



# WORLD WIDE RIVER EXPEDITIONS

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## Colorado River 2-day Westwater Canyon/ Fisher Towers Adventure

### Q. WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET WORLD WIDE RIVER EXPEDITIONS?

A. The trip meets in Moab, Utah and can be reached via Salt Lake City, UT or Grand Junction, CO. It is generally less expensive to fly into Salt Lake, whereas flying into Grand Junction is closer and a much quicker drive to Moab by car. Flight service is also available into Canyonlands Air Field (about 20 miles north of Moab on Hwy 191) through Salt Lake City. Rental cars and shuttle services are available at each airport. Driving time to Moab from Grand Junction is two hours by traveling west on I-70 then turning south on Hwy 191. Driving time from Salt Lake is four hours traveling south on I-15 to the Price/US 6 exit to east I-70 then south on Hwy 191. For directions you can look up our address on google maps, gps, etc, or if you do not have access to those feel free to email or call. We are located at the very end of Riversands Rd. on the left. Our office is in a residential area so please drive slowly, especially into the parking area. Meeting time is at 7:00 am.

### Q. DO I NEED TO CHECK IN?

A. Please give us a call to the day before to set up a time that evening to check in at our office. If you have questions about the meeting time or place, please call us at our local phone number 435-259-7515 when you get into town.

### Q. WHERE SHOULD I STAY IN MOAB?

A. If you need to stay in Moab the night before or after your trip, a full list of hotels and campgrounds can be found at [www.discovermoab.com](http://www.discovermoab.com). You can also find all transfer and shuttle info on this site if needed. You can visit our website as well. If you need recommendations, feel free to contact us. All overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the client.

### Q. WHAT ARE THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE RAPIDS?

A. The rapids in Westwater Canyon are rated class III-IV (depending on water levels) and provide a lively and exhilarating introduction to the adventures of river running. This trip is perfect for first time rafters with an adventurous spirit and experienced boaters who want a wet and wild experience. The Fisher Towers section of the Colorado River is fun and splashy Class II whitewater with 7 sets of rapids. The water levels are generally higher early in the summer and provide a more intense whitewater experience, but the water is colder. Later in the summer the water levels mellow and the water is warmer in the river which might be a better experience for those who like to swim in the river.

### Q. WHAT WILL BE THE TRIP ITINERARY?

A. **DAY 1:** Once everyone has checked in, bus or van transportation is provided for the 1.5-hour drive to the river put-in. At the river, the guides will set the boats up. An orientation on river safety will be given before the trip is launched. The first day will be spent rafting through Westwater Canyon, running numerous rapids, enjoying magnificent scenery, short side hikes, and learning the fascinating history of the canyon. Camp for the evening is on a sandy beach. A short van trip may be used to get to a more scenic campsite from the 1-day takeout.

**DAY 2:** Enter Fisher Towers and Castle Valley section of the river. Incredible views can be seen of magnificent rock formations, much of which has been featured in movies and commercials. Today you will run smaller rapids in inflatable kayaks and the larger rafts you used in Westwater Canyon. Enjoying leisurely floating, swimming and water fighting can all be done on the last day. After lunch, your trip will end with a 20-minute ride back to Moab by 3 p.m.

### Q. WILL WE BE ALLOWED TO SWIM ALONG THE WAY?

A. Swimming will be part of your trip. Your guide will let you know when it is safe to swim. **When exiting the raft into the water always go feet first.**

### Q. DO YOU GIVE US ANY KIND OF ORIENTATION BEFORE WE GET ON THE RIVER?

A. There will be an orientation at the launch area before **ANYONE** gets into the rafts. It is a vital part of your trip and we stress that **EVERYONE**, including leaders, pay strict attention.

**Q. DO WE HAVE TO WEAR LIFEJACKETS ALL THE TIME, AND CAN WE BRING OUR OWN?**

A. Lifejackets are an absolute necessity any time you are near the water, including time in camp when you want to play in the river. We are required to use Coast Guard approved, Type V, whitewater jackets, so please don't bring your own.

**Q. WHAT DO WE DO IF ONE OF OUR PARTY NEEDS FIRST AID?**

A. Our guides are all trained in Advanced Wilderness First Aid, CPR and will have a first aid kit with them. Protocols are in place in the event of an emergency while on the river.

**Q. WHAT KIND OF GEAR SHOULD WE BRING?**

A. A packing list has been provided with a list of appropriate gear to bring.

**Q. WHAT DO WE DO WITH OUR GEAR? WILL IT BE ON THE RAFTS WITH US?**

A. At the warehouse, your gear will be loaded into a truck or trailer. It will be transported to camp where it will be waiting for you when you arrive later in the day. We recommend that you leave the keys to your cars locked up in our office at the warehouse to minimize the chance of losing them while you are on the river.

**Q. ARE TENTS PROVIDED?**

A. Please refer to your confirmation page to see if camping equipment is included in your reservation. Some group rate trips do not include camping gear. If camping gear is provided your guides will bring along sufficient tents for two people per tent plus a few extra to accommodate those traveling alone. These are comfortable, roomy tents available for your use. As the guides have the communal camp to set up, passengers will set up their own tents. (If you are a group and have the group rate, camping gear is not provided.)

