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Connecting People and Nature: History, Education and Adventure

Half Day Colorado River Trip

Itinerary for tour from Moab/Lodging
Fisher Towers Section

The Colorado River begins high in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. As it flows down the western slope of the Continental Divide it joins the Gunnison River at Grand Junction. The Colorado soon slows and becomes a classic desert river, entrenched in deepening canyons of brilliantly colored sandstone. The river carries colorful sediment hiding the array of fascinating aquatic life just below the surface.

The 'Moab Daily' section of the river begins as flat, yet swift with several named rapids about halfway downstream. We will use rafts setup for paddling most of our trips, which allows for lots of involvement.

For CFI instructor-guides, the Colorado provides a unique floating classroom that offers constant lessons about human, cultural, and natural history. Evidence of millions of years of geological forces at work is at our fingertips as we float the river. We'll pass below famous Fisher Towers, including the Titan, at 900 feet it is the tallest sandstone tower in the world.

You'll learn to read the river and how to work together as a crackerjack paddle boat team! We'll see great blue herons fishing on the mudflats on the riverbank and perhaps see a golden eagle soaring overhead or a bighorn sheep on the north bank near the takeout. Our instructor-guides will teach river safety and leave-no-trace practices that help sustain the river and its ecosystem.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WEATHER OR WATER LEVEL MAY NECESSITATE CHANGES IN ITINERARY, i.e. the stretch or miles run on the river.

TRIP SCHEDULE

- 1:30 pm** Meet at Moab Transit Hub Parking Lot on the SE corner of Hwy 191 and Hwy 128. Another location can be arranged with advance planning.
- 2:00 pm** Travel to the launch point in CFI Van with guides and river gear. (Actual launch location based on river water level)
Orientation and safety talk prior to launching.
- Afternoon** Learn paddle strokes and how to read the river, geology stop and more!
Enjoy small rapids and river fun; guides share history, river stories, wildlife lore.
- 4:30 pm** Takeout
- By 5:30 pm** Arrive back at meeting location.



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SUGGESTED PERSONAL GEAR LIST

Travel light, but travel right!

- Swimsuit or shorts and athletic top for gals
- Rain gear (rain pants and rain jackets ALL seasons, storms come up suddenly)
- Shirt: long sleeve for sun protection
- Pants: long or shorts (appropriate to season & need for warmth or sun protection)
- River shoes: tennis shoes or sandals that can get wet (sandals must have secure heel strap); must wear footwear at all times
- Jacket or warm sweater spring and fall
- Hat or cap, for sun protection (even cowboys and boatmen wear one)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Camera (we have light duty “river bags” for gear; bring your own high-quality waterproof camera pouch for expensive camera/video equipment please)
- Personal items: protective lip balm, medications, etc.
- Water bottle (1-qt or 1-liter) VERY IMPORTANT! We provide refill water.

FOR THE RIVER TRIP: CFI provides all boating and safety equipment, including dry bags for your personal gear.

DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE CANYON COUNTRY WEATHER! Be prepared for variety: 100 degrees and sunny or 50 degrees and raining. We can have thunderstorms and cold weather in ANY month, on short notice.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING: Tobacco, fire arms, knives or sharp tools, soda/candy/snacks, electronics (cell phones, radios, music players, games, etc.)

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