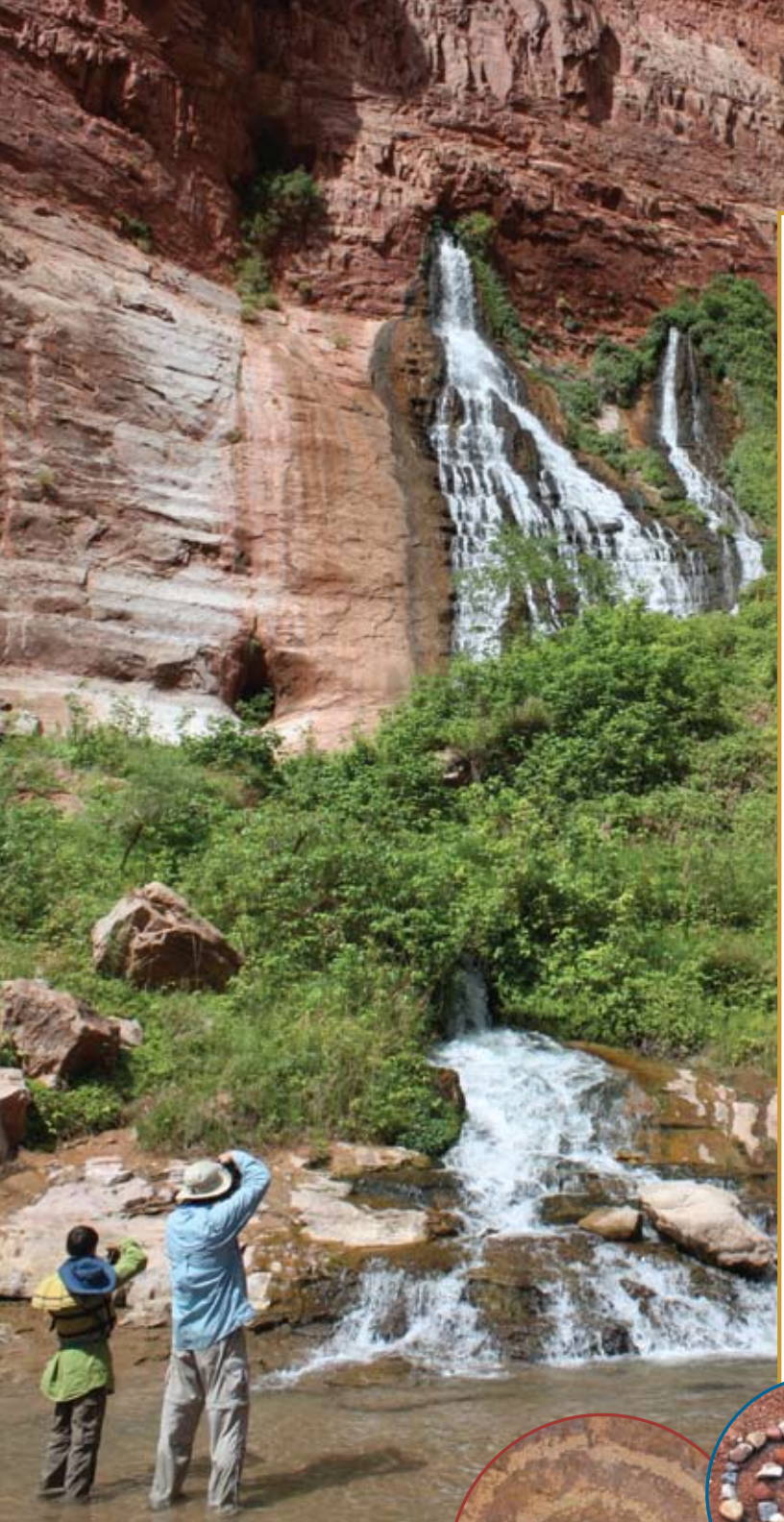


CANYON COUNTRY



"Trip of a lifetime, expertly cared for and looked after by the best in the business. Made some great friends. All in all a brilliant trip. I would not hesitate to recommend CRATE to anyone!"
 — Graeme Edwards, Northumberland, UK

RUN WILD-RUN RIVERS!



