

# GRAND CANYON

White Water Rafting Adventures  
Since 1970



Your Journey of a Lifetime

# Choose from Seven Exciting Trips



## 6 or 7 Day Motor Trip

Lee's Ferry to Whitmore **187 miles**



## 8 Day Motor Trip

Lee's Ferry to South Cove **280 miles**



## 3 Day Motor Trip

Whitmore to South Cove **117 miles**



## 13 Day Oar Trip

Lee's Ferry to Diamond Creek **225 miles**



## 6 Day Oar Trip

Lee's Ferry to Phantom Ranch,  
with hike out **87 miles**



## 8 Day Oar Trip

Phantom Ranch to Diamond Creek,  
with hike in **138 miles**



Seize the excitement and enjoy a thrilling personal experience in Arizona's Grand Canyon and the Colorado River that runs through it.

Long heralded as one of the world's seven natural wonders, the Grand Canyon provides a colorful voyage through history and pre-history you'll never forget. While most folks view the Canyon from atop the rim, during your Arizona River Runners adventure you experience the mystery and wonderment of the Canyon's depths up close.

Your trip on the mighty Colorado transports you through a majestic desert gorge carved by wind and water from layers of rock dating back as much as

2 billion years. Its walls border 280 miles of water flowing with excitement. Experience the wonder that Major John Wesley Powell felt in the summer of 1869 during his epic journey down the Colorado River. "A gust of wind sweeps down a side gulch and, making a rift in the clouds, reveals the blue heavens and a stream of sunlight pours in," the legendary one-armed Civil War veteran wrote, "Then the clouds drift away . . . and hang around crags and peaks and pinnacles . . . and cover them with a mantle that . . . sets them all in sharp relief. . . . Early in the afternoon we discover . . . a clear beautiful creek, coming down through a gorgeous red canyon. We land and camp on a sand beach above its mouth."

Adventure and tranquility coexist in the Canyon, providing a feast for all your senses. See stunning scenery and towering canyon walls. Delight in the feel of warm sunshine and cool spray on your skin. Listen to cascading waterfalls, thundering rapids and the cries of wildlife. Awaken to fresh wilderness air and inhale the fragrance of campground coffee. Luxuriate in the taste of gourmet meals. And snuggle into your bedroll beneath the silence of a star-studded night sky. Whether you select a three-day excursion or a full two-week adventure, you'll be exhilarated and enchanted with Arizona River Runners as your guide.

Transportation, river equipment, hearty and satisfying meals, drinking water, and soft drinks are included. You'll enjoy river interpretations, folklore, wildlife information, and the good humor of your expert guides. Prepare to be moved and mesmerized. Camaraderie and companionship await you. Just bring personal items, a camera, a healthy appetite and a strong sense of adventure.

**For more information visit [www.raftarizona.com](http://www.raftarizona.com). To reserve call toll-free today 1-800-477-7238 or e-mail us at [info@raftarizona.com](mailto:info@raftarizona.com).**



# 6, 7 and 8 Day Motor Trips



## 6, 7 & 8 Day Motor Trips

The most popular Arizona River Runners packages are our 6 day/5 night or 7 day/6 night trips. You float 187 miles through the heart of the Grand Canyon. For an additional day of intriguing exploration and hiking, select the 7 day trip. To experience all 280 river miles from Lee's Ferry to Lake Mead, consider the 8 day/7 night voyage.

## Day One

### 6 & 7 DAY MOTOR TRIP

You have the option of starting your trip in Las Vegas or, if you prefer, you can

drive to Marble Canyon, Arizona. Plan to arrive the night before your trip and you'll be ready for an early morning departure. If you choose the Las Vegas departure, your day starts with a scenic early morning flight to Marble Canyon. After a continental breakfast, orientation, and packing of your personal items, it's off to Lee's Ferry to start the first day of your rafting adventure.

### 8 DAY MOTOR TRIP

You enjoy an early morning continental breakfast at your designated rendezvous

point in Las Vegas. After check-in you will board an air-conditioned charter bus for a scenic five hour ride which takes you into Southern Utah and on to Marble Canyon in Northern Arizona, and your launch point at near-by Lee's Ferry. After a quick orientation and packing your gear, you're ready to begin enchanting days and peaceful nights on the Colorado River. You will see and experience 280 miles of the Canyon on this 8 day/7 night voyage.

