

# YOUR HUALAPAI RIVER RUNNERS GRAND CANYON RAFTING TRIP

Get ready for an action-packed day whitewater rafting the Colorado River! Run rapids, hike to Travertine Falls, enjoy lunch on the river bank, and discover how even one day immersed in the Grand Canyon can change your perspective. Please keep in mind that even though this is a day trip, it is still an expedition. Showing up prepared and embracing a healthy sense of adventure will enhance your enjoyment.

## QUICK LOOK

**Meeting Place:** Hualapai Lodge in Peach Springs, AZ

**Meeting Time:** 7:00AM

**Minimum Age:** 8 years

**Return Time:** Approx. 5:30PM to 7:30PM; severe weather conditions could add up to an additional 2 hours and can affect your trip ending option

**Rapids:** Class II-III+ (Grand Canyon Scale 4 to 7) depending on water levels

**Put-In:** Diamond Creek

**Take-Out:** Quartermaster Canyon

**River Miles:** 35 miles

**Price Starting At:** \$451 per person



## THE HUALAPAI LEGACY

This expedition takes place on the Hualapai Indian Reservation guided by the Hualapai River Runners. This is a unique opportunity to visit the Grand Canyon with people who have a rich history within the Canyon and still call it home. Being mindful of cultural differences and keeping a flexible outlook will enhance your adventure and allow you to slow down and go with the flow, an experience known as "river time".

## THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR TRIP

We recommend that you stay in Peach Springs, AZ at the Hualapai Lodge, a rustic lodge featuring authentic Hualapai artwork and crafts.

Rivers & Oceans has discounted rates and is happy to book your room for you. Please be aware that this Lodge has limited availability and we recommend booking your room at the same time as your rafting trip. More lodging options are listed below.

## THE MORNING OF YOUR TRIP

On the day of your trip, you will check-in at 7:00am with the Hualapai River Runners at their desk located in the lobby of the Hualapai Lodge. The Lodge has a restaurant that opens at 6:00am, so you may have time to eat a sit-down breakfast before the start of the trip, but it is a good idea to have some on-the-go breakfast items with you just in case. From the Lodge, you will take a bus 20 miles down a remote and scenic dirt road (about a 1 hour drive) to the Diamond Creek put-in on the Colorado River. Keep a watch out on your drive for wildlife, such as desert bighorn sheep, javelina, birds of prey, and wild burros.







## YOUR DAY ON THE COLORADO RIVER

Your raft will be a Snout Rig Motorboat, a 22-foot, motorized inflatable pontoon, which carries 6-8 people with 6-8 boats in your group. The rapids that you will encounter are rated II and III+ on the International Scale of River Difficulty (rated from I to VI), which makes for a fun roller coaster ride of wave trains. After the rapids, the next 25-42 miles of river will be smooth water and incredible Grand Canyon views.

During the day, you will hike and explore Travertine Falls, an awe-inspiring waterfall within a beautiful side canyon, run a few more rapids, and enjoy a picnic lunch on a sandy bank. The lunch consists of sandwich, chips, fruit, and soda or juice. At the end of this adventure, you will have traveled between 35-52 river miles and you will have had five exciting hours rafting the Colorado River!

**Note about bathroom breaks** – Toilet facilities are available in the following areas: Hualapai Lodge, at the put-in point, at the helicopter pad where you leave the boats, Grand Canyon West, and at the Pearce Ferry take-out. Urination during the day, while not near a port-a-john, must take place in the river or in the wet sand next to the river as ordered by the National Park Service.



## HELICOPTER OUT

After rafting for 35 miles, you will arrive at your take-out point, Quartermaster Canyon, between 2:30 – 3:30pm. From here, you will take a quick 6-7 minute helicopter flight back to the rim of the Grand Canyon. There is a covered area located at the helicopter pad for you to wait. Please note, this area does not have air conditioning. We recommend drinking plenty of water to stay hydrated and avoid overheating, especially during the hotter months. Dunking a shirt, bandana, or sarong in the river water and wearing it will help keep you cool while you wait.

The Hualapai River Runner staff are trained to get all passengers out of the Canyon in a timely manner, but all participants must wait for their turn on the helicopter. Please be patient during this transition. After you arrive at the rim, you will wait in an air-conditioned building for the entire group to arrive. Once the whole group is transported from the river, you will take a 2-hour shuttle back to the Hualapai Lodge. Expect to arrive back between 5:30 – 7:30pm, depending on the group size.

