



## GREEN RIVER DESOLATION & GRAY CANYONS

### *" What about this river?"*

Follow the path of the likes of Butch Cassidy, the mysterious "D. Julien", Flatnose Curry and Major John Wesley Powell who called this canyon wilderness "a region of wildest desolation". Today, Desolation and Gray Canyons remain one of the wildest desert wilderness places on the map, a place of Indian petroglyphs, abandoned homesteads, shadow-filled grottos and the Green River.

The Green River builds strength through more than 60 rapids, two newly formed in 1987. The progression of rapids, from unnamed riffles to the more challenging Three Fords, Steer Ridge, Coal Creek and Rattlesnake, make this a perfect place to learn the art and skills of river running. Most of our whitewater rafting, kayaking and canoeing seminars are held here.

Whether learning to boat yourself or just looking for an adventure in the Old West, a trip through the Green River Wilderness can be the answer for just about anyone, family fun for every age. **An "Ideal" family trip.**

### SEASON

This section of the Green River will allow for an April through September boating season, five or six day trips. We have found the highest water levels are in late May - early June but have excellent rafting and kayaking trips from June to September. The July - August trips are very warm with much water activity and summer at its best. "Excellent" conditions for beginner kayak/canoe instruction.

### PERMITS

#### *Outfitting since 1969*

We operate on the Green River under a commercial use license administered by Bureau of Land Management, Price River Resource Area, Price, Utah. 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.

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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.

### 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 Green River are numerous and 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. Some campsites are adjacent to fresh free flowing streams and springs which give us a chance to refill our drinking water as well as pools to swim in.

On trips with Dvoraks, our river guides will provide instruction about disposal of human waste, the disposal of different types of trash, and other camp practices.

We recommend tents with screens for camping. Although you may sleep out under the stars, during part of the season sand flies can be a problem at night.

### FISHING

Desolation and Gray canyons of the Green River are made up of ancient sandstone like Castle gate, Green River and Wasatch Formations and during spring run-off the river can carry a large amount of silt in suspension making the water clarity very limited. Therefore, the fishing is limited to channel cats, bull heads, carp and Colorado Squaw fish.

You are welcome to fish during your rafting trip. This is a unique style of fishing and it takes a dedicated cat fisherman to catch these catfish. **You must have a valid Utah fishing license for the Green River.** It is mandatory that you release any threatened and endangered species caught. These include the Colorado Squaw fish, Humpback Chub, Humpback sucker and other threatened and endangered species that inhabit these waters.

## WEATHER

In April and May, the weather can vary from day time highs in the 60's to 70's and night time 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 up for the rest of the trip. In June to September the day time temperatures move up to the 75 - 90's with night time 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. October and November weather patterns are like the early spring.

There is a bug season on the Green River some years and for this reason we advise tents with screens to assure a peaceful night's sleep for all.

## CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

**RIVER USE ETHICS:** The river areas are fragile environments that degrade without proper care by visitors. 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.

**We take pride in having the highest standard of river ethics possible.**

## 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 fruit juice, eggs in all styles, special pancakes, French toast, melons, fruit, and 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 Dvoraks to pick up a particular beer or spirits and bring it to the river, please pre-order and payment may be made on your reservation statement.

## 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
- 5-6 days of rafting or instructional seminar
- All on-river meals (lunch day 1 through lunch last day)
- Rain jacket with pants (PVC)
- Eating utensils, plates, complimentary Dvorak cup
- Waterproof dry bags/containers for personal gear
- 6-man rain tarps for shelter in 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 at the arranged drop off point.
- Pre-and post-lodging and meals

## PRE-TRIP ARRANGEMENTS

**BY AIR:** Arrive in Grand Junction, Colorado the day prior to your trip. There will be a pre-trip orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Grande Vista Hotel that evening to go over trip logistics and answer questions. **DVK will make all arrangements for shuttle flights!** The following morning the Grande Vista will provide transportation to the Grand Junction Airport West Star Aviation Bldg. by 7:00 a.m. You will check in at the charter air terminal just east of the main commercial terminal and inform them that you are there to catch a Red Tail Aviation charter flight at 8:00\* a.m. (Some flight times vary - see confirmation letter). The flight to the put-in takes approximately 45 minutes. It will fly over the Green River on the way.

Arrive in Green River, Utah by car or plane the day prior to your trip. The morning your trip begins, drive out to Red Tail Aviation at the Green River Municipal Airport for your 7:00\* a.m. flight to the river. There is no pre-trip meeting in Green River. Parking at the airport is secure.

The landing strip is on the mesa above the river. Wait there for our vehicle to pick you up to take you down to the launch area at the river.

Any extra belongings, valuables or equipment not needed on the river trip should be stored at your hotel/motel.

***DVK Contract with Red Tail Aviation  
(800) 595-3412 Moab Utah***

**BY CAR:** You will need to arrive in Grand Junction for the pre-trip orientation meeting the night before your trip or arrive at the West Star Aviation Airport in Grand Junction at 7:00\* a.m. the morning your trip begins

Alternatively, you can arrive at the Green River Municipal Airport, four miles south of Green River, Utah, at 6:45 a.m. on the morning of the first day of your trip. Report to Red Tail Aviation at the terminal office for your flight at 7:00\* a.m. to the Green River.