## Daily Itinerary

### 6, 7 & 8 DAY MOTOR TRIP

You awaken at dawn to the smell of the Canyon and cowboy coffee, raring to go. A hearty breakfast beckons and the river calls. As the days unfold, you find them filled with side canyon explorations—Elves Chasm, Deer Creek Falls, Havasu Creek, and the Little Colorado. Side trips are punctuated by the thrill of the rapids of the Crystal, Hermit, Granite, and Lava Falls—all exhilarating but not too daunting. Recharge your energy with snacks and lemonade and new-found friends. At lunchtime, a solid meal fuels your afternoon and more adventure. Your enthusiastic observations are always welcome. As the sun starts to sink behind canyon walls, camp is set on another beautiful sandy beach. Conversations continue after another amazing dinner and soon the stars begin to sparkle as you share stories of the day. Tune in to the quiet serenity above your bedroll as the vastness of the heavens soothes your soul.

## Farewell

### 6 & 7 DAY MOTOR TRIP

You'll cherish the memories forever. Arise to an early morning breakfast and a stunning helicopter ride from Whitmore Wash up to the Canyon Rim. After a short layover your plane takes you back to Las Vegas or Marble Canyon, arriving shortly after noon.

### 8 DAY MOTOR TRIP

Early on the eighth day you enjoy one more hearty breakfast before you load up for another short journey on the raft. By mid-morning it's time to bid your crew farewell and transfer to the jet boat which will take you through the final scenic miles of the Canyon and on to Lake Mead. You take the final leg of your journey to Las Vegas by charter bus, arriving late afternoon.

**Call Arizona River Runners now and arrange to join us on one of these amazing adventures. It's an experience you'll talk about for a lifetime!**



# 3 Day Motor Trip



## A Taste of the canyon

On the three-day motor trip, you receive an unforgettable introduction to the Canyon. It includes:

- A scenic airplane flight
- A day at the Bar 10 Ranch
- A helicopter ride to the Canyon floor
- 100 + miles of adventure on the Colorado River
- An invigorating jet boat ride to South Cove

## Day One

Late morning on your first day you are met at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas. To begin your experience of a lifetime, you take a 35-minute scenic flight to the Bar 10 Ranch. There you enjoy lunch and have the afternoon free to ride tall in the saddle,





pitch horseshoes or enjoy the day-to-day activities of a real working ranch. You end up hungry for the Dutch-oven dinner that awaits you, followed by toe-tappin' Western entertainment from the Bar 10 staff. As night falls, you bed down in the lodge or in an authentic Conestoga covered wagon where you dream of the day to come.

## Day Two

Breakfast may prepare you for the excitement ahead, but your breath may still be taken away. A helicopter takes you to the mighty Colorado where you embark on 40 miles of rafting amid high canyon walls, ancient lava flows

and rushing rapids. After a full day on the water, it's chow-time, followed by socializing, capped by blissful slumber beneath the stars.

## Day Three

Start the day as you look forward to a hot breakfast, fresh fruit and juices. Then it's another exciting stretch of river, rapids, and rapturous scenery. About midday you board a jet boat for the last scenic leg on the river—arriving approximately 90 minutes later at South Cove. An air-conditioned motor coach transports you back to Las Vegas, arriving late afternoon.

**Sign up now for this introduction to whitewater rafting. For a greater challenge, Arizona River Runners full canyon trips include the largest rapids further up-river.**



# S-Rig Motor Boat

Nylon drag bag keeps beverages cold and within easy reach.

Each boat has its own spare motor.

