

# Hualapai River Running Trip Information

## Whitewater Rafting

**Check in 7:00-7:45am Bus leaves @ 8am  
Returns to Peach Springs Between 6-7pm**

**Gam'yu? (Hello, how are you?)** The Hwal'Bay Ba;j, People of the Pines, welcomes you. Thank you for your interest in the one-day whitewater rafting in which you will experience a very natural 40-mile river trip on the Colorado River through the lower Granite gorge of the Grand Canyon. All trips launch from Diamond Creek, river mile 226, approximately 18 miles north of Peach Springs.

**Drive into the Grand Canyon** The bus ride from Peach Springs to the Colorado River will be an hour. Travel on this maintained dirt road is somewhat rough so expect a rugged ride. The elevation at Diamond Creek is 1,600 feet with beautiful scenery and occasional wildlife. Traveling down you can enjoy the natural wonder of the Grand Canyon walls emerging as you make the gradual descent down.

**Rafting on the Colorado River** On the one-day whitewater adventure, you will be traveling along 40 miles of the Colorado River with our very own experienced boatmen/women. You'll experience rapids with the first 12 miles. These rapids are adventurous enough for those thrill seekers, yet those who may be a little timid no need to worry. Your boatmen/women will have your safety and enjoyment in mind. The rapids from a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the roughest) are ranged between a 4 thru 7, depending on the level of the water.

Your first stop will be at Travertine Cavern Falls for a moderate hike and short climb up into the cavern. After your hike you will enjoy lunch along a sandy beach area, which is a sub-type sandwich. We also provide beverages: water, assorted soda, and assorted juices, and snacks along the way. If you have any dietary needs, please let the Concierge's know upon making reservations. After a nice lunch in the canyon, the last 25 miles of the river trip will be a smooth float with a short break in between.

**Helicopter Ride & Water Walk** Upon your arrival at Quartermaster, which is directly below Grand Canyon West, Home of the Skywalk. Each of our rafters will take a memorable helicopter ride (**Weather Permitting**) up 4,000 feet to the Grand Canyon West terminal and enjoy a unique view of the Grand Canyon. Once all rafters are up at the terminal, those who have purchased the Water Walk Tour – (Shuttle Bus directly to Eagle Point and Skywalk) will depart. Your bus driver will let you know where to meet and how much time you have at Eagle Point and The Skywalk. Once the tour is complete the group will head back to Peach Springs.

**Return trip to Peach Springs** Traveling by bus you will cover 121 miles to the Hualapai Lodge in Peach Springs. Three quarters of the drive back is on maintained dirt roads where you will experience dust, heat and an occasional non-typical windstorm. You will also experience a very

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natural ride traveling through the Joshua tree forest and red Lake, a dry lakebed. The entire return trip will take at least 2.5 hours.

## **WEATHER**

The following chart shows average temperatures and precipitation for the months of March through October. The water temperature is about 35-40 degrees all year. In the months of March, April, September and October, our Arizona weather is cooler. We recommend you dress in layers during these cooler months so you could remove clothing as you chose.

The Arizona sun is strong so you will need protection against sunburn. A good hat, chap stick/lip balm and lots of sun block (with 30 SPF) are recommended.

## **INNER GRAND CANYON** – Average temperatures (in Fahrenheit) and precipitation:

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Average Max Temp	70	89	89	101	106	101	96	86
Average Min Temp	46	56	60	71	79	74	70	59
Rainfall in Inches	0.66	0.38	0.22	0.38	0.78	1.22	0.43	0.49

## **PERSONAL GEAR AND PACKING LIST**

In preparation for your rafting trip on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, we recommend the following personal gear:

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| Shorts (lightweight, fast drying material)                  | Extra Socks and shoes |
| T-shirt (lightweight, fast drying material)                 | Swimsuit-optional     |
| Hat with visor and strap                                    | Bandana               |
| Rain Jacket/Poncho (for use through rapids)                 | Towel                 |
| Tennis/athletic shoes or river type sandals                 | Sun block (SPF 30+)   |
| Lightweight jacket/polar fleece sweatshirt                  | Camera                |
| Lightweight pants (fast drying material for sun protection) | Money                 |
| Sunglasses with a strap                                     |                       |

Cameras – All cameras should have straps. **We recommend keeping your camera in a zip lock bag, even when it is in your Ammo Can (we supply the Ammo Can).** Disposable waterproof or panoramic cameras are excellent choices for your trip.

Video Cameras – Video Cameras aren't allowed while the raft is in motion. We have GO-Pros available for rent, that are allowed during the float. More information on the Go-Pros can be found at the HRR counter. Since there is no place to recharge batteries we recommend you bring extra batteries. Video cameras will not fit in our Ammo Can, we suggest you check with your local sporting good or camera store for a waterproof bag.

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Gratuities – It is customary upon receiving a satisfactory trip, to tip the river crew. We recommend a small backpack or fanny pack to keep your money safe!

## Answers to Common Questions

### WHEN AND WHERE WILL I GET MY RIVER EQUIPMENT?

A waterproof bag, waterproof ammo can and life jacket will be distributed at the launch site. Known as Diamond Creek, it is also where your Guide will orientate you on your white-water rafting adventure.

### WILL I NEED ALL THE THINGS LISTED ON THE PACKING LIST?

Our recommended list of personal gear is meant to prepare you for all types of weather and especially the strong Arizona sun. Although we are in Arizona, the cool Fall temperatures coupled with the cold Colorado River can make a chilly ride. Remember, you will be on the river for at least five hours.

### WHAT ABOUT SNAKES AND BUGS?

Although we are in a desert environment, mosquitoes and flying insects are not a big problem. And because we spend most of our time on the water, snakes and scorpions are seldom encountered.

### DO I HAVE TO WEAR MY LIFE JACKET EVEN WHEN WE ARE NOT RUNNING THE RAPIDS?

Hualapai Tribal Regulations as well as National Park Regulations mandate the wearing of life jackets by all persons in a watercraft at all times.

### WHAT ARE THE TOILET FACILITIES ON THE RIVER TRIP?

Portable toilets are available at the Peach Springs airstrip and Diamond Creek launch point. Restrooms are also located in the Hualapai Lodge and Grand Canyon West (trip termination point). We strongly recommend using the toilet at one of these sites.

### CAN WE EXPECT RAIN?

We never know when it will rain. Even if you are taking a summer trip, you should bring a rain jacket/poncho as suggested on our packing list. Many people wear a rain jacket/poncho through the rapids and then take it off after our run through the rapids.

### WHAT IS THE MEAL LIKE AND WHAT BEVERAGES ARE PROVIDED?

Water, juice, soft drinks and snacks will be provided throughout the trip. Each raft will have an ice chest of snacks and drinks. Sandwiches and chips will be served for lunch around noontime. *No alcoholic beverages are allowed.*

### WHO WILL BE OUR GUIDE?

Our guides are qualified with hundreds of miles of river experience. Each guide is an accomplished outdoor person with a background in natural history and the ability to make every trip a memorable experience.

### WILL THERE BE A FIRST AID KIT?

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A first aid kit is standard equipment on every raft. All boatmen are trained in CPR, First Aide and Swift Water Rescue.

## IS THIS TRIP STRENUOUS?

Our trip is an out-door activity with exposure to the elements; we consider our river trip to be mildly strenuous, requiring some effort.