



COLORADO RIVER

LITTLE GORE CANYON (1 - 4 days)
23 to 65 miles Class I to Class III

Run the Colorado River near its source. With its headwater, just a few miles upstream among the mountains of Rocky Mountain National Park, this is one of the first boat able sections of the river. Little Gore Canyon features clear water and mild yet exciting whitewater that can be enjoyed in rafts, kayaks, canoes and inflatable kayaks. This is an excellent trip for the entire family. The put in point is an easy three-hour drive west of Denver near Kremmling, Colorado. This proximity to a large metropolitan area and airport makes this trip one of the top choices for beginners and old hands alike looking for a ride on the upper sections of the mighty Colorado river. This is one of the west's major rivers providing the drainage system for 1/2 of the continental United States over its 1,400-mile length. These upper sections also offer decent trout fishing for those that would like to bring a pole along Colo.fishing licenses required.

GORE CANYON (1 day) ***Extreme Whitewater! Class V+***

Gore Canyon above the Little Gore section is a unique run for very adventuresome and advanced boaters. Dvorak's requires specific dates in late summer only. Check out and we also require level 5-6 experience levels by participants and the circumstances for running this section will depend on water levels.

SEASON

This section of the Colorado River is boat able May through September (1 - 4-day trips). We have found the highest water levels are in late May - early June but offer excellent rafting and kayaking trips from June through September. July and August are very warm and this lends itself to river activity at its best.

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FLOAT NOTES

These float notes will help you prepare for your river trip. There is information on everything from travel and lodging arrangements, typical weather and menus to cancellation and refund policies. If you have any questions that aren't answered in these float notes, give us a call. When reading these notes, it is helpful to have a road map of Utah and Colorado nearby.

PERMITS

Outfitting since 1969

We operate under special use permit from the Bureau of Land Management, Kremmling, Colorado and the White River National Forest, Eagle, Co. We are Colorado's first licensed outfitter, licensed by Colorado's Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. All our permits and licenses are your assurance that Dvorak Expeditions is legally operating on the river and that our guides, past performance and qualifications have met detailed requirements and more.

GUIDES

Our guides are experienced men and women skilled at handling their craft. They all have current first aid, CPR and Swift Water Rescue training and have fulfilled guide qualification requirements in the states of Colorado, Utah, Texas and New Mexico. Trip Leaders have thousands of river miles of experience on all classes of rivers including all those Dvorak Expeditions run.

YOUR HEALTH

Our river trips are not strenuous, but they are a dramatic change in routine for most people. Although the trip is relaxing, the area is remote, so you should be in relatively good health. Please let us know when you return the release form if you have any health problems or concerns. If you have dietary restrictions, we'll gladly accommodate your needs with sufficient notice.

CAMPING

Campsites on the Colorado River are limited and vary from small to spacious. Most have interesting side canyon hikes nearby and are well kept as wilderness. Minimum-impact camping practices have enhanced these sites and you'll see few reminders other than foot prints of previous visitors. Parts of the Little Gore Canyon are the route of the Amtrak Railroad and you will certainly notice the interest from passengers as they fly by your floating boats during the trip.

FISHING

. We also set up custom trout fishing trips in Colorado on some of the best trout rivers in the U.S. (Request more information on these trips). As the trip passes through both Colorado and Utah, you need licenses for both States or you can choose to fish only in the State you are licensed for.

CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

To protect the river, we use minimum impact camping techniques carrying out all trash and human waste, etc. The guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact our group has on the canyon and we request your cooperation.

FOOD

All on-river meals are provided, beginning with lunch the first day and ending with lunch the last day. The food is fresh and hearty and the guides will prepare it for you while you enjoy the homey atmosphere generated around each river camp. You can set up your tent or go for an evening walk, relax, read, or join the guides in the kitchen if you so desire.

