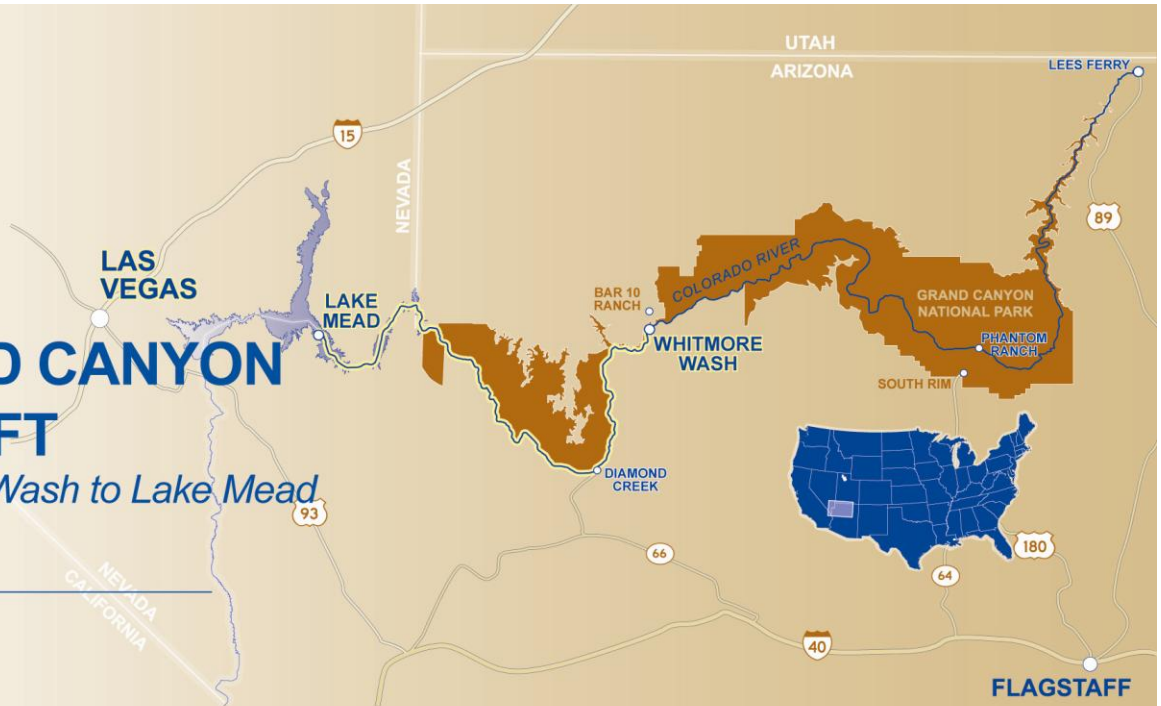




GRAND CANYON BY RAFT

*Whitmore Wash to Lake Mead
Itinerary*



MEETING PLACE:	Las Vegas McCarran International Airport
MEETING TIME:	11:00 AM
RIVER RATING:	5 major rapids rated 5 or above on the Grand Canyon scale of 1 to 10
TRIP MILES:	93
PUT-IN:	Whitmore Wash
TAKE-OUT:	Lake Mead
RETURN TO:	Las Vegas McCarran International Airport, 1-3:00 PM
TRIP LENGTH:	5 days
AGE LIMIT:	Minimum age is 7 years old
WEIGHT LIMIT:	260 pounds. If you exceed this weight, please give us a call.
BOAT TYPE:	We raft the river in 18' inflatable rafts that hold 4 passengers and a guide. The guide rows the raft with a long pair of oars.

This trip is a good introduction to the canyon for those who don't have the time for a longer trip or are making this their first experience to get their feet wet. The trip begins with a flight from Las Vegas to one of Arizona's oldest working cattle ranches, Bar 10 Ranch. Located on the northern rim of the Grand Canyon, the ranch offers many activities including horseback riding, skeet shooting, hiking, ATV, and more. The next day you fly into the canyon by helicopter and board the boats. This stretch of the Colorado offers broader, more open views of the Grand Canyon and contains relatively modest rapids compared to the giants upstream, but still provides fun whitewater. We float through spectacular scenery in the Hurricane fault zone before heading west into the final majesty of the Lower Granite Gorge. On the last morning you'll board a jet boat to take you past the Grand Wash Cliffs and on to Lake Mead.

