



## GREEN RIVER/DESOLATION CANYON 4 DAY/3 NIGHT AND 5 DAY/4 NIGHT

Thank you for choosing Adrift Adventures! We are happy to share Desolation Canyon on the Green River with you. Adrift Adventures takes great pride in our equipment. We take great pride in our equipment, as it's the finest in the business. Our boats are designed for passenger comfort and safety and our food is known for being among the best on the river! Juicy steaks, barbecued chicken, halibut or salmon, stir fry, fresh salads and more. Our experienced and friendly guides are proud to be your hosts and they will help provide a vacation you'll talk about and remember for years to come. It is *mandatory* that you *physically* stop by the evening before your trip to pick up your river bags and camera box. Our office is open until 8:00 pm each evening and is located at 378 N Main St. in Moab. Our phone number is 435-259-8594 or you may call toll free at 800-874-4483. Meeting time the morning of the trip is 6:20 am. Rocky Mountain Time. If you are flying to Moab, please advise our office. Please note trip schedule is subject to change based on water levels and weather.

**Day 1:** Trip meets in Moab, Utah at our office, 378 N. Main, at 6:20 am. The morning of the trip you'll be transported to the Moab Airport and board a charter flight, 45 minutes to Sand Wash, the river put-in site. Please be sure to contact our office if your beverages exceed one case per group. We must maintain weight restrictions on charter planes, so large amounts of beverages must be taken in the day before with the Adrift crew via truck. After your scenic flight into Sand Wash you'll load onto our rafts for a pleasant day of floating on the Green River. Spend the evening camping on the rivers' shore. Horseshoes, volleyball, hiking and just plain relaxation for the evening!

**Day 2:** Today is the day for a journey in time. With spectacular rock formations, abundant Indian dwellings, pictographs, petroglyphs...you're floating one of the most colorful waterways of all the rivers. Sandy beaches and huge cottonwoods offer exquisite campsites. Camp at the river's shore for another exciting evening!

**Day 3:** By now you'll be through the rapids of Range Creek, Rattlesnake, and McPherson's... all having increased from size from the beginning to the end of the trip. Camp on the rivers' shore for yet another exciting evening!

**Day 4:** After a healthy breakfast, you're off once again on the river. Short hikes to ancient Indian dwellings that range from a five minute walk to half an hour break up your days events. Trip concludes mid afternoon. You'll be transported back to your place of origin.

**Day 5:** For those staying one more day, enjoy additional hiking and a day on the river!

- **Dates:** May through September

- **Size:** Maximum limit of 25 persons

- **Miles Floated:** 100

- **Temperature:** Lows and highs in Green River. Utah: May 44° - 88°; June 51° - 91°; July 59° - 98°; Aug. 56° - 95°; Sept. 47° - 87°. All temperatures shown are in Fahrenheit and may be slightly cooler in the canyon.

- **Precipitation:** Rainfall totals in Green River, Utah in inches: May .50; June .41; July .48; August .82; September .69, rain fall in the canyon may be slightly higher.

- **Elevation:** 4780' at Sand Wash launch site. 4120' at Green River, Utah take out. Canyon rims reach 10,285' at Bruin Point on the west and 9,496' at the head of Rattlesnake Canyon on the east side of the river.

- **Geology:** The strata from the Tertiary (36 million years ago) and Cretaceous (140 million) periods gradually rise southward and upward from our launch site then abruptly descend to open plains near our take out at Green River, Utah. These great systems of linear cliffs are known as the Roan Cliffs and the Book Cliffs. The Book Cliffs are carved mainly from marine Cretaceous sandstone; the Roan Cliffs of Paleocene and Eocene River and flood plain deposits.

- **Vegetation:** Plant life ranges from the upper Sonoran Zone to the Sub-alpine Zone. Cottonwood and Box Elder trees along with Tamarisk and Willow crowd the river's edge in the upper and lower sections of our float. In the middle section, cottonwood groves give way in succession to forests of Pinion Junipers, fir and spruce-aspen at mountain top. Bottoms are dominated by grasses, Greasewood, Rabbit Brush, Box Brush or Sage. Ledges and ridges are homes to Cliff Rose, Buck Brush, Serviceberry, Mahogany and Oak. Fields of grass and Sage cover the plateau tops.

- **Wildlife:** Several species of birds and other animals make Desolation Canyon their home. The Green River is filled with Catfish and is a fly way for migrating waterfowl. The Green River may possibly have the densest population of Mule Deer, Mountain Lion, Black Bear, Golden Eagle, and Redtail Hawk in the state. The Ute Indian tribe, whose land borders the east side of the Green River, has created a game preserve for Elk and Rocky Mountain Sheep which was reintroduced into the area several years ago. The African Mutton Sheep has found its way into the Book Cliffs and is often seen in the vicinity of the Price River. Trout inhabit the side streams and the rare Peregrine Falcon also makes its home in Desolation Canyon.

- **History:** Although no one lives in Desolation Canyon now, it has been home to Ute Indians, ranchers, outlaws, moon-shiners and draft evaders. Rock art and ruins from the Fremont and Ute cultures are scattered throughout the canyon. There are amazing stories to be told about the canyon. Which make your trip all the more enjoyable!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Is a river trip strenuous or dangerous?** You will be more active than normal day-to-day activities. However, if you are in reasonably good physical condition you shouldn't have any problems. We ask that you always follow instructions given by your river guide to ensure safety.

**What if I can't swim?** No problem! Many people who can't swim can go rafting. We supply Coast Guard approved life jackets which are required to be worn at all times, unless instructed otherwise.

**What types of weather should I prepare for?** Be prepared for a wide variety of weather conditions. Rain can come in fast and it can clear up just as quickly. Temperatures can range from 50°-100° Fahrenheit, on average, in a 24 hr. period.

**What are the camping conditions?** All campsites are remote; you will; however, have access to portable chemical toilets. We suggest that you use camping time to relax and socialize. Our guides will handle the rafts and meal preparations. However, you will need to set up your own tents and sleeping bags; along with helping keep the camps free of litter.

**Can I bring a camera?** Yes. We provide ammo cans for your cameras; you may also want to have a waterproof case or plastic bag to keep your camera in. We do not guarantee our ammo cans to be waterproof.

**What beverages are provided by Adrift Adventures?** Throughout the day we will provide water and lemonade. During breakfast we also have juice, coffee and tea.

**What can we read to become more informed about the area?** "Canyon Mesas" The American Wilderness Time-Life Books; "River Runners Guide to Canyonlands National Park and Vicinity" by Felix E. Mutschier; "Geology of Canyonlands and Cataract Canyon" by D.L. Baars and C.M. Molenaar; "The Exploration of the Colorado River and its Canyons" by John Wesley Powell.

**YOU MUST PHYSICALLY CHECK IN THE EVENING  
BEFORE!**