Salt River Rafting


Salt River Canyon Description:

We are done running the Salt for this 2015 season. We can’t wait to raft with you next spring! This 2016 season will begin early March and run through April or May! We look forward to seeing you then.

Experience spectacular Salt River Canyon! Paddle through ancient forests, take on rapids such as you “l’s”. The Salt River drops at over 20 feet per mile as it carves a canyon full of wilderness to discover. The high Sonoran Desert scenery and fun filled whitewater make this a special place best shared with friends and family. Mild to Wild Rafting provides a delicious, guide prepared, grilled steak lunch on our one day trips. Longer trips take you further into the wilderness section of the spectacular Salt River Canyon, which changes dramatically from day to day, and plunges you into bigger rapids! Indulge in the ultimate: catered multi-day trips with our deluxe river camp setup.

Boat Options

Regular Rafts:

These are generally 15 foot self-bailing rafts. Choose an oar boat where the guide navigates with oars from the back of the boat so you can help paddle or just sit back and relax. Or, choose a paddle boat where everyone, including the guide, paddles. Since the guide doesn’t have the large oars, they do not have as much control and require YOUR assistance to navigate the river.

Premium Boats:

Smaller boats with smaller rafts so at higher water levels they increase the level of adventure. They can be set up as Paddle Boats or Oar Boats. In a Paddle Boat, the guide has a paddle like the customers so everyone has to help navigate and paddle through the rapids. If the guests want more adventure, the guide can also go for the riskier lines through the rapids. When rigged as an Oar Boat, the guide has more control so guests have the option to sit back and relax or assist in paddling through the rapids. Premium Boats can also be reserved as a more private boat option. We normally put 4 to 5 people (6 if there are 6 in the group) in a Premium Boat as opposed to 8 or 9 in the regular sized rafts. With this option, guests can request an Oar or Paddle Boat. If your group has younger kids and reserves a Premium Boat as a more private boat option, the guides will take more conservative lines as safety is our number one priority. At lower water levels, the Premium Boats only offer more of a private trip and there is no added adventure.
Inflatable Kayaks:
For those who want to increase the level of adventure further and control their own destiny, this is the perfect option! No experience necessary and an instructional guide will be provided. Each person will be in his/her own single person inflatable kayak. Interested? Go to Salt River Kayaking.

Salt River Rafting Trip Options

Salt River One Day Trip

Explore Arizona Whitewater Rafting in just a Day!
Savor a day in this spectacular canyon with 10-12 Class III rapids and a delicious grilled riverside lunch! Cost: $110* Adult; $103.50* Youth • Meets: 9:30

Salt River Express Trip

Tackle the same stretch as the 1 day trip in a fraction of the time.
Enjoy an exciting trip filled with 10-12 "wet and fun" class III rapids. Thunder through thrilling rapids (every 5 to 10 minutes) in this unique recreational treasure in a raft or premium boat. Cost: $89* Adult; $89* Youth • Meets: 11:45

Salt Morning Half Day Trip

A taste of Arizona whitewater rafting!
A sampler trip for those short on time. Raft 6-8 Class III "wet and fun" rapids, discover breathtaking scenery and splash through spectacular rapids in a raft or premium boat. Cost: $75* Adult; $69* Youth • Meets: 9:30

Salt Camp Out Trip

Because everyone needs a night in the canyon!
You are going to want to stay in the Salt River Canyon after a day of rafting to relax, enjoy a delicious dinner, campfire, & night’s rest in our comfortable camp. Cost: $159* Adult; $144* Youth • Meets: 9:30

Salt River Two Day Trip

Because you need more rapids, more wilderness & more get-away!
Indulge in two days of thrilling whitewater as you explore even deeper into the heart of the Salt River Canyon. Cost: $399* Adult; $337.50* Youth • Meets: 9:30

Salt Three Day Trip

Raft, relax, rejuvenate, refresh!
Enjoy two nights of camping and three days of rafting in the beautiful 2000 foot deep Salt River Canyon. Cost: $599* Adult; $472.50* Youth • Meets: 9:30
Salt River Rafting Trip Highlights:

2,000 foot deep canyon – Arizona’s Other Grand Canyon
More rapids per mile than any other Arizona river
Numerous Class III “wet and fun” rapids on the 1 day section, Class IV on longer trips
Spectacular blooming cactus & desert flowers
Granite canyon walls
Earliest river season in the U.S.
Wilderness trip (no cell phones, no electricity, no running water!)

