



Please join us for an extraordinary trip through

Cataract Canyon

May 10 - 15

Departing from Moab Utah

Fundraiser for the Tamarisk Coalition Education Program

Join the Tamarisk Coalition and O.A.R.S. on the river trip of a lifetime through Utah's stunning Cataract Canyon in the spring of 2009! This adventure has it all -

- An unparalleled opportunity to talk to the experts about river ecosystem health and to participate in a critical scientific monitoring effort of the tamarisk biological control agent, the tamarisk leaf beetle;
- Exhilarating whitewater rafting;
- Plush camping including deliciously prepared meals;
- Hiking trails leading to geologic and historic wonders, including ancient ruins, petroglyphs and pictographs.
- Opportunities to watch for the wild animals that are drawn to the only major source of water in the area such as bighorn sheep, bobcat, great blue heron, ring-tailed cat, fox, and beaver.



These experiences will inspire visions of a wilder North America, while imparting a desire to preserve the integrity of the wild places we have left! Read on to discover more about this amazing expedition!

The Tamarisk Coalition is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to restore western riverside habitats primarily by reducing the negative impact of the invasive tamarisk plant. A new tamarisk

mitigation method is the biological control agent, the tamarisk leaf beetle or *Diorhabda elongata*. The leaf beetle controls the spread of the tamarisk by repeatedly defoliating the plants over several years, essentially starving the plant.



The tamarisk leaf beetle was released just southwest of Moab, Utah in 2004, and quickly spread up and down the Colorado River system. Their population now stretches from the Grand Valley in Colorado to Lake Powell.

Preliminary studies of the beetle's effectiveness in controlling tamarisk populations show promising results. However, monitoring these beetle populations is critical to determine their direct and indirect impacts on the riverside ecosystems.

This trip is an extraordinarily unique opportunity for you to join experts to collect data and experience a scientific process that will inform scientists, policy makers, land managers, and decision makers alike. Additionally, money raised by this expedition will fund scholarships to educate students about this important problem.

OARS, an outstanding worldwide river company will guide us downstream through Cataract Canyon, a stunning chasm in the heart of Utah's Canyonlands National Park boasting spectacular scenery and heart pumping whitewater.



Detailed Itinerary attached.
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Welcome to O.A.R.S. and Tamarisk Coalition's **Tamarisk trip through Cataract Canyon**

MEETING PLACE:	Gonzo Inn, 100 W 200 South St., Moab, UT
DATE:	Sunday, May 10, 2009
MEETING TIME:	7:00 pm the night before your trip (May 9)
RETURN TIME:	Approximately 4:00 - 6:00 pm, to Gonzo Inn, Friday May 15
RIVER RATING:	Class III-V
RIVER MILES:	96 miles
PUT-IN:	Potash Boat Dock
TAKE-OUT:	Hite Marina on Lake Powell
AGE LIMIT:	Minimum age is 7 years/16 at high water levels
TRIP LENGTH:	6 days
BOAT TYPE:	Oar Raft, Paddle Assist Raft, J-Rig

Much of America's desert southwest is defined by one river, the Colorado. Born of snow pack high in the Rocky Mountains, the Colorado River courses its way south and west into the state of Utah, becoming at once a creator and a characteristic of the magnificent scenery of the Colorado Plateau. This region is renowned worldwide for its superior national parks, including Arches, Bryce, Zion, and Canyonlands – vast, rugged terrain of red and tan rock cliffs, sculpted spires and deep canyons.

No matter what you're looking for in a vacation, Canyonlands National Park has it all: exhilarating whitewater; big-beach camping; phenomenal side-canyon hikes to geologic and historic wonders of Cataract Canyon; and astounding views from the back roads of the Needles region. Prehistoric Puebloan ruins, petroglyphs and pictographs are common along the river's shores and in canyons—inspiring visions of a wilder North America. Ancient history is likewise on display in the many fossilized remains embedded in former seabeds. Many species of wild animals are found along the river's edge. Drawn to the only major source of water in the area, bighorn sheep, deer and great blue heron can be seen, as well as ring-tailed cat, fox, beaver, and bobcat.

