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Discover

The Majestic Canyon of the
Green River

Family Goes to Camp: Expedition Style

5 Days / 4 Nights

As featured in *Outside Magazine* and *Parent Magazine*

What makes this trip special?

The **whole family goes to camp**, exploring, relaxing and having fun. This trip offers exceptional bonding opportunities, fun whitewater, enchanting **camp sites on sandy beaches**, stunning geological features, ancient and recent western history, and it all begins with a scenic flight to the launch site!

Our Family Camp guides have special interpretive training. They've developed great outdoor educational and environmentally sensitive activities and games. These activities and games incorporate camping, outdoor safety, basic first aid, history, geology, hydrology, wildlife, plant life, and of course, river running skills.

This moderate river trip is delightful for every family member. We run this trip in paddleboats and oarboats, and bring inflatable kayaks to play in. Family Camp in Desolation Canyon presents some of the world's finest wild areas, in comfort, with great food, and some of the finest people you will ever meet. River rafting offers quality time and experiences for strengthening family relationships. There is adventure time, quiet time, interaction and reflection time, and lots of time to play.

Hiking, water games, and building sandcastles provide quality interaction. Our guides take children on structured, educational and fun outings where everyone can interact with nature, and other children. Parents can join in the excursions or enjoy relaxing next to the river, a leisure walk or a demanding hike, or enjoy the camaraderie of other guests.



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The Majestic Canyons Experience

Rafting Desolation and Gray Canyons

Day 1: We meet early at the Moab Canyonlands Airport for a spectacular scenic flight to a mesa above the river. You will then spend the day leisurely rafting. For lunch, your guides prepare a fresh buffet on the riverbank. This evening, your family will be hiking, playing games, and enjoying a delicious dinner in a enchanting riverside beach camp.

Days 2, 3 & 4: For the next few days you will learn to paddle a raft, enjoy great hikes, play in the river and learn a lot about nature and history. Time is set aside for nature programs, building sandcastles and playing along the riverbank. The rapids increase in size each day and occur in faster succession. The crew prepares all meals ending with a marshmallow roast over the campfire.

Last Day: All your paddling skills are exercised today as you enjoy the biggest rapids of the trip. The journey ends with celebrations as we return to Moab.

Camping & Hiking

Those new to the river and first-time campers are encouraged to join us. There is one guide for every 5 guests enhancing personal interaction throughout the trip. We bring everything we need and set up a new camp and kitchen each evening. Our crews organize each campsite, prepare all meals, and arrange fascinating and entertaining activities. The tastes of adults and children are taken into consideration, with steak for some and hamburger for others. Your time is spent playing, interacting, and relaxing – as a family.

Each day, clean air amplifies a vibrant blue sky, creating a perfect environment for unparalleled photographic opportunities. As evening yields to night and the sun melts from the sky, it is replaced by a vivid star show enhancing the evolving conversations among the guests.

Whitewater

The Green River through Desolation and Gray Canyons is 84 miles of 50 class I-III rapids that start the second day of the trip and build each day until the largest and best rapids the last day. These rapids are full of big rolling waves, not technically difficult but exciting and great fun - perfect for learning to maneuver a paddleboat or kayak.



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The Rafts

All of our equipment is top quality, state of the art and carefully maintained and serviced. Our Family trips are run with paddleboats, oarboats and a few inflatable kayaks to play in. The equipment raft may have a small outboard motor for low water conditions and to accommodate kids' routines. (Rental kayaks are available for your family's exclusive use.)

History

The Green River through Desolation Canyon is the only river canyon registered as a National Historic Landmark. The Fremont Indians farmed, hunted and lived here over 700 years ago and left ruins and ancient rock art. In the late 1800's homesteaders, trappers and outlaws shared the area. The McPherson's befriended Butch Cassidy and his "Wild Bunch," and their ranch still exists. Time is set aside to explore these ranches and legends.

Today, ranchers and cowboys along the canyon claim to be ancestors of these infamous residents. The river borders the Uinta and Ouray Indian reservations, where they farm and ranch today.

The Weather

You can expect warm, sunny, delightful days in Southeastern Utah. In April through June, high temperatures range between 70 and 90. July and August high temperatures typically range between 90 and 100, with September and October temperatures ranging between 70 and 80. The climate here is very dry with little humidity and not oppressively sweltering. Summer evenings are quite comfortable though cool in spring and fall. Other than an occasional rain cloud, there are few overcast days.

Geology

The Green River has sliced through 300 million years of rock leaving exposed layers in towering canyon walls, giving the area a spectacular Grand Canyon appearance. Guides share their geologic expertise during hikes through the canyons.