Special Ways We Care for You on the Salt River:

- Going the extra mile (literally) upstream from the main put-in to provide 2 additional rapids (when water levels allow)
- Multi-faceted Satellite communication systems to coordinate the details of your adventure and increase safety
- Specially designed 4-wheel drive vehicles to ensure your shuttle out on the rugged trails
- Different boat options for various water levels and adventure desires
- Free helmets, free wetsuits, free wetsuit boots and free splash jackets
- Trips held to the higher safety standards of Colorado state
- Quality trip leaders with an average of 2,000 river miles experience
- Earning the highest possible ratings from the Forest Service and Apache Tribe, our governing agencies

Click Here for Salt River Directions

Hey, Private Boaters! Looking for a shuttle on the Salt? Check out the Salt Shuttle page for details! Or just download our Shuttle Contract here!

Mild to Wild Rafting & Jeep Trail Tours

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Rafting the Verde River In Arizona
1-Day and 2-Day Arizona White Water Rafting Adventures!

Verde River Description:
Discover Arizona's only federally designated "Wild and Scenic" River- the Verde River. Carving a spectacular canyon painted by nature in multiple hues of golds, reds and browns, it drops at an average rate of 20 feet per mile. Cottonwoods, Sycamores and Sage grow from the banks, while the sandy beaches beckon you for breaks. Paddle an inflatable kayak or relax in a raft while you are submerged in wilderness fun. Commonly spotted wildlife includes javelinas, black bears, golden eagles, great blue herons, owls, deer and incredible varied bird life, including the rare desert bald eagles. "Wild and Scenic" wildlife and the river's chutes and drops makes this a truly special Arizona rafting trip. During wet years we can experience high water conditions during late April and March at which times we operate Verde River rafting trips in compact 15 foot self-bailing rafts. However, this water flow can also make it difficult to catch, making the Verde River a challenging trip. The well-channeled Verde River provides fun Class II and III kayak trips during the winter months. A 150-200 cube foot per second of water flows in the river. These flows offer lots of fun, Class II "splashers" and Class III "wet and fun" white water thrills in the form of twists and turns full of chutes and drops interspersed with calm floating. No experience is needed to operate these free-flowing and stable one person boats, also known as "ducksie". Taking on the Verde River in an inflatable kayak, one on one, under the watchful eye of our instructor/guide is an adventurous and rewarding way to experience this beautiful Arizona rafting trip.
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Inflatable kayak, water bottles, cooler, life jackets, inflatable kayaks, and paddles are available. All you need is a swimsuit, sunscreen, and a change of clothes.

Verde River Rafting Trip highlights:

- Arizona's only federally protected river under the Wild and Scenic Act
- Deep canyon scenery
- Excellent wildlife viewing
- Bird paradise and wild habitat
- Fast currents with lots of fun, splashy whitewater

Special Ways We Care for You on the Verde River:

- Multi-faceted satellite communication systems to communicate with our guides and increase safety in the canyon
- Specially designed 4-wheel drive vehicles to ensure your shuttle out on the rugged trails
- Different boat options for various water levels and adventure desires
- Outfitting on the Verde since 1998
- Free helmets and free splash jackets
- Trips run to the higher safety standards of Colorado state
- Quality trip leaders with an average of 2,000 river miles of experience

Verde River Rafting Trip Options

Verde Two Day Trip

**Family fun rafting with deluxe camping overnight!**
Challenge numerous chutes and rapids, including the exciting class IV to V "Verde Falls". Soak in an invigorating natural, riverside hot spring & travel through remote canyons on this swift current river.