A typical five day menu may include as a main course BBQ Steak, Baked Fish, Pork chops and dumplings, chicken enchiladas, seafood spaghetti, cashew chicken Chinese, Teriyaki Chicken, Mexican chili, combination entrees, fresh vegetables and salads, Dutch-oven desserts or breads, hors d'oeuvres, fresh fruits, fruit juices, coffee, tea and a complimentary glass of wine with dinner.

Lunches are buffet style with a wide variety of salads, sandwiches, fruit, cheeses, sliced meats, nuts and juices or sodas.

Breakfast includes fresh fruit juice, eggs in all styles, special pancakes, French toast, melons, fruit, cereals with milk, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. *We can accommodate special diets with notice and almost always the menu suits the vegetarian.*

Though we carry ample supplies of juices, coffee, tea and hot chocolate we encourage you to bring extra soda, beer wine or other beverages you may prefer. You can arrange for us to pick up specific beverages for you prior to the trip or you can stock up in Vernal before we head to the river. Any liquids you bring must be in unbreakable containers and limited to one case per person.

ALCOHOL

You're welcome to bring alcohol if it is in unbreakable containers. **Discretion in alcohol consumption during whitewater days is strongly advised.** If you would like us to pick up a particular beer and bring it to the river, please advise and payment can be made for your purchase at the river put-in with your Trip Leader.



WEATHER

In April and May, the weather can vary from daytime highs in the 60's to 70's and nighttime lows in the 30's, 40's to the odd snow storm. These storms usually pass through in 24 - 36 hours and then the weather fines again for the rest of the trip. June and July the daytime temperatures move up to the 75 - 90's with nighttime lows in the high 45 - 60's. It is unusual for it to rain during this season but the rains that do come periodically can be substantial. There is a bug season on the river some years and for this reason we advise tents with screens to assure a peaceful night's sleep for all.

THE TRIP PACKAGE

The following are included in your Dvorak Expedition

- All boating equipment/life jackets/drinking water
- Pre-and post-trip arrangements as described
- 4-5 days of rafting or instructional seminar
- All on-river meals (lunch day 1 through lunch last day)
- Eating utensils, plates, complimentary Dvorak cup
- Waterproof dry bags/containers for personal gear
- 6-man rain tarps for shelter and kitchen area

You are responsible for the following

- Transportation to the arranged meeting point or put-in
- Meals and lodging at the arranged meeting point
- Personal clothing and other sundry items
- Transportation, meals and lodging at the arranged drop off point.

PRE-AND POST TRIP ARRANGEMENTS

BY PLANE: The closest airport is Denver International. Arrive the day prior to your trip. You will need to arrange for a rental car.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We recommend the following for pre-and post-trip

Grand Vista Hotel

752 Horizon Drive

Grand Junction, Co 81506

(970) 241-8411

(800) 800-7796 or (970)241-1077 fax

For Little Gore Canyon, limited availability near put-in.

Historic Hotel Colorado Hot Springs Lodge & Pool

526 Pine Street

P.O. Box 308

Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

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970-945-6511

800-537-SWIM

970-945-6571

Most Major motels are available in the Dillon and Grand Junction, CO area, also a variety of restaurants to choose from.

Kremmling: The Wagon Wheel and The Moose are great breakfast and evening meal options.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AT TRIP'S END

Although you can usually make a connecting flight home from Grand Junction after 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the trip, we recommend you fly out the following morning in case inclement weather or other circumstances delays your arrival in Denver. Remember, "River Time" is unpredictable.

LITTLE GORE CANYON

One-day & Multi-day Logistics

By Plane: The closest airport is Denver International. Arrive the day prior to your trip. You will need to arrange for a rental car from this point. You will be traveling approximately 3 hours west on I-70 towards Dillon, CO Go north from Dillon towards Kremmling. Your river trip will begin Just 12 miles southwest of Kremmling at river put in site (Pump house) at 8:30am the day your trip begins. SEE MAP Dvorak's will make shuttle arrangements for your vehicle to be shuttled to the finish point through The CO Shuttle Service. The cost will vary with the trip length. You can arrange to leave any personal gear at your lodging until the finish of the trip or in your vehicle that will be at the trip's end. PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM YOUR SHUTTLE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO THE TRIP.

