

Expeditions In Luxury

On the Colorado River Canyonlands National Park

4 Days / 3 Nights

What's Special: Gourmet meals, camp attendants, linen and crystal, scenic airplane flight (suggested option)

Mindset: Pamper the Sybarite in yourself: Relax and indulge

Rapids: Class III - IV (depending on water levels)

Hikes: Easy to moderate (your choice)

Ages: Adults Only

Until now, when you thought of a River Expedition, Luxury never entered your mind.

Our idea of a luxury expedition includes five course dinners served to your table by candlelight accompanied by fine wines. It includes assistants to carry your clothes and gear and put up and take down your tent each day. And then there's that steaming cup of fresh gourmet coffee brought to your bedside each morning.

Just imagine, rafting through the pristine Colorado River canyons all day, then drifting up to a private beach to see your camp established, tent up, bed rolled out, hors d'oeuvres on the table and "your" chair right at the river's edge. It's a fun and delightful contrast isn't it?

Never Rafted or Camped Before?

Those new to the river and first-time campers are encouraged to join us. Our campsites along the riverbank are rustic. However, we bring everything we need with us on the rafts and set up a new camp and kitchen each evening. We take care of you and make it all easy. The guides prepare fresh meals while you relax and enjoy hors d'oeuvres. We'll teach you about living in the outdoors and moving at the pace of the river.

Expeditions in Luxury is designed to allow you to take full advantage of your outdoor experience. The

setting relaxed and the scenery unsurpassed. Pamper the Sybarite in yourself. Cataract Canyon and the Colorado River are famous for outstanding canyon scenery, serenity and exciting rapids.

World Class Destination — An Adventure that Begins Where Civilization Ends.

The Great Southwest is one of the few places left that has large areas uninhabited by people. The canyons have been carefully isolated from modern civilization: no roads, no traffic jams, no power lines, no phones and of course, no clocks. The clean air that magnifies the crystal blue sky also turns the night into a spectacular show of stars. The canyons remain as they have for millions of years, slowly eroding into the mighty rivers.

Get the Most from Your Vacation.

Experienced naturalist guides conduct the entire expedition. They know and love this country and will be sharing their experiences, skills and background.

There is a professional guide for every 5 guests to provide personal attention throughout every aspect of the trip. Then there is the exclusive camp crew including a talented Chef, a cook crew, and camp assistants. The actual crew ratio is a crew member for every 3 guests. Every detail is attended to, especially the 'work' part. The number of people is limited to 16 or less. The crew sets up each campsite, prepares and serves all the meals, and arranges the day's events. Your time is spent playing in nature, learning from her and sharing the experiences with old and new friends. The fun of this trip is the contrast of the remote canyon with the high level of service and amenities. Candlelight dinners under 2,000 foot spires.

Everyday You'll Enjoy:

The Canyon and the River: The heart of Canyonlands National Park, the setting for our expedition, is Cataract Canyon, a starkly primitive reach with no sign of civilization. Our expedition adds a temporary human touch to these wind-sculpted cliffs. We carry with us all the luxuries that will delight us during our stay in the wilderness.

Cataract Canyon is unsurpassed in beauty and whitewater. The red cliff walls tower 2,000 feet overhead and touch that flawless Western blue sky. During high water (May and June), Cataract Canyon offers some of the biggest and most challenging rapids in the U.S. From July on the volume of water in the river drops and the rapids become more moderate. The rapids are still very exciting, big rolling fun waves. The rapids themselves consume 1½ days of the trip.

Dining and Camp Time: Each morning our camp assistants will break camp. We leave them, pushing off from shore and drifting around the bend towards the new day's excitement. During the day our chef and assistants will move down river, while we play, and have our lunch set up for our arrival. We dine and again push off, following the river into the canyons. Our entourage passes us as they plan the evening's camp. When we arrive at our beachside "river hotel" the amenities are prepared. The beach chairs are set, the cocktail lounge is open, and it is time for the hikers to hike and the loungers to lounge.

As the sun drops behind the red sandstone cliffs, the scents and sounds of our open-air kitchen drift down the beach towards our tents. The evening dining room allows all tables to have an exquisite view with scenery that stretches out in every direction.

Hiking and Walking Time: Time is set aside to walk to historical and geological sites. We explore the wonders of these canyons, including Ancient Indian ruins and petroglyphs.

Learning and Interpretive Time: Our guides are Naturalists with great depth of knowledge about these Canyons, the history, the geology, the wildlife, and the legends. They know the 'secret' places that only exploration and experience reveals. They share it all, connecting you to this incredible country too.

Expect the Outlandish with your experienced culinary crew. The menus utilize only the freshest of ingredients with emphasis on quality and fine culinary delights.

For **Breakfast** there are fresh ground imported coffees and fresh squeezed juices served to your tent. Breakfast itself consists of unique and delicious interpretations of your favorite classics.

At noon, **Lunch** will be served at riverside and may include an array of cured and roasted meats, imported and domestic cheeses, homemade breads, and, depending on the day, pasta salads, lump crab and bay shrimp salads, fresh fruit, and fine sweets.

Dinner is a multi-course meal featuring the cuisine of a different style each night, with appropriate wines and spirits accenting the featured meal. Each dinner is served elegantly to your table, and presented with flair, complimenting the beauty, serenity and excitement of the Colorado River and its Canyons.

