

Grand Canyon



Trip Orientation Meeting: August 20, 2016 at 5:30PM

Put-On River: August 21, 2016 at Lees Ferry

Take-Off River: September 4, 2016 at Diamond Creek

Trip Start/End Location: Flagstaff, Arizona

Trip Description:

This memorable trip is run out of Flagstaff, Arizona. You'll meet the night before the trip at a hotel in town to get acquainted with your fellow participants, meet the Trip Leader, and receive a thorough trip orientation. The next morning we'll head to Lees Ferry, the put-in for our trip, to begin the adventure. For 15 days we'll float down the Colorado River enjoying the incredible scenery and world-class whitewater. This trip length allows us to experience all the canyon has to offer, from stunning side canyons, to exciting rapids, to beautiful beach camps. We'll travel down river mostly in oar boats, though there's the possibility that we'll also have along a paddleboat or inflatable kayak. Each day will be full and varied and nights will be spent on sandy beaches beneath a canopy of stars and towering canyon walls. Our Guides prepare delicious meals with fresh ingredients that are sure to keep you well fed throughout the trip. With a diverse group with varying ability levels, we may ask participants to pitch in with some trip tasks and we may be certain side hikes we won't do simply because of access. After an unforgettable 15 days on the river we'll reach Diamond Creek, our take out for the trip, and head back to Flagstaff for a group dinner before departing the next morning.

Environmental Traveling Companions

Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) has been providing outdoor adventure opportunities to people of all abilities and backgrounds since 1972. Beginning on the banks of the Stanislaus River, ETC began using volunteers to take people with disabilities and youth from under-resourced backgrounds on whitewater rafting trips. Decades later the organization has grown to include four main programs: whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, cross country skiing, and youth leadership development courses and is recognized as a pioneer in the industry of accessible outdoor adventure. With this growth, ETC has still maintained a strong community, where most trips are staffed by volunteer guides and participants are fully engaged in all aspect of the adventure. An ETC adventure is a unique opportunity to experience nature, achieve growth through challenge, and develop stronger bonds with fellow adventurers.

Canyon Explorations

This trip is operated through Canyon Explorations, an outfitter in the Grand Canyon that has been running whitewater trips for over 22 years. Canyon Explorations' goal is to provide the best Grand Canyon trip possible, focusing on engaging participants fully in the experience and attending to each and every detail of a trip to ensure you have an unforgettable experience. Canyon Explorations is experienced with working with people with disabilities and will work with ETC to make rafting and campsites accessible for a wide variety of disabilities.

Trip Cost: \$4,100

- *Includes: guides, rafting equipment, food*
- *Does not include: transportation to/from Flagstaff, hotel the night before and after the trip, or gratuity.*

Scholarships For Rafter with Special Needs:

Sliding scale scholarships are available to rafters with special needs. Please complete a [Scholarship Application](#) if you would like to apply. ETC applies for a grant from the *Grand Canyon Conservation Fund* to help provide these scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded once grant announcements are made (likely in early summer, 2015)

To Register:

- Contact ETC to confirm trip availability at 415-474-7662 ext. 15 or riverprogram@etctrips.org
- Submit a "Trip Registration Form"
- A deposit of \$1000 is due within two weeks of submitting the registration form to secure your reservation. The remaining trip balance is due on Tuesday, May 21, 2016 (90 days prior to the start of the trip).
- If you are applying for a scholarship, please see the enclosed Financial Aid Scholarship Form. Scholarships will be issued beginning in early summer, 2015.

After You Make Your Reservation:

We will send you a packet containing the following information once the final details of the trip are confirmed:

- Detailed trip information packet including (includes an equipment list and travel information)
- Necessary assumption of risk and
- Trip checklist to assist you in preparing for a safe & fun trip
- Resources, including book titles and articles, to check out before your trip to learn about the area