THE TAMARISK TRIP

The Colorado River is an incredible force, however it is plagued with an invasive species called Tamarisk. Tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.) is an aggressively invasive, exotic shrub or small tree infesting approximately 1.6 million acres of riparian land in western watersheds. Tamarisk establishment has a reputation for using large quantities of water; has devastating impacts on watershed biodiversity and ecosystem health; greatly increases the risks and repercussions of wildfire; and causes immense economic impacts on the western United States. Researchers and land managers have identified the tamarisk invasion as one of the worst ecological disasters to ever befall Western riparian ecosystems in the United States.

For this very special trip, OARS has partnered with the Tamarisk Coalition to facilitate for our guests, an experience that will enable a deep understanding of this great river's plight.

The Tamarisk Coalition is a leader in the monitoring and maintenance of the Tamarisk issue. Now, we would like to incorporate interested citizens in this fascinating monitoring project.

The primary objective of our project is to monitor a biological control called the tamarisk leaf beetle. **Biological control**, or bio-control, uses specific organisms to control an undesirable organism, in this case tamarisk. The tamarisk leaf beetle works to control tamarisk by repeatedly defoliating the plant over several years, stressing it to the point of death. The Colorado Department of Agriculture's Palisade Insectary released the bio-control in 2005, after several years of intense collaborative research by many different agencies and universities. As a result, the tamarisk beetles have defoliated trees along hundreds of river miles. This is now one of the most dramatic cases of biological control in history with the potential to alter ecosystem processes on a scale that spans three states and thousands of river miles.

As a guest, you have the opportunity to see first hand, the monitoring effort that is so critical to inform an adaptive management program for the watershed. Expert entomologist, Dr. Dan Bean from the Palisade Insectary, and river ecologist, Dr. Tom Dudley, will guide us in understanding this tremendously complex issue. They will lead discussions in camp and provide endless knowledge throughout the day. Guests will have the opportunity to help collect data that will inform scientists and managers about potential impacts of bio-control on soil, water, wildlife, and vegetation.

Why Cataract Canyon?

Less famous than the Grand Canyon a few hundred miles downstream, Cataract Canyon is, nonetheless, a premier southwest destination. Come experience the best of Canyonlands National Park with O.A.R.S. this season and you'll understand why we are excited to offer this trip.

WHITEWATER

- The Colorado River is not dammed above Cataract Canyon, and its varying water levels at different times of year provide a whitewater experience for everyone. In the high-water season of May and June, experienced whitewater enthusiasts delight in the huge waves and the famous "Big Drops," which at times can make even the Grand Canyon's Lava and Crystal Rapids seem tame. This is the greatest navigable whitewater in the U.S. at certain water levels. Later in the season, from July through October, as the water levels drop, this becomes an outstanding river with less intimidating rapids suitable for all ages and levels of experience.
- The rapids in Cataract Canyon are rated Class III in April, September and October, Class III+ in August, Class III+ to IV in July, and IV to V with peak water usually occurring during the last week of May and the first week of June during maximum snow melt.

NATURAL HISTORY

- Before the advent of automobiles and airplanes, very few travelers saw the Canyonlands region. Away from the reach of the river, water and shade are exceptionally scarce. This "no-man's land" retains many signs of early human involvement in the landscape. Prehistoric Pueblo ruins are the featured attractions on quite a few of our side hikes. Our guides are well versed in the ancient lore of this

country and delight in sharing their knowledge. More recent human activities with the arrival of Mormon pioneers, ranchers and prospectors in the late nineteenth century, write the next fascinating chapter in the history of this region.

GEOLOGY

- Cataract Canyon is a geologic work of art in progress, a real-world classroom in which we can see up-close millions of years of the earth's history. The remarkable coloration in the Canyonlands region—reds, whites, grays and every shade in between—begs questions about how and where these rocks were formed. Bent or broken, sometimes rippling like waves on the ocean, the multi-colored layers and striations along the river corridor bear testament to the powerful forces at work beneath the surface of the earth.

Itinerary

We pride ourselves in running a relaxed and always flexible schedule. Every trip is different depending upon the group, other trips on the water and sometimes the weather. The following is a sample of what your trip might be like.