**Q. WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I RECEIVE?**

A. Please refer to your confirmation page to see if camping equipment is included in your reservation. Some group rate trips do not include camping gear. If camping gear is provided it will be the following:

Water-resistant rubber bag (dry bag)\*\*

Sleeping bag, foam pad or cot, tarp

Small Personal dry bag

A souvenir mug you may keep

The small dry bag is 7.5"Wx13"H. It is the storage unit on the raft that is available to you during the course of the day. The dry bag, which contains your soft nylon bag items, sleeping bag and foam pad will be secured to the raft during the day and not accessible except in camp.

**Q. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY CAMPING GEAR?**

A. If camping gear is provided it will be already packed with your sleeping bag and ground cloth and will be given to you when you come by our office the day before your departure. The bags are numbered for your convenience. Once you take a bag you will need to remember the number so you will be able to claim your personal equipment each evening. (If you are a group and have the group rate, camping gear is not provided.)

**Q. WHAT DO I DO WITH MY EXCESS LUGGAGE?**

A. Excess luggage may be stored at your hotel. If your hotel does not provide storage, we can arrange for storage at our office. If you are driving to Moab, luggage can be locked in your car and parked at our warehouse parking area during your river trip.

**Q. CAN WE TAKE ANYTHING WITH US ON THE RAFTS?**

A. Anything taken with you on the rafts will end up on the bottom of the boat and will get wet. This includes extra clothes, towels, cameras, food, etc. There will be an oarboat along, which carries the lunch, first aid kits, etc., extra clothes and cameras. A dry set of clothes and towels are not necessary during the day on the boats.

**Q. WHAT KIND OF RAFTS WILL WE BE ON?**

A. Depending on the water levels, you will be paddling a 16' paddle raft in Westwater Canyon. They hold 8-10 people. If there is a rowing frame on the raft, this raft will hold 6-8 people along with the guide. A few 2 person inflatable kayaks will be available on the Fisher section of the river on the second day. Rafts are not assigned before arriving at the river.

**Q. WHAT KIND OF FOOD WILL BE SERVED?**

A. Meals start with lunch the first day and end with lunch the last day on the river. Lunch each day is a make it yourself sandwich buffet, with lunch meats, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, pickles, breads, etc. We also serve fruits, chips, cookies and lemonade. Breakfast might be blueberry pancakes, sausage, melon, or French toast. Dinner may include spaghetti, green

salad, hamburgers, vegetables and dessert, which is served about an hour after dinner. You will not go hungry and we do our best to keep you from standing in long lines for your meals.

#### Q. WHAT IF WE HAVE FOOD ALLERGIES?

A. If we know about food allergies in advance we can make accommodations to our menus for the safety of those with allergies. If your food allergy is severe, we suggest you bring a few of your favorite food items and we can help you transport them on the river for you to use when necessary. The only peanut products we use are peanut butter for sandwiches. Those with a peanut allergy can go through the lunch line first. For those with gluten allergies we suggest bringing your own favorite brand of gluten free bread, noodles for pasta night, and supplemental breakfast items.

#### Q. WHEN ARE MEALS SERVED?

A. Guides will call for breakfast around 7:15 am. It is up to each group to get their members up and moving to breakfast on time. It gets light around 6 am so it is hard to sleep in. Dinner is around 6:30 pm and dessert will be served about an hour later.

#### Q. CAN WE BRING OUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS?

A. Snacks are a great thing to bring. Pack 1-2 items per person per day. Make sure to bring things that won't melt. Because of limited space available on the rafts, we recommend only bringing 2 six-packs of cans per person. Drinks are placed in a drink cooler as space is available. Other drinks like coffee, tea or hot chocolate may be available in camp. Any wine or liquor will need to be packed in your dry bag. PLEASE TRY NOT TO BRING GLASS.

NOTE: Consumption of too much alcohol by some individuals can destroy the full enjoyment of a wilderness river trip for other passengers. A person has less control in dangerous situations when excessive amounts of alcohol have been consumed. If you view excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages an essential element in your wilderness experience we suggest that you charter a private trip.

#### Q. WHAT KIND OF WEATHER CAN WE EXPECT AND HOW WARM IS THE WATER?

A. The temperatures in the summer generally range from 80-110 degrees during the day with 70-85 degrees at night. July and August are warmer than June. Rain is not common during the summer months. The weather forecast can give you an idea of what to expect. If the forecast indicates rain come prepared because when it rains, it usually rains hard. The water temperature in June is around 50-60 degrees. In July and August the water can be 65-80 degrees.

#### Q. ARE THERE CREEPY CRAWLIES AND CRITTERS ON THE RIVER?

A. Typically, this part of the river isn't known for too many insects. The occasional mosquito or gnat at sundown can be found, but is typically not an issue. Bringing a bottle of bug spray is not a bad idea for the occasional time that there are bugs present. There are mice and other rodents that will get into tents or bags if left open with food in them.