AWARD-WINNING NATURE-BASED ADVENTURES SINCE 1969

O.A.R.S. has been in business for over 40 years and that is no accident. Great trips on some of the world's best rivers and coastlines are the recipe for this success. Always focused on our clients and their vacations, it is our genuine belief that river trips and nature-based adventures are extremely valuable life experiences. With that

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as our foundation, we have committed ourselves over the years to providing the best trips available, always with an eye on improvement.

BOAT TYPE

- On our Grand Canyon trips we use inflatable oar rafts, the most stable of whitewater craft, which are rowed from the center of the boat by your guide. Our rafts carry four passengers and a guide plus gear. We travel in a flotilla with the maximum group size of 16-20 passengers.

WHITEWATER

- There are 5 rapids rated 5 or higher on the Whitmore Wash to Lake Mead section. Whitewater in the Canyon is rated on a scale of 1 – 10 (unlike most western rivers which use the I – VI scale). A "1" is a small riffle, and a "10" is the most difficult rapid still considered runnable. This section has milder whitewater than the river upstream, but it still provides plenty of cool, splashing fun.

HIKES ALONG THE RIVER

- Each day varies, but on an average you'll spend three-five hours on the boats. The rest of the time is spent hiking and exploring side canyons, eating, or just relaxing in camp. The easiest hikes are no more difficult than negotiating a few yards of beach sand or stepping over a few rocks. Others may go for longer distances over a rough trail, climb steeply up a hot hillside, require the use of both hands over awkward boulders and demand caution as you totter on a narrow trail above a steep cliff. Our guides are happy to help novices with hand and footholds and reassurance. Many times their helpfulness enables the timid and inexperienced to get to special places that many other groups pass by. Remember, however, all hikes are optional and you can choose to relax and take in a few tanning rays or read a book instead.

Sample Itinerary

We pride ourselves in running a relaxed and always flexible schedule. Every trip is different depending upon the group, other trips on the water and the occasional effects of the weather. ***Please refer to your confirmation letter for the exact dates of your trip.*** The following is a sample of what your trip might be like:

Day 1

We meet **promptly at 11:00 AM** at the Las Vegas McCarran Airport. The meeting place is in the main terminal (Terminal 1) on **Level Zero**. From baggage claim take the escalators down to Level Zero. The escalators are located east of the baggage claim information desk with signs above directing you to Level Zero. The group will meet in the lobby. ***Please don't be late.*** The Vision Air representative will drive you to the North Las Vegas Airport where you will board your flight to Bar 10 Ranch. You will need to bring a government issued photo ID in order to check in for your flight (photo drivers license or passport are acceptable—required for passengers 18 years and older).

A short van shuttle ride to the North Las Vegas Airport and then board the small plane for the 30-45 minute flight to Bar 10 Ranch. After lunch you are free to participate in any of the activities that the ranch has to offer. Finish the day with some country-western entertainment provided by the ranch hands.

Day 2

The aroma of a country breakfast gently awakens you. Following breakfast, you'll fly by helicopter to the river's edge at Whitmore Wash where your river guides await your arrival. After repacking your gear into the waterproof bags and a safety talk, we'll load the rafts, slip into lifejackets and start down the river. Whitmore Rapid soon whets your appetite

Day 3

Your whitewater hunger is soon satisfied in the churning waters of 205, 209 and 217 Mile rapids which

discount the myth that all the *good* whitewater occurs above Whitmore Wash. We spend a delightful, splashing, fun-filled day discovering this. More than just whitewater, however, the trip affords an opportunity to hike and explore this exquisite desert wonderland.

Day 4

Our last full day on the river, we slip past Diamond Creek and then enter the lower Granite Gorge. We make our final camp at, or just above, Separation Rapid. As we setup our final campsite, we feel a strange sense of loss – our adventure is coming to a close. The stars seem extra lovely tonight.

Day 5

In the morning you board the jet boat for the journey downstream and across Lake Mead. From here you travel by van shuttle (approximately 3-hour ride) to the Las Vegas McCarran International Airport. Expect to be there between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. Due to possible traffic delays and security checks we do not recommend you reserve a flight for departure prior to 5:00 PM.

What's Included?