Run Wild! Run Rivers!

Fun, excitement, discovery and adventure are waiting for you on a river trip in the Canyon Country of southeastern Utah and northern Arizona! Here the Green and Colorado Rivers churn up big rapids and plenty of whitewater thrills as they flow through some very spectacular canyons – **Desolation Canyon, Westwater Canyon, Cataract Canyon, and Grand Canyon.** There is no better way to see and experience these wild and beautiful places than by river with Colorado River & Trail Expeditions (CRATE).

The river takes you there and CRATE does everything else to make your rafting experience the best it can be. We furnish clean, comfortable camping gear, fresh and delicious meals, and top-notch rafting equipment. Friendly experienced guides are eager to ferry you down the river and share their knowledge of the area's natural history. Best of all, when you travel with CRATE, you have the chance to see backcountry sights and attractions that most river runners miss.

The word "Trail" in our company name signifies the emphasis we place on off-river hiking and exploration. Frequent treks will take you to scenic vistas, waterfalls and emerald pools, slot canyons, shaded grottoes, geological formations, ancient ruins, historical landmarks, and many other places that are beyond the beaten path. Travel by river. Explore on foot. Sleep under the stars. We've been in business more than 40 years, and we can promise that life on the wild side doesn't get any better than this!

Questions? Concerns? Need more information? Please call our office at 1-800-253-7328 or visit our website at www.crateinc.com.



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Grand Canyon

COLORADO RIVER • GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

The Colorado River trip through the Grand Canyon is probably the best-known rafting expedition in the world. For nearly 300 miles the river flows freely through a mile-deep gorge of ever-changing views and vistas, revealing the history of the earth in its multicolored layers of rock. The rapids are legendary, ranging from playful riffles to white knuckle thrills. Side canyon hiking and off-river exploration will take you to places of wonder, where you can frolic in waterfalls, swim in turquoise pools, stand amazed upon scenic overlooks, or relish the cooling shade of slot canyons and hidden grottoes. The recommended minimum age is 12 years old.

Reasons to Go: World Heritage Site, World Famous Geology, Thrilling Rapids, Great Hiking, Turquoise Pools, Beautiful Waterfalls, Ancient Ruins and Native American Mythology, Bighorn Sheep, California Condors, One of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.

Rafting Equipment: 37-Foot Motorized Rafts, 18-Foot Rowing Rigs, 16-Foot Paddle Rafts.

Trip Length: Deluxe Motor Trips 8, 9, and 11 Days, Full Canyon, 280 Miles, Lees Ferry to Lake Mead, with round-trip transportation from Las Vegas. **Rowing and Paddle Trips** 11 Days, 190 Miles, Lees Ferry to Whitmore Wash, with round-trip transportation from Las Vegas.

Shorter rafting trips are available on a limited basis for those who wish to hike in or out of the Canyon in conjunction with their rafting trip. **Upper Grand Canyon Trips** from Lees Ferry to Phantom Ranch are 4-5 days. **Lower Grand Canyon Trips** from Phantom Ranch to Whitmore Wash or Lake Mead are 5-7 days.

Note: Hiking in or out of the Grand Canyon is very strenuous. You must be in very good physical condition.

Ranch & Raft Vacation: 3-4 Days, includes an overnight stay at the Bar Ten Ranch on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, and the rafting trip from Whitmore Wash to Lake Mead, with round-trip transportation from Las Vegas.



"Thank you for taking me places I could never have imagined. Now I truly understand when others have said, 'it's the trip of a lifetime!'"