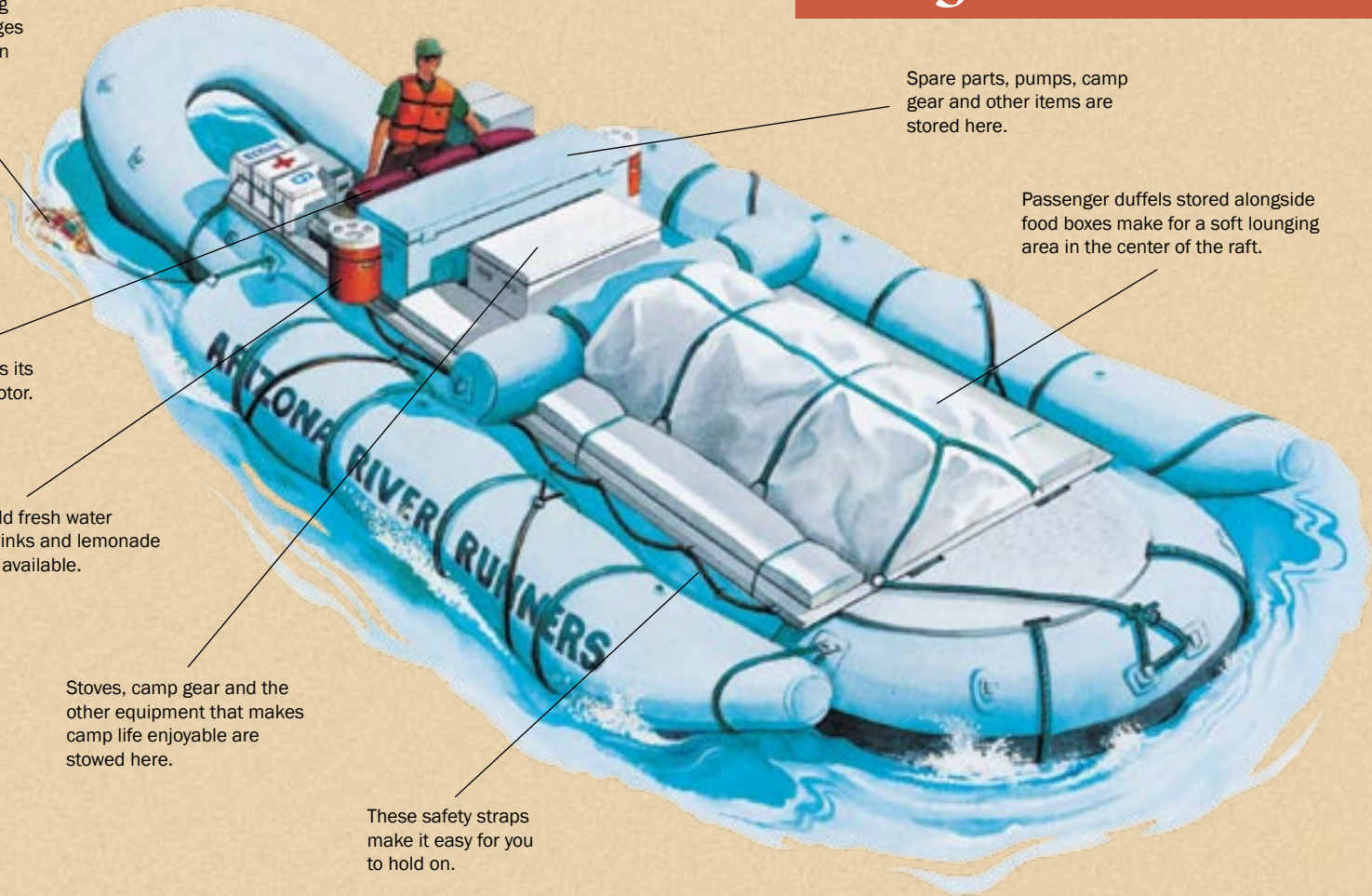
Coolers hold fresh water and soft drinks and lemonade are always available.

Stoves, camp gear and the other equipment that makes camp life enjoyable are stowed here.

These safety straps make it easy for you to hold on.

Spare parts, pumps, camp gear and other items are stored here.

Passenger duffels stored alongside food boxes make for a soft lounging area in the center of the raft.