A Sample Dinner:

*Roma Tomatoes, Fresh Basil &
Chevre Cheese with Cracked Black Pepper,
Balsamic Vinegar & Extra Virgin Olive Oil*



*Whole Roasted Beef Filet Served with
Wild Mushrooms &
Madagascar Peppercorn Demi-Glac*



*Peasant Potatoes with Fresh Rosemary,
Onions, Bacon & Roasted Garlic Cloves*



Sweet Creamed Leeks & Fennel



Cherries "Jubilee" Flambé



Dark Roasted Coffee & Liqueurs

What is Included

- ☞ **Orientation** the evening before the river trip.
- ☞ **Full Days** on the River beginning early the first day and returning you the last day at day's end.
- ☞ **Experienced Licensed Guides** trained in the art of river running. All of our guides have Emergency Medical Response and CPR certification. They demonstrate their professionalism in the guest services department by expertly rowing the raft as your personal guide during the day, and presenting the elegant tableside service at night.
- ☞ **Rafts and related equipment**, life jackets, safety equipment, personal dry bags and boxes for your gear, dining ware, tables, chairs, linen, crystal, sleeping kits, and tents are supplied.
- ☞ **All Meals** beginning with lunch the first day through lunch the last day. All meals are prepared with world-class ingredients: Italian sun dried tomatoes, fiery Indian curry, elegant California varietal wines, etc. Fresh local herbs and produce. Meals are gracefully served to your candlelit table. For special dietary needs, let us know.
- ☞ **Tents and Sleeping Kits** (sleeping bag, ground cloth, deluxe pad)
- ☞ **Tables and Chairs** with tablecloths, china and glass service.
- ☞ **Camp Attendants** that assist with camp preparation and breakdown. They transform into your waiters in the evening.
- ☞ **Scenic Air Flight** over Canyonlands National Park back to Moab. (Suggested return option. Priced separately. Other options are available also.)
- ☞ **Transportation** is provided from Moab to the river and from the airport back to Moab.

The Details:

Water Levels: The character of a river varies with each change in the water flow. *Cataract Canyon hosts some of the biggest and most challenging rapids in the United States in high water (generally mid-May*

to mid-June). From July on, the volume of water in the river drops and the rapids become more moderate and certainly appropriate for first timers. Depending on mountain snowpack this river fluctuates dramatically from month to month as well as year to year. This significantly changes the class of the rapids (III to V on scale of I-VI.) Since the river is free flowing we can not always anticipate flow fluctuations. That's what makes it an expedition. Bring your sense of adventure and discovery!

Weather: is usually warm and sunny and very user friendly. In May and June the day temperatures are in the 90's, with days in the high 90's and low 100's common in July and August. Brief afternoon showers are very common. Summer evenings are very comfortable, though cool in the Spring and Fall. It is a very dry climate, so the heat is not the sweltering kind. Besides, the best part about being too warm is getting into the river to cool off.

Type of Rafts: Our 4 day Luxury Cataract Canyon trips, covering 94 miles, are run with 18-foot oar-boats. A large motorized "J-rig" (the mother boat) carries the gear and precedes us down-river to set up lunch and campsites before we arrive.

Our Guides: Our service professionals take your safety seriously while they offer you fun and excitement. Cataract guides have years of experience on the river, in the outdoors and with people. Each is literally a 'jack-of-all-trades.' They are skilled and strong; have Red Cross Emergency Response and CPR certification; and are well versed in the ecology, geology and history of the Canyon. Most of all they want to show this country to you, and share with you what they have discovered here. After all, this is their backyard.

Our Office Staff: Each member is personally committed to helping you plan your river vacation to meet all your desires and expectations. Lee, our Director of Guest Services, has arranged guests' vacations throughout the western United States for 29 years.

We'll Make You Comfortable in the Wilderness:

- ☞ Your safety and comfort are our #1 priority.
- ☞ Your days are filled with the nature exploration.
- ☞ Exciting and challenging rapids.
- ☞ You'll be with compatible people.
- ☞ You'll learn something new.
- ☞ Portable bathrooms to alleviate concerns of personal hygiene, cleanliness, and privacy.
- ☞ Bathe in the river or use our solar showers.
- ☞ We'll teach you what you need to know to be 'at home' in this natural setting.
- ☞ This National Park is very remote, which means no roads, no phones, and of course, no faxes. The only sign of civilization you'll see is the occasional jet crossing the sky.

Environmental Awareness:

We Have Proven That Businesses Can Be Socially and Environmentally Responsible

Environmental responsibility is an ethic that everyone in the company believes in and adheres to. We recycle and reuse all that we can and use recycled products wherever possible. We make our voices heard politically and contribute financial support to many conservation causes. Sheri Griffith is actively involved in a number of Conservation Boards, donating hundreds of hours yearly to environmental issues. We incorporate

Earth awareness in all our river trips and "take only pictures and leave only footprints."

Alternate Dates are Available for charter trips. We specialize in management seminars, facilitation and corporate team building. These can be added to your expedition, as well as additional amenities not mentioned here, just by your request. Group rates are also available.

A Maximum of 16 People Will Be on These Luxury Trips (this limit does not apply to charter trips). We do not crowd our rafts or our trips, providing a wilderness river experience while offering excellent personal service and a high quality of interaction between our guests and our staff.

What Makes the Expeditions' Difference?

This Expeditions' reputation has been built by providing guests with what they want to make their river trip all that can be imagined...*we are committed to making a difference in your life.* It's your vacation, those valuable days that you dedicate to improve the quality of your life. We are grateful for the opportunity to share them with you.

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