

Williams GeoAdventures

Grand Canyon Raft & Rock

Tentative Dates for Spring 2020: April 20–25, 2020

Imagine yourself, spring 2020 on a 6-day oar powered rafting trip on the Colorado River entering into Grand Canyon National Park from Lees Ferry to Phantom Ranch—with your own professional geologist, yours truly, who is returning for his eighth time. This could be you!

Can you think of a better way to raft and explore the Upper Grand Canyon than with a geologist, backed by an award-winning rafting company with expert guides who tend to all the details? All of this at the most beautiful time of year in the canyon. This trip is designed for the physically fit adult learner, and no prior geology coursework is required.

Join me on an exciting journey back through geologic time. The rafting trip travels through progressively older rocks that span the entire Paleozoic Era as Marble Canyon deepens, before reaching the 1.8 billion year-old rocks of the Inner Gorge of the Grand Canyon. This is one third the age of the Earth! Guests have the option to be in an oar boat or a paddle boat and there are numerous amazing side canyon hikes. The trip includes a strenuous hike out of the Grand Canyon from Pipe Creek (near Phantom Ranch) to the South Rim. Williams GeoAdventures will arrange for a mule duffle service to carry your gear out of the canyon. That way, you can hike the Bright Angel Trail with just your daypack.

Arizona Raft Adventures (<https://azraft.com>), an authorized Grand Canyon National Park Concessionaire and third generation outfitter is responsible for the rafting trip and transportation to the Grand Canyon from Flagstaff, Arizona. The cost of the upper Grand Canyon rafting trip is \$2,300.

Williams GeoAdventures is arranging all the details and providing services before and after the rafting trip. The cost of all of these services is \$990 and assumes double occupancy for the lodging. These services include the following:

- A geology field trip guidebook
- A pre-trip orientation and dinner in Cotati, California in April 2020
- An overnight stay at the Little America Hotel in Flagstaff on April 19, 2020
- A mule duffle service to carry your gear out of the Grand Canyon on April 25, 2020
- An overnight stay at a lodge on the South Rim on April 25, 2020
- A farewell dinner at the El Tovar Lodge on the South Rim on April 25, 2020
- Transportation from the South Rim to Flagstaff on April 26, 2020

The total cost of all the Williams GeoAdventures services and upper Grand Canyon rafting and geology trip is \$3,290. This cost does not include the flight to and from Flagstaff and other meals before and after the rafting trip.

Enrollment is limited to 21 adventurers.

All you need to do to reserve your space right now is mail me a non-refundable deposit check of \$800 each, payable to Williams GeoAdventures, 101 Ross Street, #4, Cotati, CA 94931. I will then provide you all with detailed information and the trip application. The final trip payment is due on October 1, 2019.

This is a trip of a lifetime! GeoAdventures folks have come with buddies, family members, even honeymooners. hope you join us in the incomparable Grand Canyon. Shoot me an email or give me a call with any questions.



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