### **Notes concerning the helicopter** –

Your rafting trip will conclude with a helicopter flight from the river back to the Canyon rim. The helicopter flight is approximately 6-7 minutes in length and used as a quick way to transport guests from the Canyon floor to the rim above – this is not a tour and cannot be turned into a tour. If, for your safety, the helicopter is grounded due to weather, you will receive a refund for the helicopter portion of your expedition (\$90 per person, or \$146 for the helicopter and Skywalk). If this occurs, you can expect to arrive back to the Hualapai Lodge between 9:30 – 10:30pm.





## GRAND CANYON SKYWALK

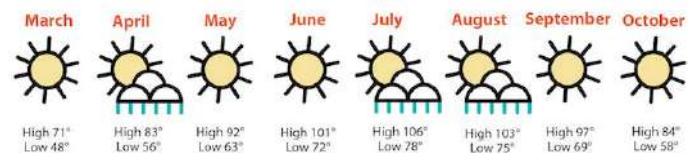
The Skywalk is the only place where visitors can step out onto a glass walkway nearly 4,000 feet above the floor of the Grand Canyon. If you chose to add the Skywalk option to your rafting adventure, you will board a bus for a short trip to Grand Canyon West after your helicopter lift out of the Canyon. You will have approximately a 30-minute visit at the Skywalk, before you board a bus for a 2-hour bus ride back to the Hualapai Lodge. If you choose this option, your trip total will be \$507 per person. You will arrive at the Hualapai Lodge between 5:30 – 7:30 pm, depending on the group size.



**\*A note about photos** - To protect your belongings, you will be asked to store your items in a locker, including your camera. Photos of the Skywalk may be taken from the rim before or after you enjoy the Skywalk and professional photos of you on the bridge are available for purchase afterwards.

## WEATHER

Weather in the Grand Canyon can fluctuate unexpectedly, so come prepared to spend an entire day in the elements and with several layers of clothing. Spring can bring strong winds, but also wildflowers; this is the best time to see the Grand Canyon in full bloom. March - May there will be cooler temperatures, which require extra layers. June - August are the hottest and busiest months to raft the Grand Canyon with temperatures between 95°F – 115°F. As the rafting season winds down in September and October, you can expect cooler weather and shorter days.



**Trips in July, August, & September** – Monsoon storms can be expected from July–early September, bringing afternoon clouds and rain showers that cool temperatures down. Even though monsoon activity usually begins in the afternoon, it can easily rain all day. Depending on the severity of the storm, your trip itinerary may be changed for your safety. The road down to the river can also become washed out which could result in a delay or cancellation of your trip.

## WHERE TO STAY

### HUALAPAI LODGE | Peach Springs, Arizona

- **Phone number:** 1-888-868-9378  
929-769-2230
- **Address:** 900 AZ-66  
Peach Springs, Arizona 86434
- **Website:** <http://www.goroute66.us/>
- **Rated:** 3.7 Stars
- **Breakfast:** Not included; restaurant located inside the Hualapai Lodge

*Discounted rates are available by booking through Rivers & Oceans.*







### GRAND CANYON CAVERNS INN | Arizona (15-minute drive from meeting location)

- **Phone number:** 928-422-3223
- **Address:** 115 Mile Marker AS-66 Peach Springs, Arizona
- **Website:** <http://gccaverns.com/>
- **Rated:** 4.3 stars
- **Breakfast:** Included in overnight stay

### HAMPTON INN & SUITES | Kingman, Arizona (1-hour drive from meeting location)

- **Phone number:** 928-692-0220
- **Address:** 1791 Sycamore Ave. Kingman. Arizona 86409
- **Website:** [http://www.hilton.com/Hampton\\_Inn/Kingman](http://www.hilton.com/Hampton_Inn/Kingman)
- **Rated:** 4.2 Stars
- **Eateries:** Included in overnight stay

## CAMPING OPTIONS

For those who would like to camp in the great outdoors, here are some nearby options:

- **Grand Canyon Caverns Motel and Campground:** 928-422-3223
- **Kingman, AZ:** KOA; 1-800-562-3991
- **Seligman, AZ:** KOA; 1-800-562-4017

## HOW TO PACK

The key to victory on any type of remote expedition is to be prepared. We believe that being over prepared is better than being under prepared. Please keep in mind that even though this is a day trip, it is still an expedition through a very remote area and a place of extremes where the unexpected is more likely to occur. No matter what time of year you are rafting, the weather and conditions inside the Grand Canyon can change. Please read over the following carefully so that you know how to stay comfortable on your 1-Day Grand Canyon Adventure.