— Nancy Parraz, Grass Valley, CA

Cataract Canyon

COLORADO RIVER & GREEN RIVER
CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Cataract Canyon, famous for its 15-mile stretch of major rapids, is located below the dramatic confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers in the heart of Canyonlands National Park. Rafting through Cataract's rapids is a heart pounding experience, especially in early summer when river flows are highest. But this remarkable river trip is about more than rapids! From a river corridor of deep red rocks to backcountry vistas that stretch for hundreds of miles, the scenery is amazing! And because Canyonlands National Park is so far removed from civilization, there is no light pollution to interfere with the grandeur of the star-filled night sky. Hike to pre-Puebloan granaries, ancient rock art panels, desert streams, and river overlooks. The minimum age is 10-12 years old, depending on river flows.



Desert Bighorn

Reasons to Go: Famous Big Drop Rapids, Red Rock Scenery, Slickrock Landscapes, Fascinating Geology, Western History, Spectacular Sunsets, Brilliant Night Sky.

Rafting Equipment: 35-Foot Motorized Rafts, 22-Foot Motorized Rafts, 18-Foot Rowing Rafts

Trip Length: Deluxe Motor Trips 3-4 Days on the Colorado River from Moab, Utah, to Hite Marina at Lake Powell. **Rowing Trips** 5 Days on the Colorado River or 7-8 Days on the Green River, from Moab, Utah, to Hite Marina. Return to Moab via scenic air charter flight.

Westwater Canyon

COLORADO RIVER

With its rollicking class 3-4 rapids and polished black Precambrian gorge, Westwater is the best short Canyon Country river trip. Choose from 1-day, 2-day, or 3-day rowing trips in 18-foot rafts. The 1-day trips are fun and exciting, but spending a night or two on the river gives you time to enjoy Westwater's wild character and unique scenery. Round-trip transportation is provided from Green River, Utah. Minimum age: 10-14 years, depending on river flows.

Reasons to Go: Best Short Whitewater Rafting Trip, Exciting Rapids, Fluted Schist and Wingate Sandstone, Western History.

Alaska Rivers

We also run trips on the **Alsek** and **Tatshenshini Rivers** in **Alaska**. A brochure on these wilderness adventures is available on request.



Whitewater Excitement!
Cataract Canyon, Big Drop Two

Desolation Canyon

GREEN RIVER WILDERNESS

Desolation Canyon is a delightful river journey that can be enjoyed by people of all ages with varying interests and abilities. The minimum age for children is 6-8 years old. The dramatic landscape is composed of high terraced cliffs that slope down into a narrow canyon where the Green River flows past sandy beaches, stands of sandbar willow, and groves of cottonwood trees. An area rich in human history and western lore, it contains archaeological ruins dating back more than a thousand years. More than 60 rapids, mostly Class 2, keep things lively and exciting. Good hiking trails provide access into the backcountry wilderness. We meet in Green River, Utah, and begin the adventure with an amazing scenic flight up river to Sandwash, where the rafts are waiting.

Reasons to Go: Fun Rapids, Do-It-Yourself Paddling Options, Archaeological Treasures, Historic Ranches and Outlaw Hideaways, Wild Horses, Big Horn Sheep, Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Swimming Beaches, National Historic Landmark.

Trip Length: 5 Days, 83 miles, from Sandwash to Swasey's Beach, Green River, Utah.

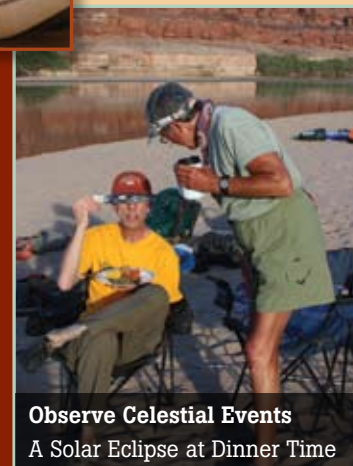
Rafting Equipment: 18-Foot Rowing Rafts, 14-Foot Paddle Rafts, Inflatable Kayaks

1-Day Float Trips

COLORADO RIVER • MOAB, UTAH
GREEN RIVER • GREEN RIVER, UTAH

Join us for one day of rafting on the Green or Colorado River out of Moab or Green River, Utah. On both rivers the scenery is beautiful and there are small, but fun, rapids. A delicious sandwich bar lunch is included. The minimum age is 6-8 years old.

