

6 DAY GRAND CANYON OAR POWERED TRIP

WHERE TO MEET US

You need to get to a place called MARBLE CANYON, ARIZONA.

HOW TO GET THERE

Traveling from home by private vehicle

Look at an Arizona road map and locate US 89-Alt at the extreme northern end of the state. The eastern segment of US 89-Alt crosses the Colorado River and Marble Canyon is right there on the west side of the bridge. Plan to arrive in Marble Canyon by 4:30-5:00 PM the evening prior to your trip date.

Traveling from home by air

Book your flight to Las Vegas, Nevada to arrive no later than 11:00 AM the day prior to your river trip departure date. A van/bus company will meet you at 12:00 noon at McCarran International and transport you to Marble Canyon, a five hour drive. Meeting place is "0 level" (ground level) on the east end of the main terminal, one floor down from the baggage claim area.

WHERE TO STAY WHEN YOU GET THERE

Marble Canyon Lodge is the most convenient location to stay the night prior to the river launch. For bookings, contact Marble Canyon Lodge at 800-726-1789 or 928-355-2225. Tell them you are going on a river trip with Moki Mac. Dinner and breakfast are available in the on-property restaurant.

If you have your own transportation and wish to camp out the night prior to the river trip, there is a public campground (first come first served) down near Lees Ferry.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN YOU GET THERE

We will meet you at Marble Canyon Lodge at 6:00-6:30 PM the evening before the river trip for a short informational and pre orientation meeting. At this meeting, we will pass out water proof river bags for you to pack your gear into that night. General questions and concerns will be addressed, along with a brief overview of what to expect during the following 6 days.

The following morning we will meet you at the Lodge for an 8:00 AM transfer down to the river at Lees Ferry, about a five mile ride. If you have your own transportation, you may leave your vehicle at the NPS long term parking lot (there is no parking fee) near the launch ramp. See below regarding arrangements for vehicle shuttles.

WHAT YOU SHOULD PLAN FOR AND DO FOR THE END OF THE RIVER TRIP

The river trip will end at Phantom Ranch/Pipe Creek trail. We'll arrive at Phantom Ranch early in the morning on the 6th river day. If you have arranged for the outbound duffle service (see "Other Arrangements" below), we'll stop long enough to drop off your duffle and then take you down the river a mile or so to a place called Pipe Creek where the Bright Angel Trail reaches the river. There, one of our crew will accompany you part of the way up the trail to Indian Gardens, where another Moki employee will meet the group and escort you the rest of the way up to the top. Earlier that morning, you'll have an opportunity to pack a sack lunch for the hike out.

After your hike out of the Canyon, you will urgently need a place to shower, sleep and generally recuperate. Reservations can be made at the same time and with the same people that you will contact for the Duffle Service (see “Other Arrangements” below). Call Xanterra at 888-297-2757, select “Reservations on the South Rim”. Tell the nice person on the other end of the line that you will need a room(s) for the night following your hike out. Closest to the trail head is Bright Angel Lodge/Cabins. Other close by places are the Thunderbird or Kachina facilities, the stately old El Tovar for those who want a touch of luxury or the Maswik, about ½ mile across the tracks to the west. Your Xanterra operator can help you with all of these properties.

For organizing flights home for the day after your hike out of the Canyon, first Contact Bar10/Vision Air (800-582-4139, or 435-628-4010, email reservations@bar10.com, fax 435-628-5124) OR the Grand Canyon Airlines/Scenic/Papillon combine (866-235-9422 or 702-638-3300) to book a flight from the South Rim/Grand Canyon airport to Las Vegas. These companies operate flights between Grand Canyon airport and Boulder City Airport, Nevada or North Las Vegas Airport. They include ground transportation from their respective airports to McCarran International. After confirming schedules/availability for this flight, THEN book your flight from McCarran International to your home (or where-ever you’ll be going) to coincide with the available flight/schedules offered by the above carriers.

Transportation between South Rim Village and Grand Canyon airport is available from Xanterra Taxi, 928-638-2822.

