35	18
Trip Lengths	Motorized	Non-Motorized
Full Canyon	188-280 river miles 6-10 days	188-280 river miles 11-18 days
Upper Canyon	88 river miles 3-4 days	88 river miles 5-7 days
Lower Canyon	100-189 river miles 5-7 days	100-189 river miles 7-10 days
Western Canyon	92 river miles 3-4 days	92 river miles 4-5 days



WHY WE LOVE MOTOR BOATS

More Availability

The higher number of motor trip launches increases our odds for finding availability and getting people on the river.

Shorter Trip Length

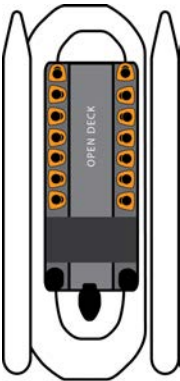
A motorized trip allows you to see more of the Canyon in a shorter period of time.

Accessibility

Motor boats have opened the Canyon to people of all ages and ability levels.

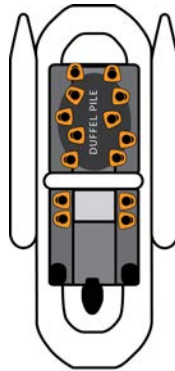
All motor boats are powered by environmentally friendly, quiet, four-stroke outboard motors. A guide stands at the back of the boat to operate the motor.

Motorized Boats



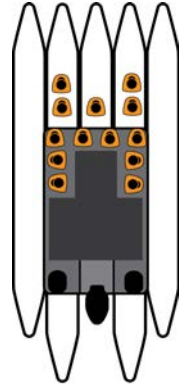
C-Craft

Carries up to 14 passengers and 2 guides. The boat has an open deck that runs down the center and is the largest motorboat in Grand Canyon.



S-Rig

Carries up to 14 passengers and 2 guides. Generally, guests sit on decks that encircle a large duffel pile in the middle.



J-Rig

Carries up to 14 passengers and 2 guides. The seating configuration is outfitter specific.

WHY WE LOVE OUR BOATS

Absolute Quiet

Aside from the occasional squeak of an oarlock, the ride on an oar raft or dory offers the opportunity to hear the subtle sounds of nature.

Closeness to the River

Oar and Paddle passengers sit closer to the water, which lends itself to the simple pleasure of feeling the river run through your fingers as you travel downstream.

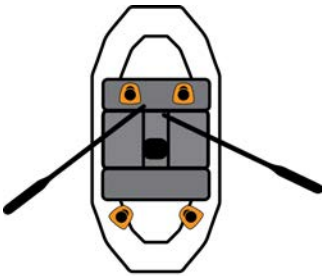
Slower Pace

Because non-motorized boats travel at half the speed of motorboats, there are many opportunities to go with the flow, sit back, and soak in the Canyon.



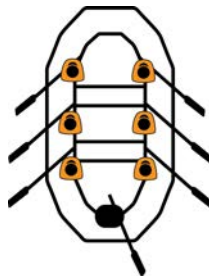
All non-motorized craft are either powered by a guide who rows an oar boat or who captains a team of participants on a paddle raft.

Non-Motorized Boats



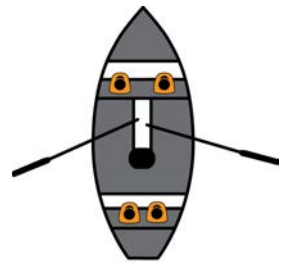
Oar Boat

Carries up to 4 passengers and 1 guide. The guide is responsible for navigating the boat.



Paddle Boat

Carries up to 6 passengers and 1 guide. Passengers are responsible for propelling the boat while a guide navigates from the stern. There are only a few all-paddle trips and hybrid trips (a mix of paddle and oar rafts) offered in Grand Canyon.



Dory Boat

Carries up to 4 guests and 1 guide.

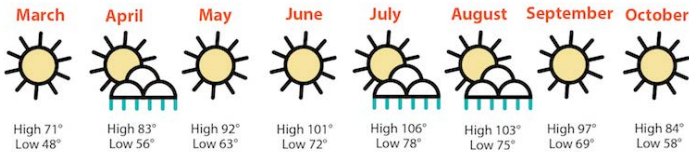
The guide is responsible for navigating the boat.

This is a classic wooden, hard hulled boat. There are only a handful of dory trips offered in Grand Canyon.

SEASONS OF GRAND CANYON

When is the best time to raft in Grand Canyon? Every season in the Grand Canyon comes with its own beauties and challenges. April and May have cooler temperatures, which require extra layers, but allow for longer hikes while the wildflowers are in bloom. Spring can bring strong winds. June through August are the hottest and busiest months to raft Grand Canyon with temperatures ranging from 95-115°F. Monsoon season starts in July and goes through August, bringing afternoon clouds and rain showers to cool things off. As the rafting season winds down in September and October, you can expect cooler weather, longer hikes, and shorter days.

Inner Canyon temperatures are not the same as temperatures on the rim!



INNER CANYON TEMPERATURES DURING RAFTING SEASON

HIKING IN OR OUT OF GRAND CANYON

The Bright Angel trail runs from the South Rim 7.5 miles down to the Colorado River with an elevation change of 4500 feet. You must be prepared to hike for 4 to 8 hours carrying your own personal pack and water. Elements such as heat and elevation will have an impact. Hiking into the canyon is equally as demanding as hiking out of the canyon and can be more difficult for people with knee issues.

If you answer yes to the following questions, dust off your hiking boots and get ready!

- Are you in good health?
- Are you in good physical shape? (Do you exercise regularly? Can you walk ten miles without issue?)
- Are you capable of carrying a backpack weighing 20-30 lbs. and at least two liters of water?
- Are you willing to take the hike seriously: Train for the hike, pack lightly and eat and drink properly during the hike?

If you are more than a little overweight, out of shape, have a heart condition, joint problems, asthma or are afraid of heights, it would be wise to consider a rafting trip that does not require a hike in or out of the Canyon.

The experience of rafting the Colorado through Grand Canyon is one that will touch something within and leave a lasting impression on your heart. We believe we are connecting you to much more than just a vacation. We've been doing this for 30 years and we love it. We hope this guide has helped you understand your options. If you're ready to take that next step or if you have questions, please feel free to give us a call - we'll guide you through!

WHY RIVERS & OCEANS?

Save Time

We do the legwork for you, contacting ALL 15 Grand Canyon rafting outfitters and presenting you with a list of available trips that fit your timeframe and budget.

Grand Canyon Insiders

Get the real advantage; many of us are Grand Canyon river guides, we know ALL the trips, we're local, and we have longstanding relationships with ALL the outfitters.

Regional Expertise

We'll not only find you a rafting trip, we'll help you get there by arranging local transportation and lodging (something most outfitters won't do).

Fee Free Service

Our commission is paid by the outfitters we represent; the price of your expedition is the same as booking direct.



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