Wildlife

Wildlife is abundant in this region, though often shy. During the heat of the day lizards sun themselves while eagles, vultures and hawks soar on thermal airstreams along the canyon walls. In the morning and evening, deer, muskrat, beaver, coyote and the great blue heron move along the river's edge. Although too warm for trout, the Green River supports catfish and the endangered Colorado Squawfish and Humpback Chub.



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The Sheri Griffith Expeditions **Difference**

“Adventure with a Touch of Class”

DISCOVER:

The Quality that is offered only on a Sheri Griffith Expeditions trip. From the first call to last meal the SGE team is the friendliest, most competent and fun group of professional travel associates in the business.

EXPERIENCE:

The Service and Safety that comes from 36 years of showing guests the wonders of whitewater rafting. Through extensive training and workshops, our company’s knowledge is passed on throughout our team. You will see this quality in our equipment, food, and staff on each trip.

RELAX:

In the Comfort of our cozy chairs, sit-down dining and fabulous meals. Your Vacation is our priority: whether you are a novice camper or a great outdoorsman, our goal is to help each guest enjoy the river experience.

What does "A Touch Of Class" mean?"

It means we provide more amenities and service than any other outfitter. Our goal is to make you comfortable in the outdoors. We provide enough civilization for anyone to be comfortable on our river rafting trips. **Great meals, cozy sleeping bags, comfortable chairs and professional service-oriented guides** create a relaxing and comfortable camp setting, complimenting the relaxed pace of the day's river rafting activities.

GROUP SIZE

Sheri Griffith Expeditions believes in protecting the environment and enhancing your vacation. This is why we rarely do trips larger than 25 people. Most of our trips are 10-15 people in size. On our multi-day trips there will never be more than 5 guests on each oarboat. With small groups you will get the attention you deserve and the chance to know all the guides and other guests.



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Our Guest Services Staff

All of us at Sheri Griffith Expeditions know what a deeply rewarding experience a river trip can be. Our Guest Services staff is widely recognized as the most helpful and accommodating in our industry. You can rely on us to facilitate a successful trip. Call us with questions, requests, or for assistance ~ we will help.

What Sheri Griffith Expeditions Provides

- Trip orientation
- Rafting, hiking & camping at the highest level
- All rafting and safety equipment including lifejackets and dry bags
- 2-man tent, sleeping bag and deluxe sleeping pad
- Professionally trained and licensed Guides
- Portable toilet and necessities
- All meals starting lunch day 1 through lunch the last day
- Shuttle from take out to Moab Airport
- Iced water, Gatorade and Lemonade on every boat
- Full days on the river
- The best customer service from your first phone call to the actual river vacation experience

Our Guides

Our guides are professional, exceptional people with outstanding talents, who are eager to share their knowledge, experience, and enjoyment of life in the outdoors. They continually strive to perfect their understanding of our wilderness and its secrets. This *is* their way of life, and their passion is to share this adventurous way of life with you.

Our guides' objective is to help you have fun. However, you can rest assured that your safety is their top priority and you will observe this in their behavior as well as their expectations of you. They are Red Cross First Aid and CPR certified, and have completed river rescue training. They are required to complete hours of training on each river stretch before they can "guide" our guests. If you are like most people, you will marvel at the quality of their work, while feeling as if you have just made a new friend.

"Thanks for saving Snoozer my bear. She was sleeping in the raft when she fell out of the raft with no life jacket. My guide saved her, dried her off and she is glad." Christi, age 5 , Desolation Canyon



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Orientation

We hold a pre-trip orientation the evening before the trip launches. Here you will meet one of your guides, sign your release forms, receive your dry bags (river luggage), learn what to expect and how to prepare, and ask questions. The orientation is held at our office in Moab, Utah, 2231 South Highway 191 (the big blue building).

Environmental Awareness

We demonstrate that businesses can be socially and environmentally compatible. Environmental responsibility is an ethic that everyone in the company practices. We recycle and reuse all we can. We are politically involved in and contribute to conservation causes and issues. We incorporate earth awareness in our river trips: "take only pictures and leave only footprints."

Custom Trips

We can help you schedule other activities in Moab around any of our river adventures. There are a variety of things to do in the Moab area including skydiving, Hummer/ATV tours, canyoneering, guided hikes, horseback riding, mountain biking, and scenic flights. Along with your river trip, we are available to help with booking the above activities as well as to assist with booking your lodging and transportation needs while in Moab.

“Our mission is to enhance and enrich people’s lives through outstanding outdoor adventures.”

Most of us earn a few valuable days each year that we use to enhance the quality of our lives. We have created rafting vacations to enhance yours, and are grateful for the opportunity to share them.

Elevate Your Life!

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For more information on our **Perfect Family Vacation** visit

www.griffithexp.com/green-river-rafting.htm

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