- Transportation by van and plane from Las Vegas McCarran International Airport to Bar 10 Ranch
- Ranch activities including horseback riding, skeet shooting, hiking, ATV (additional cost), etc.
- Lodging at Bar 10 Ranch
- Helicopter ride from Bar 10 Ranch to Whitmore Wash
- Expedition equipment, including highest quality rafts, two-person shared tent, sleep kit (sleeping bag, sleeping pad, ground cloth, sheet and pillow), personal flotation device (PFD), helmet, waterproof bags, camp chair as well as eating utensils, plates and cups
- Skilled, professional, experienced guides
- Meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on your last day
- Van shuttle from Lake Mead to Las Vegas McCarran International Airport

What's Not Included?

- Transportation to and from Las Vegas
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations and meals
- Grand Canyon National Park Entrance Fee
- Items of a personal nature (an equipment list will be provided)
- Insurance of any kind, including travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities

About the Bar 10 Ranch

The Bar 10 Ranch is located in the northwest corner of Arizona, with the magnificent Grand Canyon and the Colorado River in its back yard! The lodge at Bar 10 was completed in 1983 and can accommodate up to 50 overnight guests. Bar 10 is one of the oldest cattle ranches on the legendary Arizona Strip – often called America's last frontier. Into this historic outback, outlaws, cattle barons and homesteaders etched brawling, often bloody chapters in the chronicles of the early West. Trails wind through rugged mountains and rocky terrain that once sheltered the Anasazi Indians as well as notorious desperadoes like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Here, some 80 miles from the nearest paved roads, the Bar 10 couples the seclusion and serenity of a remote wilderness area with the convenience of a beautiful lodging facility.

Lodge facilities include a Trading Post that carries snacks, sodas, film, curios, t-shirts, caps, souvenirs, and river supplies. Because it's located some 2 ½ hours from paved roads, power lines, telephones, smog, TV, and other distractions of civilization, one can experience the rustic nostalgia of the West. Sleeping facilities include western-style bunks (four to a room) and 2 person covered wagons. A remote runway facilitates twin-engine 19-passenger aircraft.

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed into the lodge where your host will help you find sleeping accommodations that fit your style. Once settled in, you will be treated to a buffet-style chuck wagon lunch and given a brief orientation concerning the facilities and schedule of events for the day. After introductions, you will walk or ride to the original ranch headquarters which is nestled between a running spring and shade trees. Here you will learn about the fabled Arizona Strip, local history, wildlife, and the life of an Arizona cowboy. The remainder of the afternoon is spent in leisure activities such as hiking, playing horseshoes, horseback riding, ATV tours (additional cost), skeet shooting, or simply relaxing. Please note: Bar 10 Ranch does not serve alcohol (neither beer nor mixed drinks). You are of course, welcome to bring your own. Keep in mind, if you choose to bring alcohol with you, it will need to be part of you checked luggage for the flight from Las Vegas. Any alcohol that you ordered from Cork N' Bottle will be available for the river part of your trip.

Supper features a hearty Dutch-oven meal with green salad, homemade rolls, coffee and punch. After dinner, you will enjoy the breathtaking panorama of the canyon as it flaunts its colorful sunset wardrobe. As the sun sets for the day, the Bar 10 Crew will entertain you with country-western entertainment.

A bedtime snack of homemade cookies or fresh watermelon caps off the evening and you'll retire to the peaceful sounds of the open country and the Wild West. For more information on Bar 10 Ranch, please check their web site: www.bar10.com.

SOMETHING VOLUNTARY

- In reviewing your statement, you'll notice a \$1/person/river day donation to the Grand Canyon Fund for River Conservation, an environmental trust fund. Your contribution will be deposited with the foundation, through which grants are distributed to organizations such as the Grand Canyon Trust, Friends of the River, etc. This donation is voluntary and may be removed from your invoice if you choose not to participate. Please notify our office to delete the donation from your balance.
- The O.A.R.S. Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization with the express goal of providing opportunities for young people to experience the magic of a river trip. Visit www.oarsfoundation.org to learn more about how your tax deductible donation can change young lives for the better.