The Day Before Your Trip...

We meet at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Gonzo Inn for a pre-trip meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your fellow travelers and guides, and ask any last-minute questions. Your guides will give you a thorough trip orientation, then pass out your waterproof river bags so that you can pack your belongings that evening.

Day 1

- We drive south of Moab to our Colorado River put-in at Potash. The scenic 40-minute drive follows the river into Meander Canyon where the walls rise majestically above our heads, and serve as a backdrop for innumerable petroglyphs. Upon arrival at Potash our guides give a thorough safety talk and orientation to our boats and gear. Pushing off from the shore, we leave the familiar behind and begin our unique adventure through Canyonlands National Park and into the heart of Tamarisk country.
- The first 50 miles of your river trip, gleaming in its peaceful and rugged beauty, will orientate your senses to a land about as far from urban living as one can get. You will be astounded by the absolute redness of the sandstone looming skyward, by the bright green willows thriving beside the river, and by the fairest of desert blue skies. The cooling breezes and inviting cool of the Colorado conspire to relax, to calm, and to invigorate. At a pace pleasantly different from our nation's highways, geologic panoramas slowly develop and change before you.
- Our first day generally sets the pace for our time on the river. Typically, we spend a few hours on the water in the morning, sometimes stopping for a great hike with hands on tamarisk lessons, or a visit to a historic site. Come lunchtime, we pull over to a sandy beach and enjoy a delicious picnic. After feasting and relaxing on the beach (or perhaps swimming, a game of Frisbee or a nature walk) we get back in our

boats for more exciting whitewater. Mid- to late-afternoon, we stop and make camp; you grab your bags and set up your tent while we take care of the kitchen and “living room”—camp chairs and the site for tonight’s campfire and discussions. Before long you’ll be savoring pleasing hors d’oeuvres and the beverage of your choice! Read, nap, or just sit back and laugh with friends and family as we prepare dinner. After another satisfying feast, the evening is yours to spend however you wish. Maybe music, stories or jokes will bring us together tonight; maybe the popping of the fire, the whisper of the river and the clarity of the big, star-filled sky will encourage silent reflection on the amazing wilderness that is, for now, our home.

Days 2 – 6

- Canyonlands begs to be explored on foot, allowing the rafts to introduce you to spectacular side canyons, prehistoric ruins, seasonal waterfalls, and incredible vistas.
- In addition to the time spent on the rafts with your guides there will be opportunities to choose from a variety of activities. Spend a morning floating as you watch the red rock walls changing in color each hour of the day, or maybe lounge in the shade during lunch, a fresh veggie pita in one hand, and that novel you’ve been yearning to finish in the other. Others may take an afternoon hike to ancient Indian dwellings or help with tamarisk monitoring. You might just have that urge to explore growing alongside your confidence that you have come to the right place.
- Your group may walk to Lathrop Ruin and view ancient pictographs of what is believed to be a solstice calendar, and painted outlines of ancient Anasazi hands that ‘grab’ your attention. Another day offers the opportunity to explore Indian Creek Canyon where fascinating Anasazi ruins and a stunning seasonal waterfall await you. Rest assured whatever hikes you and your guides take, the views will inspire more than just a few snapshots. The first refreshing days on the river, spent splashing and playing, storytelling and laughing, carry us past Pyramid Butte, the mighty Goose Neck, and Dead Horse Point. (This spectacular spot, immortalized in Ridley Scott’s *Thelma and Louise*, is where the movie’s heroines launch themselves and their car over the cliff and into our imaginations.)
- After the mighty Colorado winds us through The Loop (an exceptional example of the river’s convoluted twists and turns and a venue for another great hike) we reach The Confluence. Here the waters of the Green River join our party and Cataract Canyon begins, hinting at the whitewater to come. The Green River merges with us as it leaves Stillwater Canyon and ends its 300+-mile journey from Wyoming. In a slow mix, the clearer waters of the Green take some miles before they concede to the browner Colorado. Our anticipation grows.
- About three miles beyond the Confluence is Spanish Bottom, on the verge of our first major rapid. Here we find a fading 1893 inscription from the steamer, *Major Powell*, where it turned around twice, not daring to take on the rapids immediately below. We are in the Maze District, and nearby rock formations are shouting to be explored. We may take a hike 1,500 feet up to the Doll House, with astounding views in all directions. Walking amidst the giant boulders and eroded rock wonders places the human body in a different scale of surroundings. Look back across the

Colorado to the Needles region or climb to the Beehive Arch, both another intriguing examples of geology in action.