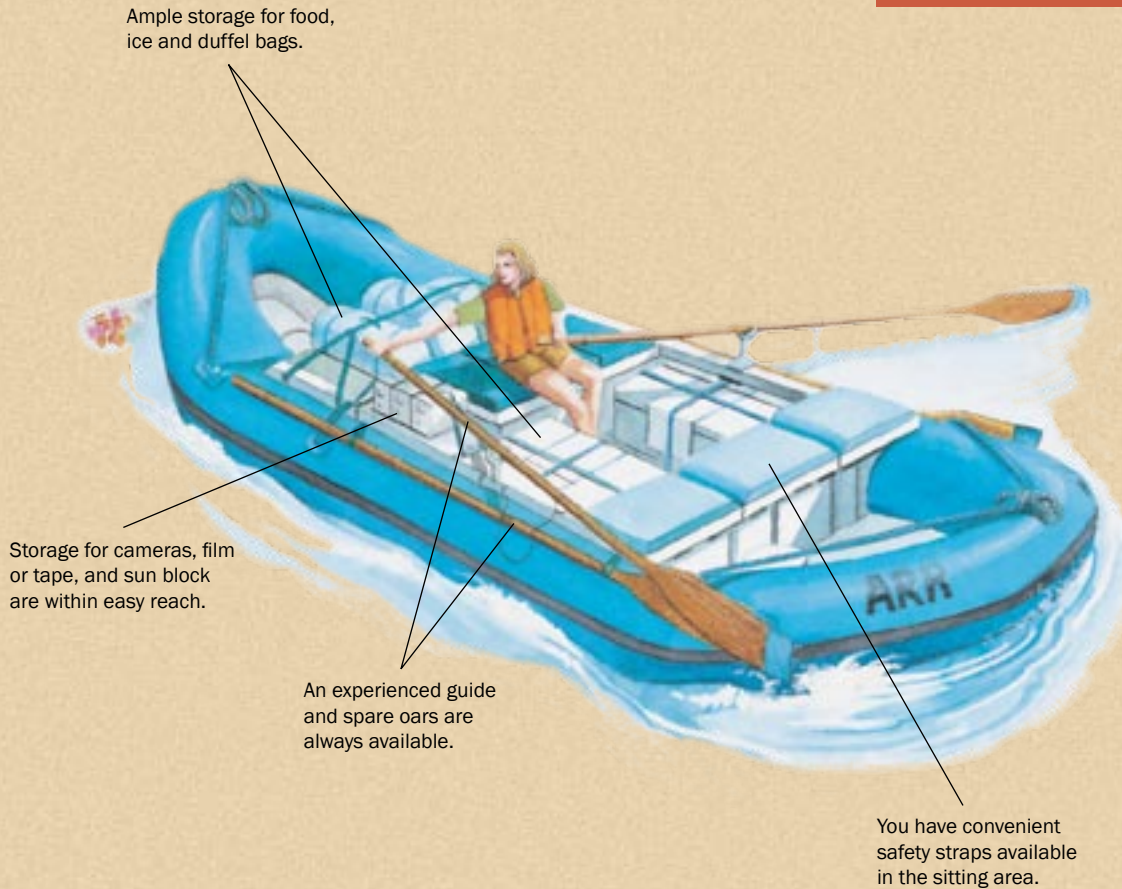


## The S-Rig for Motorized Trips

- 35 feet long by 15 feet wide
- Self bailing (the water gets out all by itself)
- 20 individual air chambers ensure virtually unsinkable reliability
- Can carry 15 people, two guides and all their cargo
- Designed for river use under all conditions
- The S-Rig is equipped with quiet-running four-stroke outboard.

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# Oar Boat



## The Oar Boat

- 18 feet long by 8 feet wide
- State-of-the-art rafts with 4 individual air chambers and customized frames specially designed for the Grand Canyon
- Holds four or five guests, your guide and all necessary gear
- Brings you up close and personal with the Colorado as it moves through the Canyon
- Powered by an ARR guide



# 13 Day Oar Trip

This is the ultimate Grand Canyon experience. The granddaddy of all U.S. whitewater river trips offers the most intimate connection with the Colorado. Oar-powered boats accommodate four passengers each with ample time to explore side-canyons and bond with the natural splendor of the Grand Canyon.

## The Longest Oar Powered Trip

Relive history by retracing the pioneering trip of Major John Wesley Powell. It doesn't get any better than this as you pass through a chasm over a mile deep and 15 miles wide.

## Day One

**Please arrive in Las Vegas the night before your trip.** An Arizona River Runners representative meets you early morning, at our designated rendezvous in Las Vegas, followed by a scenic 5 hour motor coach trip to Marble Canyon, Arizona.

## Days Two Through 13

You soak up 225 miles of unforgettable splendor. Engage all your senses. Float, hike, look, hear, feel, and breathe. Explore, enjoy, relax, share, and bond. Eat, drink, taste . . . and sleep. Repeat daily.

## Day 13

On this last day, think about what you'll tell the folks back home. You assemble words to describe a simply incredible experience. When the trip concludes you, and the memories you'll hold for a lifetime, will ride a motor coach back to civilization, arriving mid-afternoon in Las Vegas.