Any extra belongings, valuables or equipment not needed on the river trip should be stored in your vehicle or at the Lodging.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

*In Grand Junction, we recommend for pre- and post-trip:*

**Our pre-trip meeting location:**

**Grande Vista Hotel**

2790 Crossroads Blvd, Grand Junction, CO 81506  
(800) 800-7796 FAX: (970) 241-1077

**Adams Marks Hotel**  
743 Horizon Drive  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
CO 81501

Ph. (970) 241-8888

**The Holiday Inn**  
755 Horizon Drive  
Grand Junction,

Ph. (970) 243-6790  
(800) HOLIDAY

**Days INN**  
733 Horizon Dr.  
Grand Junction, Co 81506  
(970) 245-7200

Transportation to and from the airport is available by courtesy vehicle from the hotel/motel. Use the courtesy phone in the baggage area. Dvoraks will make arrangements for hotel transport back to the airport the following morning for your shuttle flight.

***In Green River, Utah, we recommend the following:***

**River Terrace/Best Western**

On the Banks of the Green  
880 East Main Street  
Green River, UT 84525  
Ph. (435) 564-3401

**Motel 6**

946 East Main Street  
Green River, UT 84525  
Ph. (435)564-3436

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**BY AIR:** There are several airlines with flights into Walker Field, Grand Junction, Co. from a variety of connecting cities, such as:

America West	(800) 235-9292
United Airlines	(800) 241-6522

**BY CAR:** Grand Junction can be reached from east or west on Interstate 70. It is approximately 6 hours drive east from Denver. You can also reach Green River, Utah on Interstate 70 from east or west. Rental Car Companies available:

Avis	(800) 331-1212
Budget	(800) 527-0700
National	(800) CAR RENT
Thrifty	(800) 367-2277

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AT TRIPS END**

After derigging and loading equipment late afternoon on the last day of your trip, Dvorak Expeditions will either:

- Take you back to your motel/hotel in Green River or Grand Junction, CO (included in the transportation cost)

to Green River and about 1-3/4 hours back to Grand Junction from Swayze's take-out. Although you can usually make a connecting flight home on the evening of the last day of the trip, we recommend you fly out the following morning in case inclement weather or other circumstances delay our departure from the river. **Remember, "River Time" is unpredictable.**

***DVK WILL PROVIDE THIS 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 persons and 1 guide.

**WHAT TO PACK LIST**

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

- Compact sleeping bag (not down) with Insolite 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 swim suit 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
- Sun glasses 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.
- Bandanna and a pair of light 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. Wine is provided with evening meals.
- OPTIONAL ITEMS: Field glasses, protection, Journal notebook, book, pliers (for use in taking things from fire i.e. coffee, hot water, etc.), Day pack for side hikes and extra Zip Lock Bags.

\* Can be excluded during warmer weather



**RENTALS - TENTS, SLEEPING BAGS & WET SUITS**

- \$15 Lightweight Sleeping Bag / Insolite pad

**After packing up**, it takes approximately 1/2 hour to drive back

- \$50 Three-man dome tent with floor + ground sheet
- \$10 Therma-Rest Sleep pad, inflatable
- \$25 Long John Wet suit with boot per trip

**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 shoe size for wet suit rentals.**

#### WHAT IS TAUGHT ON INSTRUCTIONAL 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/suping 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 & CANOE 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 like to bring your personal paddling equipment and have Dvorak supply the boat only etc. that is also acceptable and will cut the rental costs for you. Our rental equipment includes \* state of the art Kayaks SUP's\* Wet suits and boots \* paddle jackets \* life jackets \* helmet \* flotation \* spray skirts \* paddles.

#### FORMS WE NEED!

Thank you for joining us on the Green 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.

- Passenger List (names, addresses, phone numbers)
- Trip Questionnaire
- Medical/Risk Form
- Rental requests (height, weight, shoe size for wetsuits)
- Overnight camping rental list
- Instructional questionnaire if kayaking

#### MONEY REQUIRED

Gratuity for your guide is not included in your trip cost. Consideration for services is always appreciated and we recommend 15-20% is standard. Your trip leader is will be your best contact for distribution. On your van ride, back to Grand Junction (1 hr. 40 min) you will have the opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks at the gas station for the trip back to your lodging. Otherwise you should not need any additional cash. Your hotel can hold luggage and valuables in their safe keeping. Ask at check in for this service.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

Dvorak Expeditions will assume no responsibility for injury to trip members, damage, of belongings, or for time or expense incurred. **We require you to READ and SIGN a waiver** online 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,

#### 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.

#### 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

- A **minimum advance deposit 25%** of trip cost per person is required when making reservations. The total is due 45 days prior to trip. Contract deposit negotiations on groups.
- When cancellations are made **more than 45 days** before the trip - all moneys are refunded **LESS** a \$100 per person fee.
- 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 refunded (this includes all credit card charges)

#### TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE

Bill Dvorak Kayak & Rafting Expeditions Inc. recommends that you purchase a Travellex 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 **Travellex 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

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