#### Q. ARE THERE TOILET FACILITIES AVAILABLE?

A. We set up portable toilets in privacy tents in addition to the vault toilets located in the campgrounds. During the day while on the river, there are limited toilet facilities. The longest time without access to a bathroom is about 3 hours. Our guides (both male and female) are sensitive to the unique challenges that may be encountered by women while traveling in a wilderness area. Please don't hesitate to ask them if there are questions concerning these issues. They are willing to help and are willing to make an emergency stop if needed. It is helpful for women to wear 2 piece swimsuits and/or have a skirt or wrap around sarong to wear while on the trip for more privacy. If needed, you do not have to swim. You still will get splashed though from either water fights if you are participating and/or the rapids. Ziploc bags are handy for storage and disposal of feminine hygiene products.

#### Q. CAN WE TAKE A SHOWER?

A. The only clean water we bring is for drinking and cooking. You can bathe in the river using biodegradable soap if at all possible. When the water is cold, baby wipes work well for getting the major dust and river water off.

#### Q. CAN WE HAVE A FIRE IN CAMP?

A. Campfires are very rarely part of our program unless the weather is unusually cold. We are usually under state fire restrictions by the middle of June. Most nights are too warm for a fire to be comfortable and it does not get dark until almost 10 pm, with the sun setting about 9:15 pm. If a fire is needed, the guides will take care of it.

**Q. IS THERE LOTS OF DOWNTIME IN CAMP?**

A. There is always some downtime in camp. How much downtime all depends on the water level. Typically, early in the season, end of May to end of June, the water level is up which may mean you arrive in camp earlier than usual where there will be downtime before dinner. It is a good idea to bring small things such as a book, cards, etc. that you can use during downtime.

**Q. IS THERE CELL PHONE SERVICE ON THE RIVER TRIP?**

A. The simple answer is no there is not. Cell phone service is spotty at best. There are some places along the river that texts can be sent out, but service for phone calls cannot be counted on. This is a great opportunity to unplug from the technology that often distracts from enjoying each other and the beautiful scenery around.

**Q. WHEN IS OUR PAYMENT DUE AND CAN WE GET A REFUND IF WE NEED TO CANCEL?**

A. A deposit is due at the time of the reservation and full payment is due 30 days prior to your launch date. We will gladly refund your deposits and full payments, less a \$50.00 per person cancellation fee, for written (email) notification of cancellation received 60 days prior to your departure date. Should you cancel between 60 and 21 days prior to your departure date, you will forfeit your deposits. If you cancel within 21 days of tour departure, you will forfeit all monies received by WWRE. No refunds for no shows. Our cancellation policy applies in every instance. We strongly encourage you to purchase trip cancellation insurance. For policy information and to sign up go to [www.travelinsured.com](http://www.travelinsured.com). Cost of insurance is based on the age of the insured and the amount being insured.

**Q. CAN WE CHANGE OUR RESERVATION TO A DIFFERENT DATE?**

A. A reservation can be changed to another date for a \$25 per person change of date fee. The reservation must be used by the next full season from the time the original reservation was made. We reserve the right to cancel any trip, with a full refund due to weather, water conditions, or insufficient reservations.

**Q. WILL WE NEED MONEY ONCE WE GET TO MOAB?**

A. In our company store we have sunglasses, sunscreen, water proof cameras, and squirt guns. At the end of the trip you will be transported from the river back to your cars at the warehouse where lunch will be served. At this time there will be an opportunity to buy souvenir t-shirts to remember your trip. T-shirts start at \$10.

**Q. ARE THERE MAPS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE BEFORE THE TRIP?**

A. There is an excellent waterproof map available through our office. It provides a mile-by-mile description of the historical and some geological aspects of the river. The map covers a much larger section of the river than we actually run and is a beautiful and useful souvenir of your trip. This is the same map your guide uses. Cost is \$20.00. This map is available in our office at the beginning of your trip.

**Q. WHAT ABOUT GRATUITIES?**

A. You should never feel that a gratuity is automatically expected from you, but it is a great way to acknowledge excellent service. Our guides work hard to make each expedition a memorable and rewarding experience for you. May we suggest \$10-\$20 per person per day given to your trip leader who will then distribute it evenly with all the guides on your trip.

Release forms: Although World Wide River Expeditions takes every precaution when it comes to passenger safety, whitewater rafting has some inherent risks. Each participant will be required to sign an acknowledgment of risk form before participating. Parents must sign with minor children.

Please note your Client Responsibilities: 1) all clients will be required to follow the safety policies and procedures of Raft Moab, Inc. DBA World Wide River Expeditions ('WWRE') and their guides' instructions during activities. 2) All clients will be required to sign a Participant Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement in favor of WWRE before departing on any trip; and 3) each client agrees and acknowledges when they sign up for a WWRE activity that they have significant responsibility for their own safety and that they agree they are **ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE** for their own safety during participation in an activity.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to email or call us.