# 6 Day Oar Trip (Hike-Out required)



## Day One

Please arrive in Las Vegas the night before your trip. An Arizona River Runners representative meets you early morning, at our designated rendezvous in Las Vegas, followed by a scenic 5 hour motor coach trip to Marble Canyon, Arizona.

## Days Two Through Five

One-of-a-kind experiences, side canyon exploration, campfire tales, companionship, and incredible views go together with the color and majesty of Marble Canyon. You cherish the memories long after your trip has ended.

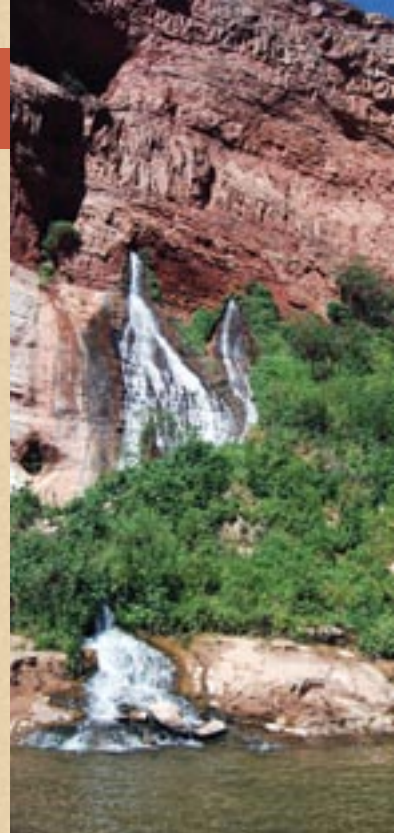
## Day Six

### **BRIGHT ANGEL HIKE-OUT**

Early on day six, you strap on your hiking boots and climb out of the Canyon. An ARR representative will accompany the group on the eight-mile trek up the twists and turns of Bright Angel Trail to the South Rim. It may be a challenging hike, but you see and feel the Canyon's majesty first-hand.

### **CAUTION!**

Hiking is strenuous. While the trails are well maintained, the elevation change and length of hike can be difficult for some. Ironman training isn't necessary but you must be in good shape and willing to prepare for your hike. Good health and adequate endurance are all you need.



# 8 Day Oar Trip (Hike-In required)



## Bright Angel Hike-In

Don't have 13 days to spend? Then you'll find this eight-day excursion every bit as exhilarating. Enjoy eight days and seven nights of outdoor exploration and river running covering 138 miles of moving water from Phantom Ranch to Diamond Creek.

## Day One

An ARR representative will meet you early morning, at the designated location at the South Rim, to hike eight miles down the winding Bright Angel Trail to the heart of the Grand Canyon. Your guide will follow you to the river's edge at Pipe Creek where you will join the trip.

## Days Two through Seven

From the ruddy rocks of Elves Chasm to the splendor of a 100-foot waterfall at

Deer Creek, you can't get enough of the spectacular scenery. Use your camera to share this experience with friends and preserve it for happy reminiscence.

## Day Eight

At the end of your trip, you head back to Las Vegas in the comfort of a motor coach arriving mid-afternoon.

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# Trip Gear

## Hitting the Beach

Arizona River Runners supplies all the high-tec gear so you can enjoy the perfect camp each night whether you are an avid camper or experiencing your first trip sleeping under the stars:

- Two-person tents and ground cloth
- Comfortable sleeping cots (motor trips)
- Self-inflating sleeping pads (oar trips)
- Sleeping bag, sheet and inflatable pillow
- Convenient portable restroom facilities
- Sanitary hand-wash system
- Waterproof bag for your personal gear
- Waterproof day bag
- Soft drinks and lemonade
- Dishes and eating utensils
- Camp chairs
- Life jackets

After a scrumptious meal from our complete kitchen, you hear some of the best stories told. You discover that the more you participate in your trip, the more pleasurable your experience.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **HOW FAR IN ADVANCE MUST I MAKE RESERVATIONS?**

It pays to plan ahead. The larger the group, the sooner you need to reserve your trip. We start taking reservations in May, a year in advance, and book trips right up to the start of the current rafting season in May. We also fill cancellations all summer long so don't assume we are all booked up. Call or e-mail and we'll do everything we can to accommodate you.

## **WHAT ARE YOUR AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WHITEWATER TRIPS?**

To go on our motorized trips, a person must be at least 8 years old. For our oar trips, passengers must be at least 12 yrs old. No maximum age - limited only by your desire for adventure!