Verde One Day Trip

**Wild and Scenic Arizona White Water Rafting**
Enjoy Arizona's spring sun and challenge numerous chutes and rapids, including the exciting class IV "Verde Falls".

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Salt River Four Day Wilderness Trip

From Bridge to Bridge – Raft the Whole Whitewater Section!

Join Mild to Wild on a four day Arizona whitewater rafting trip to get the full canyon experience! Raft Class II, III & IV rapids in the beautiful 2,000 foot deep Salt River Canyon. Experience three serene nights of camping under the stars while our guides provide 5-star service. You’ll marvel at the canyon’s geology & unique natural beauty, characterized by blooming saguaro cacti, soaring hawks, bald eagles, and ancient canyon walls where you can experience dramatic changes in scenery every day.

Rafting Options

Regular Rafts

Age: 8 & up (mid levels) 12 & up (high levels)
Adventure: Intermediate
Cost: Adult $745* Youth $685*

15 foot self-bailing rafts. Op. for an Oar Boat (paddle along with the guide as you like), or a Paddle Boat (more adventurous) when the guide has a paddle like everyone else and relies on you to help get through the “spits”!

Premium Boats

Age: 14+ for more adventure 8+ for a more private boat
Adventure: High
Cost: Adult $855*

Premium Boats

Take the Salt to a new level! Increase the adventure in a smaller, paddle raft. The smaller the boat, the bigger the wave! Or, request it as an Oar Boat and enjoy the smaller guide to customer ratio.

Day 1 Itinerary

Meet at our Salt River office at 9:30AM. Check in, sign release forms & do a safety meeting.

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Day 3 Itinerary

Wake to another hearty, delicious breakfast. Hit the river for the invigorating "Rat Trap" & "White
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dressed for the provided.
Shuttle to the put-in for river safety orientation and boating instructions.
Hit the river!
Tackle "Baptism," "Island," "Kiss and Tell," "Wake Up" & "Boy Scout!"
Stop at Sycamore Canyon for lunch and easy exploration of the side canyon!
Get back on the river for "Grumman," "Overboard" & the "Narrows".
Take off the river for the day – you can relax or hike up Coyote Canyon and see the beautiful clear water pools while our guides prepare a delicious fajita dinner.
After dinner, relax under the stars and enjoy campfire fun!

Day 2 Itinerary

Wake up to the smell of hot coffee and enjoy a hearty breakfast.
Head back to the rafts to challenge "Exhibition" & "Cibecue" rapids.
Take a break to hike Cibecue Canyon with it's sheer walls towering overhead and it's magnificent waterfall!
Float by the sacred Salt Banks.
Stop for lunch. Enjoy a moderate hike to the base of spectacular Walnut Falls.
Back on the raft for "Rock Garden."
Spend another fantastic, relaxing night in the wilderness around the campfire. Let our guides cater to you as they cook another delicious dinner.

Day 4 Itinerary

Wake to yet another delicious, guide-prepared breakfast.
Hit the river for the final 6-7 miles of whitewater as the canyon begins to open up around you.
Tackle more Class II rapids, such as: "Coral," "Quartzite" and "Black Rock."
Stop for lunch to refuel.
Experience more river time after lunch before you take out at Roosevelt Reservoir at approximately 1:00 PM.
Shuttle back to the Salt River office, and your vehicle, around 4:00 – 4:30 PM. (Ask about our car shuttle service to save you almost 4 hours of drive time back to the meet location – we'll bring your car to the take out for you, and you can leave from there to continue your Arizona journey!)

Click here for Important Considerations Click here for What to Wear & Bring

See FAQ's and Common Concerns for additional information.

Interested in Kayaking the Salt River Canyon? Visit our Kayaking section to learn more about our inflatable kayaks

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