By Car: You will need to arrive at the put-in (see map-the Pump house) by 8:30am, the morning your trip begins. Report to your Dvorak trip leader near the river put in. The guides will assist you in packing your personal gear into dry bags and issue any rented items for your packing as well. **PLEASE CONFIRM ALL CAMPING RENTALS AND VEHICLE SHUTTLE ARRANGMENTS PRIOR TO THE TRIP MEETING.**

Alternatively, you can arrive at the put-in the night before the trip begins, where camping is an option. There are only primitive amenities at the campsite. We can arrange to have your vehicle shuttled to the take-out point. There is an additional charge for this shuttle service per vehicle: cost depends on the length of your trip. Any personal items should be stored in your vehicle unless you make alternate arrangements prior to your trip.

DVORAK'S WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT

We furnish rugged inflatable self-bailing rafts 12 to 16 feet in length. We provide all necessary river equipment, pfd's (Type V), water-proof dry bags for personal gear, first-aid and safety supplies. There is a guide on every raft and ratio of 1 to 4 on any instructional clinic. In addition, we have rental equipment that consists of tents, sleeping bags, pads, and ground sheets. We also have wetsuit and boot rentals available per day or trip.

You can choose to be either in a paddle raft (participatory) or an oared raft, (passenger). Paddle rafts have 4 to 6 people and 1 guide.

RIVER TRIP EQUIPMENT LIST

Please limit your gear to 30 pounds in weight. The drybag is 3.3cu-ft. It should be able to be packed into a standard duffel bag. This list should cover everything for a safe, comfortable trip.

- Compact sleeping bag (not down) with foam pad
- Small backpack style tent w/ fly & ground sheet
- Long john style wetsuit/boots for cold months *
- Long pants (one light weight to block the sun & one warm wool or pile/fleece type*)
- Nylon shorts or swimsuit under wetsuit
- Long sleeved shirts (one warm*/one light weight)
- Non-cotton shirt or poly propylene top (fleece top)
- Warm jacket*, wind proof or Fleece, water resistant
- Pair of tennis shoes - tie on preferred or wet boots.
- Wool socks will help keep feet warm in tennis shoes
- Sunglasses with loss protector/keeper (with UV protection)
- Sun block (over 5,000' altitude - lots of UV exposure)
- Hat for sun protection (tie-on)
- Rain gear is provided unless you want to bring your own
- Small towel / biodegradable soap / shampoo / lotion etc.
- Flashlight and extra batteries with new bulb.
- Bandana and a pair of lite gloves for sun protection.
- Personal items kit (hygiene) medicines etc.
- Waterproof camera or a very good waterproof case.
- EXTRA BEVERAGES - PLASTIC containers of liquor, CANNED beer wine coolers. An adequate supply of soft drinks is provided. If you prefer diet drinks, please request them in advance. Complimentary wine is provided with evening meals.
- OPTIONAL ITEMS: Field glasses with waterproof protection, Journal notebook, book, pliers (for use in taking things from fire i.e. coffee, hot water, etc.), Day pack for side hikes & Extra Zip Lock Bags. Small travel pillow.

* Can be excluded during warmer weather

RENTALS - TENTS, SLEEPING BAGS & WET SUITS

- \$ 8 Wet Suit & Booties (ONE DAY RENTAL)
- \$15 Lightweight Sleeping Bag / Ensolite pad
- \$50 Three-man dome tent with floor + ground sheet
- \$ 5 Therma-Rest Sleep pad, inflatable
- \$20 Long John Wet suit with booties

Note: These items need to be reserved and payment is due along with your trip balance 45 days prior to departure. Be sure to give your height, weight and shoe size for wet suit rentals.

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WHAT IS TAUGHT 'KAYAK & SUP' CLINICS?

The basics of whitewater boating which includes Equipment selection, maintenance, and repair, reading the river, scouting and running the rapids, rescue and evacuation techniques, minimum impact camping, Dutch oven cookery over open fires.