## **WHAT ABOUT DEPOSITS, PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS?**

Please refer to the enclosed Schedule and Price Insert for current policies. To contact the office with questions call 1-800-477-7238 or visit us at [www.raftarizona.com](http://www.raftarizona.com).

## **DO I NEED ANY RAFTING EXPERIENCE?**

Most of our guests are new to rafting, so our expert staff provides equipment, know-how, and reassurance. As a result, your trip is non-stop fun.

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

Arizona River Runners provides transportation, waterproof bags, camping gear, eating utensils, food, and all the supplies you need to make your trip a true vacation.

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?**

After you reserve your trip, you'll receive a complete packing list with instructions. We provide everything but your personal items. Arizona River Runners also provides waterproof bags to keep your clothing and personal items dry as we run the rapids of the great Colorado River!

## **WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE?**

In a word, delicious! Your meals range from fresh fruits, vegetables, steaks, and chicken, to your favorite dessert- all prepared under the western sky by skilled cooks. They smile if you ask for seconds.

## **DOES ARIZONA RIVER RUNNERS PROVIDE BEVERAGES?**

Throughout the trip, we provide clean drinking water, lemonade, and a variety of soft drinks. We do not provide beer or other alcoholic beverages. You're welcome to bring your own. Most evenings ice is available.

## **DO I NEED TO BE STRONG?**

Generally, our trips are not strenuous, but they do require some physical participation. You are responsible for setting up your campsite, and carrying your gear to and from the raft. Good health and endurance are usually adequate for Arizona River Runners trips. If you have specific concerns, we're happy to discuss them with you.

## **IS IT DANGEROUS?**

Our first priority is your safety, and our outstanding record proves it. Like any outdoor vacation activity, there are risks; but you can be confident that we will show you how to minimize them. Our guides carry themselves with a quiet competence. Each of them meets exacting standards for wilderness guides. It takes as much as five years for a guide to qualify for a boat.

## **WHAT ABOUT BUGS AND SNAKES?**

Because of the arid desert climate, mosquitoes and flying insects are seldom a problem. Snakes and scorpions are rarely seen. If you're lucky, you'll have your camera ready to shoot when a Desert Bighorn Sheep clambers up the rocks or a Great Blue Heron is fishing in the shallows.

## **DOES IT RAIN?**

While we can't predict the weather, we know that Spring through mid-July is usually very dry. From mid-July through August, you can expect summer monsoon thunderstorms during some afternoons and evenings; but usually, rain is not a problem on Arizona River Runners trips. In fact, showers are welcome- bringing cooler temperatures and cascading waterfalls to the Canyon.

## **WHAT IF I CAN'T SWIM?**

Whether you're a champion swimmer or a dog paddler, when you're on the river, you must wear a lifejacket AT ALL TIMES. Very seldom do people fall off the boats into the water. Injuries that occur are mostly minor and 90% are not water related.

## **WILL I BE ON THE RAFT ALL DAY?**

No, you'll have plenty of time to explore. On the raft, you glide past an ever-changing natural panorama and swirl through exciting rapids. It's so much fun that having to go home is bittersweet.

## **CAMPING IS FUN, BUT WHERE ARE THE BATHROOMS?**

During your trip you enjoy the finest in back-country campsites. They feature sandy beaches, complete kitchen facilities, water, lemonade, fun...and convenient portable toilet facilities.

