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Discover
Expeditions in Luxury :
WILD WESTWATER CANYON
ON THE COLORADO RIVER
Now includes two nights stay at Moab's premier Gonzo Inn!
3 Days / 2 Nights

A Proposed Wild & Scenic River and Wilderness Area

Expect the Outlandish!

Westwater Canyon is a proposed Wild & Scenic River and has all the components of a classic river trip: excellent whitewater, charming campsites, and great hikes. Part of the time you will drift leisurely at the rivers pace; then there is one day of extremely fun rapids. The Colorado River forces its way into narrow Black Granite Gorge forming renowned rapids like Little Hummer, Funnel Falls, Last Chance and the infamous Skull Rapid.

The first part of this adventure places you in the midst of stark and dramatic desert landscapes. There are two sections to Westwater Canyon with great contrast between the serene solitude of the upper canyon sandstone walls and the surreal black granite and impressive rapids of the lower canyon. The awesome landscape and exhilarating rapids motivate you to release your busy life and embrace an adventurous positive outlook

You don't have to be experienced to take this river trip, just be seeking some adventure and a little challenge. These specialized expeditions allow you to experience the rugged nature of the Colorado River while wrapped in the comforts of a moving hotel.

Spend your days rafting through the pristine Colorado River canyon. As early evening draws near, pull up to a private beach that will be quickly transformed into your river hotel. Relax by the water enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and chilled drinks. While the camp staff finishes setting up your tents, the professionally trained Chef is putting the final touches on a fabulous dinner. All of your dinners will be at linen covered tables with unbeatable views!



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The Expeditions in Luxury Experience

Rafting Westwater Canyon

The adventure begins at our river complex in Moab. After a scenic drive to the launch site, we load the remaining gear onto the rafts, review river safety, and then we're off. The first day is usually a day of leisure and relaxation. Lunch will be on the riverbank where the river chef assembles your deli masterpiece. As we proceed downstream, the imposing red sandstone cliffs become the backdrop to shiny black granite walls as the Colorado River descends into Black Granite Gorge. Early in the evening the guides pull to the river's edge to a charming campsite. After camp is set, you can participate in a guided hike or relax in camp. As the hikers return, the hors d'oeuvres are ready, and dinner is on the way.

By now you have succumbed to the pace of the river as you awaken to the smell of coffee and the sound of the river lapping the shore. We continue our journey after a hearty breakfast.

In a short time, the guides navigate the rafts down a series of rapids with names like Little Hummer, Funnel Falls, Last Chance, and of course, the infamous Skull Rapid. After the rapids, there will be time to high-five and relive the past few hours with the other guests. This evening is sure to be filled with conversation about the exhilarating run through "Last Chance." On the final day we pull out of the river at about 3:30 PM and have you back to our office by 5:30.

Camping In Style

Camps are on beautiful sandy beaches. The supply raft arrives at camp and creates a river lounge, restaurant and tent bungalows. Our private river chef begins the evening's dining presentation. Enjoy a cool beverage on the riverbank in comfortable chairs. Dine at sunset at linen clad, candle lit tables. We depart each morning after a healthy and hearty breakfast. Camp assistants will take down the camp and off we go on the day's adventure.

Sheri Griffith Expeditions is renowned for combining luxury comforts with the most beautiful nature in the world. By day the raft is the mode-of-travel, drifting you past incredible scenery and historic places. By night the dining is on linen covered tables on sandy beaches. The meals are prepared by our expert river chef and served at sunset. Sleeping quarters are erected by camp staff and are oversized tents which house comfy cot beds, tables and night lights.

The guides, chef and camp attendants will do all the work leaving you time to hike, explore and relax. Each evening your dedicated camp staff establishes camp on the riverbank.

From comfortable oversized tents and linen covered tables with gourmet meals, to mind-boggling vistas and spectacular sunsets--this adventure provides the full enjoyment of the rugged outdoors while wrapped in Luxury. **Indulge.**

Whitewater

By the end of the second day you will sense the anticipation of the group rising as we near the rapids. The guides take time to teach you how to enjoy the rapids safely, and then the fun begins! Everyone has their place and instructions, and the guides focus on running the



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[Luxurious Gonzo Inn](#)

The Gonzo Inn is located in downtown Moab, Utah within walking distance of restaurants, shops and the beautiful Mill Creek Walkway. The Gonzo Inn's eclectic expression of southwest, retro 70's and industrial era décor is entertaining and tantalizing to the senses. Each room is uniquely decorated with superior furnishings, vibrant colors and hand-selected materials.