The Green River is suitable for beginner to advanced boaters. You learn from us how to captain both paddle boats and oar powered boats or how to kayak or SUP whitewater. You can also do a combination rafting/kayaking seminar. The kayaking skills you gain in addition to those listed above include: * *Wet and dry exits* * *the basic strokes* * *ferrying* * *eddy turns* * *hydrology* * *Eskimo roll* * *kayak/ canoe etiquette* * *surfing and play boating*.

KAYAK & SUP EQUIPMENT RENTAL

You are welcome to bring your own equipment for our instructional clinics or sign up for the clinics inclusive of all equipment. If you would just like to bring personal paddling equipment and have us supply the boat only etc. that is also acceptable and cuts the rental cost approximately 30% for you. Our rental equipment includes * state of the art kayaks * Wet suits and boots * paddle jackets * life jackets * helmet * flotation * spray skirts * paddles.

FORMS WE NEED FROM YOU!

Thank you for joining us on the Yampa River this season. You will find most information in the river notes. We request that you fill out the forms enclosed and return them to us as soon as possible. [See Prepare to Go forms on the website www.Dvorakexpeditions.com](http://www.Dvorakexpeditions.com)

- Passenger List (names, addresses, phone numbers)
- Trip Questionnaire
- Waiver release form (Sign ONLINE)
- Rental requests (height, weight, shoe size for wetsuits)
- Overnight camping rental list
- Instructional questionnaire if kayaking

RESPONSIBILITY

Dvorak Expeditions will assume no responsibility for injury to trip members, damage, or loss of belongings, or for time or expense incurred. We require you to READ and SIGN a liability release form prior to your trip. Please fill out the health questionnaire. Because of the risk associated with river trips, including possible personal injury, property loss and financial loss in the event of cancellation, we strongly urge all trip participants to obtain vacation insurance, applications for which are available through our office on request.

PERFORMANCE

It is sometimes necessary to cancel or modify a trip because of unusual circumstances. We reserve the right to cancel or modify any trip due to weather or water conditions or other circumstances beyond our control. In such cases, we cannot be responsible for paying expenses other than refunding all or part of the fees paid to Dvorak Expeditions. The determination of refunds (if any) will be made after reviewing trip details.

Guides and other on-river personnel employed by Dvorak Expeditions are NOT authorized to make or promise trip refunds or trip credits. Such determinations can only be made by company officers. **TRIP PROTECTION INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED.**

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE

Bill Dvorak Kayak & Rafting Expeditions Inc. recommends that you purchase a Travelex travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip interruption, Emergency Medical & Emergency Evacuation-Repatriation. Trip delay, baggage delay and more.

For more information on the recommended plans or to enroll, click on the link below or contact **Travelex Insurance Services @ 800- 228-9792 and reference location number #06-0520** Please note: To be eligible for the waiver of pre-existing medical conditions exclusion, the protection plan must be purchased within 21 days (Travel Select) or 30 days (Travel Max) from the time you make your initial trip deposit. However, the plan can be purchased any time prior to departure.

For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations, and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC #10952. 1308294

RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS

Please read our cancellation policy carefully, as it applies in every instance. If YOU must cancel your reservation, you may be eligible for a partial refund. Our cancellation policy is firm. We operate under stringent federal regulations, which restrict the number of guests per trip and the number of trips per season. We incur substantial expenses before each trip departs. In the event of late cancellation, Dvorak Expeditions cannot recover costs, nor can we make refunds.

DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS

- **One Day trips require a non-refundable \$25 per person** Deposit. Cancellation less than 48 hours no monies are refundable. TRIP PROTECTION INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED.
- **Multi-day Advance deposit of \$100 or (25%)** per person is required when making reservations. The total is due 45 days prior to trip.
- When cancellations are made **more than 45 days** before the trip - all monies are refunded **LESS \$100** per person
- If cancellation is made **less than 45 days** before the trip, the deposit of 25% per person is non-refundable
- **With less than 14 days' notice, NO monies are refundable**
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