- During spring runoff Cataract Canyon boasts some of the largest whitewater in North America. Summer and autumn trips are less harrowing, but with rapids like Mile Long, Capsize and the legendary Big Drops, this section still offers plenty of excitement. As we begin the next morning and drop into Brown Betty Rapids, the preceding days' anticipation of Cataract explodes in cool water and huge smiles. Whatever the water level or the type of boat you are in, the rushes of adrenaline with each new rapid are balanced by the knowledge of your guides' experience and focus on safety. In between the thrills, ask your guide to tell the tale of John Wesley Powell's historic 1869 first descent through these formidable rapids.
- All this goes without saying how delicious our cuisine will taste each night, our day's adventures stirring up a hearty appetite. Perhaps you will enjoy grilled salmon with orange zest, wild rice, and a fresh, mixed salad. Or maybe a lean, juicy steak with mushrooms. With the excellent care our guides provide, you'll notice we do genuinely want this to be a memorable experience, right down to the making of new friends and the magnificence of the wide desert sky.
- On the last day, we arrive at the end of Cataract Canyon and near Lake Powell. As we travel toward Hite Marina, it is difficult not to imagine the wonders drowned in Glen Canyon below us. The bittersweet ending is now here. Thankfully, the scenic flight to Moab grants a bit of time to reflect, as we trace our path backwards through Cataract Canyon from high above, looking down on the beautiful landscape with a birds-eye perspective.

What's Included?

- Skilled professional guide service
- Experts in the field of Tamarisk
- 5 nights catered camping
- All meals from lunch on Day 1 through lunch on Day 6
- Expedition equipment, including 2-person shared tent and dry bags
- High quality inflatable rafts and related river equipment including paddle and personal flotation device
- All transportation from Day 1 through Day 6, including the flight from Hite Marina to Moab on the last day

What's Not Included?

- Transportation to and from Moab
- Pre- and post- accommodations and meals
- Sleeping bag & pad (these items may be rented from O.A.R.S. at a cost of \$40 per person)
- Insurance of any kind, including travel insurance
- Alcohol
- Items of a personal nature (an equipment list will be provided)
- Gratuities

Why Visit Utah?

Utah is home to some of the most diverse scenery and history to be found anywhere in the United States. There are nearly a dozen national parks, national monuments, and national recreation areas, as well as many state parks. Here are some highlights you may want to check out:

- Over 150 years ago, Brigham Young and his followers, moving west in search of religious freedom, came to the Great Salt Lake. Hard work and determination turned this desert into a productive heartland for the Church of Latter Day Saints. Salt Lake City today stands on the eastern shores of the largest inland body of salt water in the United States and is known as the “crossroads of the West.” In downtown, Temple Square is home to the Mormon Temple, Tabernacle and Visitor Center, providing an insider’s look at the city’s Mormon heritage. The State Capitol is also located downtown and is well worth a visit. Salt Lake City boasts museums of Fine Art and Natural History, rounding out an experience in the cultural and historic perspectives of this city.
- Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park are located 4 hours south of Salt Lake City, off Interstate 15. These parks highlight fascinating rock formations that have made southern Utah famous. Bryce Canyon is known for its display of color, boasting reds, yellows and browns not typically seen in rock and stone. A visit to Zion is out of this world with unbelievable rock configurations and hanging gardens that are commonplace in the many canyons open to exploration.
- The base for O.A.R.S. operations in Utah is Moab, offering you an opportunity to visit this center for outdoor enthusiasts. It is the jumping-off point for excursions into both **Arches** and Canyonlands National Parks, and provides some of the best 4x4-touring, mountain biking and hiking in the world, not to mention whitewater rafting.
- Be sure to visit Dead Horse Point, located just nine miles from Moab, and see for yourself one of the most spectacular panoramic views in America. This state park is a must-see at sunset as the changing colors of countless spires, buttes and cliffs fade into the night.
- Canyonlands National Park and Arches National Park flank Moab on either side. Arches takes its name from the highest concentration of natural arches in the world where there are over 2,000 arches, interspersed with balanced rocks, spires and fins of shaped sandstone. Incredible views of the snow-capped La Sal Mountains are the backdrop to an already impressive foreground. Canyonlands is divided into 3 regions: Island in the Sky, the Needles, and the Maze. In each of the parks expansive and memorable views await around every turn. Off the highway is where views are at their best, featuring broad landscapes of some of the most striking backcountry hiking and mountain-biking trails on Earth.