[Westwater History](#)

A few white men settled here, and few wrote about it. There are lots of legends leaving questions about the facts. Your guides will share the stories of the gold miner's cabin, the outlaw cave and the secret grave a half mile from the cave. The Old West comes alive as you walk through these sites and contemplate the legends

[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 thus is not oppressively sweltering. Summer evenings are quite comfortable though spring and fall evenings can be cool. Other than an occasional rain cloud, there are few overcast days.

[Geology](#)

Westwater Canyon attracts geologists from around the world. Massive faults distributed tons of rock, leaving fascinating formations seen few other places. The black, uplifted rocks in the Black Granite Gorge (metamorphic granite gneiss) represent the oldest exposed formations in eastern Utah (1.75 billion years) and the river has polished it into odd smooth shapes.

[MOTION PICTURES](#)

Many production companies used Westwater Canyon to shoot rafting footage for movies, documentaries and commercials. John Wayne filmed here and "Indiana Jones," "Thelma and Louise" and "Independence Day" were all filmed in this area.

[Wildlife](#)

Wildlife is abundant, though often shy. During the heat of the day lizards sun themselves while eagles, vultures and hawks soar on thermal airstreams along canyon walls. In the morning and evening, deer, muskrat, beaver, coyote and the great blue heron move along the river's edge. Too warm for trout, the Colorado River supports the endangered Colorado Squawfish and the Humpback Chub. *National Geographic* chose Sheri Griffith Expeditions to guide them through Westwater Canyon to photograph and write of the dramatic scenery and its unique habitat, which are highlighted in their *Wild and Scenic Rivers* book



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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 the 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 38 years of showing guests the wonders of whitewater rafting. Our company's knowledge is passed on to our team through extensive training and workshops. You will see the quality of this training in our equipment, food, and staff on every 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 their river vacation.

What does "A Touch of Class" mean?"

It means we provide more amenities and service than any other outfitter. Our goal is to help you feel comfortable in the outdoors. We provide enough civilization for anyone to be comfortable while 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 host trips larger than 25 people. Most of our trips are 8-12 people in size. On our multi-day expeditions 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 any questions, requests, or for assistance ~ we are happy to help.

What Sheri Griffith Expeditions Provides

- 2 nights stay at Luxurious Gonzo Inn in Moab Utah.
- Trip orientation
- Rafting, hiking & camping in style and comfort
- All rafting and safety equipment including lifejackets and dry bags
- Professionally trained and licensed Guides
- Portable toilet and necessities
- All gourmet meals starting with lunch on day 1 through lunch the final day
- Personal river chef
- Shuttle to launch site
- Iced water, Gatorade and Lemonade
- Coffee, an assortment of teas, hot chocolate, and juices in the morning.
- Sodas, Beer and wine at dinner
- Full days on the river
- The best customer service from your first phone call to the actual river vacation experience
- Large tents, cots, fresh sleeping bags, pillows, and a sheet
- Camp assistants that setup and take down your river lodgings

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 it is their passion 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.

"The entire itinerary was well thought through and well executed. Our needs were attended to extremely well."

John Burton, Virginia,



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Orientation

We hold a pre-trip orientation at 5:00 pm 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 any questions you might have. The orientation is held at our office in Moab, Utah, at 2231 South Highway 191 (the big blue building).

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.

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."

Food and Diet Restrictions

We provide and prepare fresh all of the meals while on the river. Our guides are great cooks and take great pride in their meals. They do all of the work of preparing high quality, healthy meals made with fresh ingredients. There are a variety of fruits and vegetables, and meat and non-meat choices. The evening meals are grilled and baked to perfection. We can accommodate a variety of diets and will assist with dietary restrictions as well. We have the ability to accommodate almost any meal restrictions as long as we know before the trip is packed.

All meats are from a local butcher in Moab, and almost all our vegetables are either locally garden grown or purchased from the local farmer's market

"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.

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