If you drove a private vehicle to Marble Canyon and you want to meet it at the end of the river trip, you need to pre-arrange car shuttle services. Two options are: River Runners Shuttle Service, PO Box 61, Meadview, Arizona 86444. 928-564-2391, Fax 928-564-2781, email info@rrshuttleservice.com OR Al Herron at Al’s Transport, PO Box 2289, Page, Arizona, 86040, 928-645-3420, atcherron@yahoo.com . Either will deliver your vehicle to a pre arranged parking spot at the South Rim.

An alternative to automobile shuttle services is an available van service (Trans Canyon Van Service) running daily between the South and North Rims of the Grand Canyon. It passes right by Marble Canyon Lodge, and will drop you off or pick you up there. Drive to Marble Canyon and leave your car, take the van back to Marble from the South Rim after your hike out. OR, drive to the south Rim, leave your car and take the van over to Marble to begin the river trip. Pick up your car after your hike out at the end of the river trip. Contact Trans Canyon Van Service at 928-638-2820 and/or <http://www.trans-canyonshuttle.com>

OTHER ARRANGMENTS NEEDED FOR THIS TRIP

You will have to carry everything you bring for this trip on your hike out from the river. A good alternative is to hire the available Duffle Service provided by Grand Canyon National Park Lodges. THE HIKE out is almost ten miles in length with a five thousand foot elevation gain. Our advice is – HIRE THE DUFFLE SERVICE! You’ll repack your river bag contents into a duffle bag (you provide) with dimensions of about 36”X20”X13”, maximum weight of 30 pounds We’ll drop this duffel off at Phantom. It will be loaded on a mule and will be at the South Rim by 4:30-5:00 PM that same afternoon. The charge for this service is about \$70.00 (surcharge for bags over 30 lbs). Contact Xanterra Parks & Resorts at 888-297-2757 and select “Reservations on the South Rim”. Tell the operator that you wish to make reservations for “outbound duffle” on the day you’ll be hiking out (6th day of trip). *Do not procrastinate in making these arrangements. There are a limited number of duffels per day.*

WHAT TO BRING

Pack your gear in a duffel bag.

✓ Clothing

1-2 shorts	1 long pants	1-2 shirts
1 long sleeved shirt	underwear/sox	1-2 swimsuits
Sarong	2 hats with tie strings	bandanas
rain gear	jacket or sweatshirt	sandals & tennis shoes
thermals/wet suit booties (spring and fall trips)		

✓ Personal Items

toothbrush/toothpaste	lip balm	heavy moisturizing lotion
comb/brush	soap/shampoo	sunscreen
deodorant	razor (optional)	medications
female hygiene products	water bottle/canteen	sunglasses/eyeglass holder
towel	camera	book/journal/pens

✓ Camping Gear

Sleeping bag/sheet	Tent	Pad/Ground Cloth
Small back pack	Carabiner	Flashlight/batteries

(Flashlights with red light mode are good)

Shorts/pants with pockets that close with Velcro or a zipper are good to have. Convertible pants (zip off legs) take the place of shorts & long pants.

A sarong or light weight cloth is handy to use for a cover up on the boat; provide some privacy while changing clothes in camp; and can be used for a sheet.

Shoes for hiking should provide support. Some hikes require stream crossings so your hiking shoes will get wet. During the day on the rafts, your feet can be wet for long periods so strap-on sandals are appropriate.

The best rain gear is pants and a jacket. Ponchos are not very effective and are very difficult to wear under a life jacket.

Some people prefer synthetics that are quick drying and some like the evaporative cooling of wet cotton. During the cooler months you will want quick-drying clothes and during the hottest months you may want to bring some cotton clothes.

There are many web sites that sell outdoor clothing. A couple of sites that we have found and like are www.sierratradingpost.com and www.usoutdoor.com.

The small backpack is used for storing rain gear and items you may want during the day. Line your daypack with a heavy weight garbage bag to keep contents dry. It is also handy for use on hikes.

A carabiner is an oval shaped metal ring with a one-way gate, and is useful to quickly fasten and unfasten your small daypack to the duffel load on the raft. You do not need expensive ones but they should be full size (about 4”X2”).

The only cash you will need will be for drink purchases at Marble Canyon, incidentals at Phantom Ranch, and guide gratuities (5%-8% of trip fare recommended). A credit card may prove handy for unforeseen emergencies.