## **ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?**

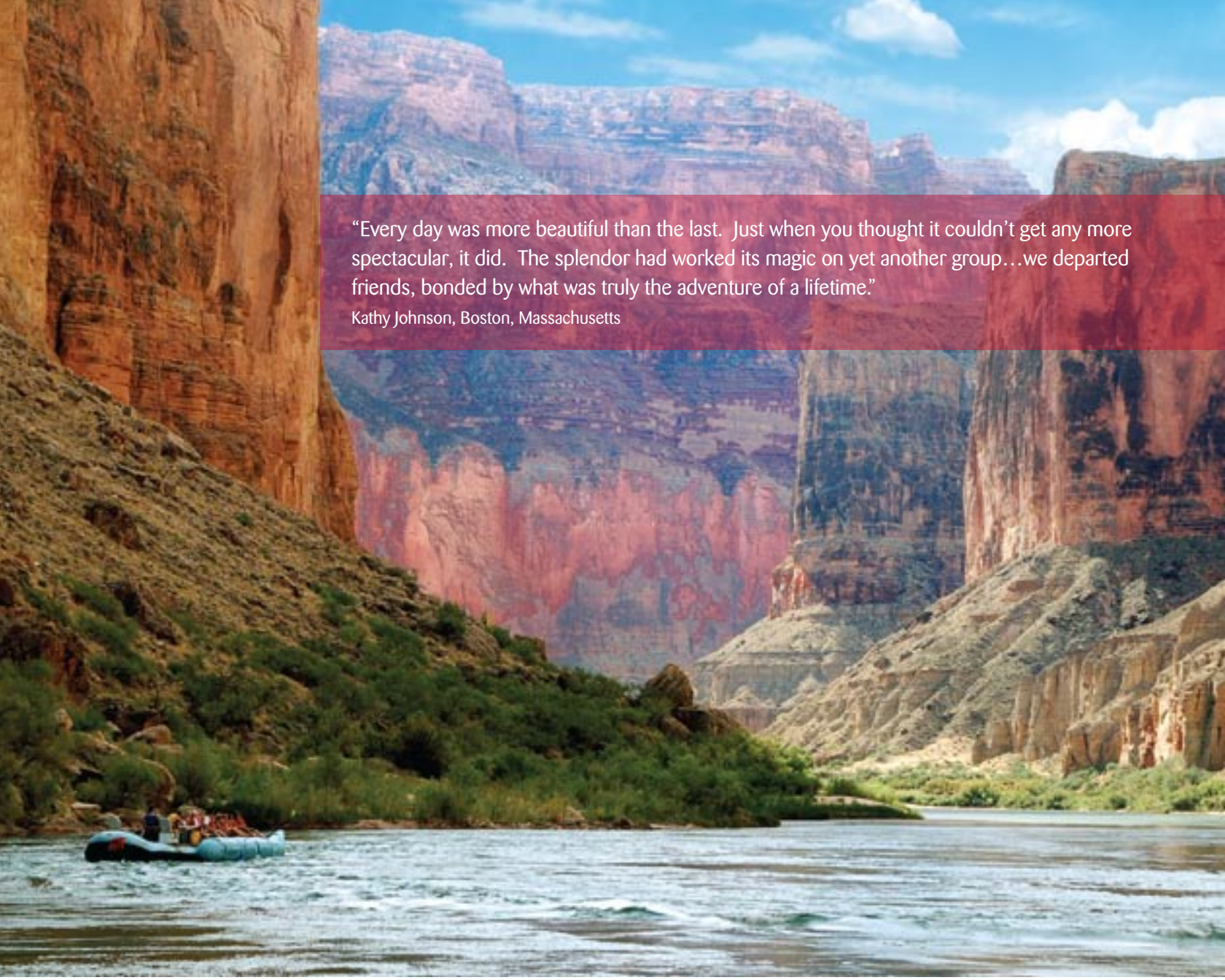
At Arizona River Runners, we believe everyone should enjoy the Grand Canyon's natural beauty. We underscore that belief with a commitment to making trips accessible to everyone, including people with sensory or mobility impairments. Our highly trained staff will measure every obstacle that may hinder the success of your adventure. Your safety and well-being come first and they are the key ingredients to making your outing successful. Call our office and let us try to help you make your trip a reality.

## **DO I NEED EXTRA INSURANCE?**

While river rafting trips are a fun vacation, please recognize that there is an element of risk in any outdoor adventure or activity. Since raft trips are a wilderness experience, and some risk is involved during your trip, we recommend insurance for medical and baggage coverage. If you want to be covered by additional insurance, search on the internet or ask your insurance agent about TRIP PROTECTION policies that are issued for a given number of days. We also highly recommend TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE if unforeseen events force you to cancel your trip. See [www.raftarizona.com](http://www.raftarizona.com) under "helpful links" for options.

## **HOW OFTEN CAN I TAKE A RIVER TRIP?**

Due to limited availability, the National Park Service restricts recreational boating opportunities on the Colorado River within the Grand Canyon National Park to one trip per year per individual. Grand Canyon National Park's one-trip-per-year rule is strictly enforced.



“Every day was more beautiful than the last. Just when you thought it couldn’t get any more spectacular, it did. The splendor had worked its magic on yet another group...we departed friends, bonded by what was truly the adventure of a lifetime.”

Kathy Johnson, Boston, Massachusetts

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