Terms & Conditions

Reservations and Deposits

- We require a deposit of \$750 per person for all Grand Canyon trips, by check or money order only.
- \$500 is due in our office within 10 DAYS of your initial reservation; the remaining \$250 must be paid by November 1 of the year prior to your trip.
- If you make your reservation after November 1 of the year prior to your trip, the entire \$750 deposit is due in our office within 10 DAYS of your initial reservation.
- **Please note: We do not accept credit cards for Grand Canyon river adventures.**

Final Payment

- Statements will be mailed in ample time to remind you of the payment due date.
- Final payment of all trip costs is due in our office, not less than 90 days prior to the departure date of your trip. Accounts on which final payment has not been received 80 days prior to the departure date will be **CANCELLED** without exception.

Cancellations and Refunds

- If you find it necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us as soon as possible. The cancellation fee after you've made your deposit can range from \$250 up to the entire trip cost, based upon the number of days prior to your trip that we receive your cancellation notice. We regret we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. For this reason, **we strongly urge you to investigate trip insurance** (see Insurance).

Date of Cancellation

360 or more days prior to your trip
 359 to 180 days prior to your trip
 179 to 90 days prior to your trip
 89 days or less prior to your trip

Cancellation Fee*

\$250/person
 \$500/person
 \$750/person
 Full Fare

* **If you are traveling as part of a charter group** please note that deposit/cancellation policies differ from those listed above. Charter Policies can be found on the group leader's contract & on the Charter Trip Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risk Form.

Medical

- Under most circumstances, if you are of an adventurous spirit and in reasonably good health, you should have no problem enjoying an O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon, Inc. trip. People with heart trouble and pregnant women should have their physician's approval before taking an adventure travel trip.

Insurance

- Although every effort is made to insure a safe trip for all, we strongly recommend that you protect yourself, your belongings, and your vacation through the purchase of a short-term traveler's policy. A trip cancellation policy covers your non-refundable payments in most cases, should you have to cancel your trip due to illness or injury – yours or that of an extended family member – even at the last minute. Trip participants should realize that in the event you require extensive medical attention and need to be evacuated from the canyon, or in the unfortunate circumstance of the death of an immediately family member and the National Park Service (NPS) is requested to notify you by helicopter – the NPS charges the expense of the helicopter service to the individual involved. Obviously, no one wants or expects a helicopter to become necessary during their trip, but the service can be difficult and expensive. Consequently, we encourage you to secure the insurance that we offer or other alternative insurance that can cover this possible expense. Personal belongings and cameras are carried entirely at the owner's risk, and O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon, Inc. accept no responsibility for lost, damaged, delayed or stolen property.

One Trip per Year Rule

- Grand Canyon National Park Service regulations prohibit individuals from participating in more than one recreational river trip (commercial or non-commercial) per year on the Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek section of the Colorado River. Because of this regulation, O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon, Inc. cannot accept a reservation from any individual who has or will participate in any other full or partial canyon commercial or non-commercial river trip within the same calendar year. If you have already completed or have plans to participate in any other Grand Canyon river trip during the same year you are traveling with us and would like to go again, please wait until the following year or later for your next trip. Grand Canyon National Park's one-trip-per-year rule is strictly enforced by the National Park Service.

Acknowledgement of Risk

- Everyone is required to sign a standard Acknowledgement of Risk form before the trip, acknowledging awareness that some risks are associated with the trip. Safety is of the utmost concern on our trips. However, due to the nature of the activities, a condition of your participation is that you will sign this form and return it to our office before the trip begins. Anyone who refuses to sign the form will not be allowed to participate, and consistent with O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon, Inc. cancellation policy, there will be no refund of the trip fees at that time.

Responsibility – An Important Notice

- O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon Inc. and cooperating agencies act only in the capacity of agent for the participants in all matters relating to transportation and/or all other related travel services, and assume no responsibility however caused for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service, including but not limited to that resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of the participants, including cancellation due to water fluctuation, insufficient bookings and other factors. There is risk in whitewater rafting, particularly during high-water conditions. Rafts, dories and kayaks do capsize. You could be swept overboard. Your guide will make every attempt to assist, but you must be strong and agile enough to "self-help" and "float-it-out" without further endangering yourself or others. We reserve the right not to accept passengers weighing more than 260 pounds or with a waist/chest size exceeding 56 inches. We may decide, at any time, to exclude any person or group for any reason we feel is related to the safety of our trips. We are experienced at accommodating people with various disabilities. Please give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome. We need to discuss any special requirements ahead of time. On advancement of deposit the depositor agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions. Prices subject to change without notice.