



Wednesday-Tuesday April 5-11, 2017

Grand Canyon River Rafting

Approximately 236 Miles and 4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: See Desc.	Max Rtg/Pts: 3/1	Elev. Change: various	Length: See Desc.
Start Time: 5:45 am	Duration: 7 days	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted:

Major Hike:

Cross-Country:

Exploratory:

Individual Effort:

Options:

Pass/Fees Rqd.:

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Required Equipment: comfortable hiking shoes, sunscreen, hat, socks, two piece rain gear, minimum 3 Qt. water, snacks, flashlight, daypack, clothes for 7 days of hiking and river rafting, water shoes

Recommended Equipment: sunglasses, trekking poles, 1st Aid kit, Grand Canyon Whitewater has a required and suggested packing list to work off of

Cautions and Special Preparations: I would recommend booking this trip as soon as possible if you are at all interested so you can reserve a spot. A hotel reservation in the Grand Canyon or the immediate area should be made for the night before the trip and possibly the last day of the trip as well.

Description: This trip is a 7 day river rafting trip down the Colorado River starting at the bottom of the Grand Canyon off the Bright Angel trail. We will walk down the Bright Angel trail (10 miles) from Grand Canyon Village to meet up with the boat.

This rafting trip is with Grand Canyon Whitewater. I have selected their Hiker's Special 7 Day Motor with Hike In trip for this adventure. This trip is designed for those who want to do a lot of hiking in the Grand Canyon so it is more for the adventure of hiking in the Canyon with the plus of being able to go down the river. Here is what Grand Canyon Whitewater has to say about the trip:

HIKER'S SPECIAL 7 DAY MOTOR W/ HIKE IN

The Hiker's Special 7 Day Motor with Hike In is offered only once a year and is for those wanting to do a lot of hiking during their rafting adventure. The trip begins with a tough 10-mile hike into the Grand Canyon from the South Rim down to river mile 88. From there, you will jump right in to rafting 135 rapid-filled river miles to Diamond Creek. This trip gives you more time to explore the many side canyon trails and waterfalls, and to camp along the river's edge each night. The transportation package included returns you to the South Rim or to Flagstaff, AZ at the end of your Grand

Canyon adventure.

Here is a link to more information about the rafting trip and the company.

<http://www.grandcanyonwhitewater.com/trips/hikers-special-7-day-lower-canyon-motorized-trip-with-hike-in/>

This trip starts April 5, 2017 and ends April 11, 2017. The website says the trip cost \$1,995 per person, but when I went online to make my payment the cost came to \$2,002 (base fee of \$1,920, \$7 for a donation to the Grand Canyon, and \$75 for bus from Peach Springs to Flagstaff/South Rim). There are two rafts that go down the Colorado on this trip. Each raft can take 14 customers so the trip is limited to 28 paying customers. You will also need to pay for the Grand Canyon's park entrance fee as this is not covered by the rafting company.

The following items are included in the trip:

- Return transportation to South Rim or Flagstaff, AZ at the end of trip (optional)
- Rafting equipment including life jackets
- Large dry bag for your clothes and personal items
- Small dry bag accessible during the day
- Camping gear provided includes a tent, above-ground cot, sleeping bag, sheet, pillow and ground tarp
- Meals, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages including water, soda and lemonade – passengers may purchase and bring alcohol for the trip
- Eating utensils and a souvenir mug
- Camp chairs

I would suggest you stay the night before at the Grand Canyon as the hike down will start at 5:45 a.m. on April 5th. The final day of the trip, the company will transport us either back to Flagstaff or the Grand Canyon by late afternoon, so you might want to stay the night at the Canyon or Flagstaff on April 11th.

When I contacted the company originally, they sent me a document with what to pack and planning of the trip. I can send you the document if you are interested in the trip, just send me an e-mail. I'm pretty sure they will send you a copy of the document as well if you book the trip.

Driving Directions: Take I-17 to Flagstaff, SR 180 north out of Flagstaff or I-40 west to Williams then SR-64 and 180 into Grand Canyon Village. Reminder, there is a NPS entrance fee good for seven (7) days.