### The Overview

Once at the river, you will place your personal bag in your raft's large water-proof duffle bag, which will be accessible only when the raft is stopped. Even though this group duffle is waterproof, we strongly encourage you to invest in a personal waterproof bag to protect any electronic devices you may have with you.

At this time, you will also want to put on your waterproof rain gear before you get onto the raft. You will encounter 8 rapids within the first ten miles of the trip and you will get wet! The Colorado River water is cool around 50°F - 55°F and your waterproof gear will help keep you drier and warmer while in the Grand Canyon. In addition to your waterproof gear, we recommend that you dress in layers as the air temperature can fluctuate rapidly and dramatically depending on the weather and your level of water exposure.

- **Clothing:** Start with a swimsuit and/or swim trunks under a base layer. Additional layers for sun protection or insulation can be added and subtracted depending on the weather, temperature, and how wet you're getting in the rapids. During the summer months (June -Aug.), cotton is the best way to keep yourself cool. When the weather is cooler (early or late season), focus on wearing layers of warm quick drying clothing such as fleece and synthetic or merino wool.
- **Footwear:** The best choice is an amphibious shoe that drains water, protects your toes, and will not come off in swirling current. A retired pair of athletic shoes can work well, too. Sport sandals with a heel strap are a good option.
- **Rain Gear:** Rain gear protects you from rain, wind, and the splash of the rapids. It is one of the essential items that all passengers should have no matter what time of year you are traveling. Look for jacket and pants that are 100% waterproof, not just water resistant. A hooded jacket is recommended as well as good secure closures around your head, neck, wrists, and ankles.
- **Sun Protection:** Protecting yourself from the sun should be taken very seriously. A hat, sunscreen, lip balm, and sunglasses are necessary. A long-sleeve shirt is the best method for preventing sunburn on your upper body. Light-weight long pants may also be appropriate to protect your legs. Be sure to bring a good hat that offers full coverage, such as a wide-brimmed hat.



## PACKING LIST

You can visit our online store at <http://riversoceans.newheadings.com/> to purchase gear or simply get an idea of what you need to bring.

### Basics

- Day pack big enough to carry your rain gear, camera, sunscreen, etc.
- 1-liter water bottle
- Sunglasses (preferably polarized) with securing strap
- Sunscreen and lip protection (waterproof & SPF 30 or higher, aerosol sprays are not recommended)
- Hat that can provide sun protection with chin strap
- Cash for gratuities

### Footwear

- River shoes or sandals with a heel strap (such as those made by Chaco); "Aqua socks" and flip flops are discouraged. If you do not have these, athletic shoes or light hikers: can be used.
- Hiking socks
- Optional: Wetsuit booties and/or neoprene, wool or synthetic socks (for inside your river shoes)

### Clothing

- Long-sleeved shirt: lightweight and light color for sun protection
- Waterproof jacket and pants ("water resistant" rain gear is NOT sufficient, trust us!)
- Swimsuit (2-piece suits recommended for women)

### Optional Items

- Camera and accessories
- High quality waterproof case/ bag for cell phone or other electronics (Highly recommended for expensive or professional camera equipment.)
- Sarong: useful for sun protection/changing clothes
- Small waist pack or hydration pack for side hikes
- Carabiner
- Binoculars
- Bandana
- Change of comfortable clothes stored in a Ziplock bag for the van ride back to Peach Springs
- Snacks for the bus ride back in the afternoon



At the end of your trip you'll understand why we love helping others answer the call of adventure. Thank you for choosing Rivers & Oceans. We appreciate your trust and wish you a fulfilling journey. If there is anything else we can do for you before your trip, please let us know – we're here to guide you through!

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After Hours Phone: 701-526-4575\*

*\*This number should be used if you need to reach a Rivers & Oceans team member after business hours for additional information regarding a trip that has been placed on stand-by or has been cancelled.*