If you bring liquor, please transfer it to plastic bottles. Beer, soda and wine can be purchased at Marble Canyon Lodge.

There are limited fishing opportunities. If you choose to bring a rod, make it a compact model. Catch and release (barbless hooks) apply. You will need to purchase a 5-day out of state fishing license at Marble Canyon Lodge if you want to fish during the river trip.

There is a place in McCarran International Airport called “Fitness Beast”. The entrance is on the east end of the terminal on level 2 (just above the baggage claim area). For \$10/person, you can go there for a shower after your river trip.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

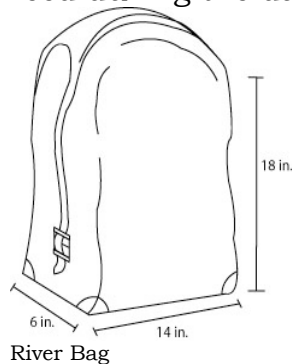
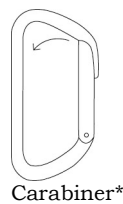
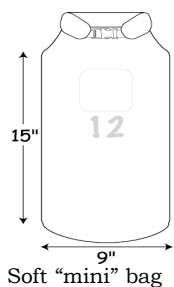
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THE RIVER BAGS FOR YOUR GEAR

Your clothes and sleeping bag will fit into two waterproof river bags we provide. Tents and pads will be packed into large communal waterproof bags each day. We will also provide a soft river bag for your day use items. The daypack you may bring can be used for your rain gear, extra shoes and other items you will need during the day.



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Once you launch on the river, communications from or to the outside are very difficult. For emergency contacts, leave the following telephone numbers:

Moki Mac River Expeditions: (800) 284-7280 or (801) 268-6667
Moki Mac Arizona Warehouse: (928) 355-2504 or (928) 355-2285
National Park Service: (928) 638-7804 (Dispatch)

INTERRUPTION/TRAVEL INSURANCE

We urge you to purchase vacation interruption insurance to protect you in case you must cancel your trip. Policy purchases may be time sensitive. Make early inquiries. Please contact Travelsafe.com or call (800) 523-8020, or InsureMyTrip.com.

WEATHER

April/May: Average temperatures are in the high 70's/low 90's (22-33 C) during the day and the mid 50's/60's (10-16 C) at night. There may be rain showers.

June: Average temperatures are in the high 90's/low 100's (33-38 C) during the day and the low 70's (22 C) at night. It is usually dry.

July/August: Average temperatures are in the high 90's/low 100's (33-38 C) during the day and mid to high 70's (22-25 C) at night. Thundershowers are likely.

September/October: Average temperatures are in the mid 80's/high 90's (27-33 C) during the day and the mid 50's/high 60's (10-16 C) at night. There may be rain showers.

SUGGESTED READING

Grand Canyon River Guide, by Bill Belknap. Westwater Books, Evergreen, Colorado (Waterproof map, great to have with you on the trip. We have these maps for sale through our office)

The Exploration of the Colorado River and its Canyons, by John Wesley Powell, Dover Publications, Inc., New York

The Kolb Brothers of the Grand Canyon, Grand Canyon Natural History Association

Lee's Ferry, Desert River Crossing, by W.L. Rusho and C. Gregory Crampton, Cricket Productions, Salt Lake City

The Four Corners Anasazi, by Rose Houk. San Juan National Forest Association

The Fourth World of the Hopi, by Harold Courtlander, University of New Mexico Press

An Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology, by Michael Collier. The Grand Canyon Natural History Association

Desert Solitaire, by Edward Abbey. Ballantine Books, New York

Ghosts of Glen Canyon, by C. Gregory Crampton. Cricket Productions. Salt Lake City

Grand Canyon Wildflowers, by Arthur M. Phillips, III, Grand Canyon Natural History Association

Archaeology of the Grand Canyon: The Bright Angel Site, by Douglas Schwartz, Michael P. Marshall, Jane Kepp, School of American Research Press, Santa Fe

The River That Flows Uphill, by William H. Calvin, Sierra Club Books, California

Downcanyon: A Naturalist Explores the Colorado River Through Grand Canyon, by Ann Zwinger, The University of Arizona Press, Tucson