Why O.A.R.S.?

O.A.R.S. has been in business since 1969 and that is no accident. Great trips on some of the world’s best rivers, coastlines and mountains are the recipe for this success. Always focused on our clients and their vacations, it is our genuine—if not biased—belief that river trips and wilderness vacations are extremely valuable life experiences. That said,

we have committed ourselves over the years to providing the best trips available, always with an eye on improvement. Here are a few things we believe set our trips apart:

EXPERIENCE

- In 1969, O.A.R.S. became the first small-raft, oar-powered rafting outfitter to offer river trips through the Grand Canyon. The immediate success of these trips inspired founder and president George Wendt to expand his business into the largest and most geographically diverse rafting company in the West. With trips on over 35 rivers, coastlines and mountains, over three decades of experience in the industry, and staff members who have been with us from the very beginning, O.A.R.S. is one of the most accomplished and respected companies in the outdoors.

STAFF

- As anyone who has been on an O.A.R.S. trip can tell you, our guides and support staff are the best in the business. Their knowledge, skills, demeanor and attitude are qualities of which we are very proud. From our professional, well-informed Adventure Consultants, to those behind the scenes, to the guides on your trip, our entire staff strives to always exceed your expectations. Your river guides are fantastic chefs, entertainers and teachers all rolled into one—and so good at their jobs you'd think they were born on the river. Each guide on your trip offers a different perspective on this area and why they've made it their workplace, their home, their passion. Our employees are the number one reason O.A.R.S. has repeat customers – take a trip with us and you'll see why.

MEALS

- The meals we serve are hearty and sumptuous, complete with fresh fruits and vegetables. Our menu spares no expense in order to bring you fine foods in a wilderness atmosphere. Wake up to pancakes, omelets or eggs cooked to order, complemented by bacon or sausage, toast, juice and plenty of coffee or tea. Sate your appetite at lunch with a delicious spread of cold cuts and cheese on assorted breads, with hummus and veggies in soft pitas, or tasty taco salad in roll-your-own burritos; don't forget a cookie or six for dessert, or a fruit salad and a cool drink. At the dinner table, our guides' cooking skills truly shine. Snack on hors d'oeuvres while you wait for fresh green salads, vegetables, and the main course: steak, grilled salmon or perhaps Dutch oven lasagna. Vegetarian options are available if you tell us of your preference ahead of time. If you can find room, there will always be something for dessert - possibly even a freshly baked cake or cobbler.

EQUIPMENT

- O.A.R.S. boats and equipment are top-of-the-line and rigorously maintained. Rest assured knowing that we use only the best and most reliable. All river-related gear is included and we offer many accessories to ensure your comfort on dry land as well. To give your camp by the river most of the comforts of home we either provide or rent sturdy tents, warm sleeping bags and thick sleeping pads. Please check with your Adventure Consultant or refer to your catalog for details regarding what will be included on your trip.

ECOTOURISM

- For nearly four decades O.A.R.S. has been a leader in ecotourism. Our goal isn't simply to be one of the most environmentally responsible tour operators in the world, but to continually raise the bar and challenge other companies to raise their standards as well.

From escorting congressional staffers, eco-celebrities and politicians on the waterways of the Western U.S. to establishing a model business for ecotourism operators in Fiji, O.A.R.S. is professionally committed to the cultural and environmental well being of the places we visit. Through partnerships with environmental organizations such as Grand Canyon Trust, Idaho Rivers United, Alaska Wilderness League, American Whitewater, The International Ecotourism Society, Leave No Trace and *NativeEnergy* Travel Offsets, O.A.R.S. is committed to reducing our impact on the natural world and actively supports awareness, deeper appreciation and preservation of rivers and wild places.