Rafting Equipment: 18-foot rowing rafts, 14-foot paddle rafts, inflatable kayaks.



Observe Celestial Events
A Solar Eclipse at Dinner Time



Share the Thrills with Friends and Family!
37-Foot Expedition Raft in Granite Rapid, Grand Canyon

"It was very special to be unplugged with the whole family. . . a wonderful, fun, bonding experience!"

— Mary Crotty, Pelham, NY



Important Information

We Provide

All of our expeditions are fully outfitted. We provide sleeping bag, foam pad, and ground cloth; tents and camp chairs; cots on deluxe motor trips; dry bags for clothing, cameras and personal items; all meals beginning with lunch the first day; plates, cups and utensils; water bottle; and Coast Guard approved life preservers. Round-trip transportation from the meeting place is included with all expeditions, except Upper and Lower Grand Canyon trips. Due to logistic considerations, we furnish only one-way transportation on these expeditions. Please refer to the schedule and rate insert for details, and don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions.

Food & Beverages

Delicious Dutch-oven dinners, sandwich bar lunches, and hearty camp breakfasts are prepared and served by the crew throughout the river trip. With a complement of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and pasta dishes, non-meat eaters have a variety of foods from which to choose. We incorporate a variety of sustainable foods from local sources into our menu. Organic fair-trade coffee, tea, cocoa and fruit juice are served in camp. Cold water and lemonade are available throughout the day. We do not provide alcoholic beverages. If you wish to bring a small supply of preferred soda, beer, wine, or spirits, you may do so. We will be happy to try to accommodate special diet requests, if we are notified in advance.

Rafting Equipment

We offer both motorized and non-motorized rafting expeditions. On motorized rafts, the guide uses a small outboard engine to steer and propel the raft down the river. We have two types of motorized rafts: a sporty 22-foot "snout rig" for 6-8 passengers, and our expedition-style 37-foot "S-rig," which accommodates 12-14 passengers. Non-motorized expeditions are conducted in 18-foot "oar-powered rafts" that are rowed by a guide with 3-6 passengers per-raft. On a "paddle raft," each person has a paddle and helps maneuver the raft down river. There are usually 6-8 paddlers per-raft, including the guide. On some trips, one-person and two-person inflatable kayaks are available for people who prefer doing to viewing!

Trip Planning Information

When we confirm your reservation, we will send you a comprehensive trip planning packet that includes a list of recommended clothing and equipment, as well as where to meet, how to get there, and where to stay before and/or after the rafting trip.

Discounts

We offer a 10% Group Discount for parties of 12 or more people traveling together. A special Youth Rate for children ages 8- 20 is offered on the Desolation Canyon expedition. If you are eligible for both discounts, you may choose the rate that provides the best savings. Custom private trips are a specialty of our company. Please contact us for rates and availability.

Reservations

Please contact our office to verify space availability on the trip of your choice. To finalize a reservation, we will need a per-person deposit of \$300.00 or 1/3 of the trip fare, whichever is less. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. You must also fill out a Reservation Form and sign the Acknowledgment of Risk on the back of the form. We accept personal checks, money orders, Visa and Master Card for deposits and final payments.

Environmental Commitment

We are committed to the protection and preservation of open spaces and wild places. We practice and promote low-impact visitation and sustainable choices in all areas of our operation.

Authority to Operate

Colorado River & Trail Expeditions, Inc. is a licensed concessionaire of the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. We are authorized to operate all the river rafting expeditions described in this brochure.

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