- For a detailed packing list please call us at **1-800-346-6277** or email us at info@oars.com for our Cataract Canyon Travel Planner (included in your confirmation packet). You can also shop online for all your adventure travel needs at www.oars.com in the **OARStore**.

How do I get to Cataract Canyon?

O.A.R.S. Cataract Canyon Trip begins and ends in Moab, Utah. Moab is accessible by plane, auto, and van shuttle.

By Air

- You may fly into Salt Lake City, Utah or Grand Junction, Colorado, which are serviced by several commercial airlines.
- Charter flights from Salt Lake City and Grand Junction to Moab are available through Red Tail Aviation 800-842-9251, Slickrock Air 435-259-6216 or Salmon Air 800-448-3413. Great Lakes Airlines (307-432-7000 / www.greatlakesav.com) offers commercial service from Denver to Moab.
- You can arrange a van shuttle from the Moab Airport into Moab with Roadrunner Shuttle 435-259-9402. Make reservations for the shuttle service in advance.

By Auto

- From Grand Junction, Colorado take I-70 West to US 191 (2 hrs.) or take scenic route 128, which follows the Colorado River and offers spectacular views. (2 hrs)
- From Salt Lake City, Utah take I-15 south to the Price/US 6 exit. Then take US 6 to I-70 East, to US 191 South (4 hrs.)

By Van Shuttle

- Make reservations well in advance for all shuttle services. Bighorn Express (888-655-7433) runs a daily shuttle from Salt Lake City to Moab. Check their website for schedule and fees (www.bighornexpress.com).
- You can arrange a charter van shuttle from Salt Lake City through either Bighorn Express or Roadrunner Shuttle (435-259-9402).
- From Grand Junction, a charter van can be arranged with American Spirit (970-523-7662) or Roadrunner Shuttle.

Return Transportation

- Included in the trip price is a \$111 per person transportation package for the flight from the take out back to Moab after the trip.
- Should you prefer another transportation option, this charge can be deducted from your invoice. Other options include having your vehicle shuttled to the takeout point or

arranging land-based transportation back to Moab. Please contact Road Runner Shuttle at 435-259-9402.

A Few Important Details

Reservations & Deposits

- A \$250/person deposit is required at the time of reservation. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations, Transfers & Refunds

- If you find it necessary to cancel your trip, notify us as soon as possible. The cancellation fee after you've made your deposit can range up to the entire trip cost, based upon the number of days prior to your trip that we receive your cancellation notice. We regret we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. For this reason, **we strongly urge you to investigate trip insurance** (see Insurance).
- Cancellations 60 days or more prior to the trip earn a full refund less a \$100/person fee. Cancellations 59 days or less prior to your trip are not refundable.
- If you transfer from one trip to another, there is a \$50 per person charge up until 60 days before the trip. Transfers made after this time will be treated as cancellations.

Medical

- Under most circumstances, if you are of an adventurous spirit and in reasonably good health, you should have no problem enjoying an O.A.R.S. trip. People with heart trouble and pregnant women should have their physician's approval before taking an adventure travel trip.

Insurance

- Although every effort is made to insure a safe trip for all, we strongly recommend that you protect yourself, your belongings, and your vacation through the purchase of a short-term traveler's policy. A trip cancellation policy covers your non-refundable payments in most cases, should you have to cancel your trip at the last minute due to illness or injury. Trip participants should realize that in the event of illness or injury on an adventure travel trip, evacuation could be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Personal belongings and cameras are carried entirely at the owner's risk, and O.A.R.S. accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged, delayed or stolen property.

Acknowledgement of Risk

- Everyone is required to sign a standard Acknowledgement of Risk before the trip, acknowledging awareness that some risks are associated with the trip. Safety is of the utmost concern on our trips. However, due to the nature of the activities, a condition of your participation is that you will sign this form and return it to our office before the trip begins. Anyone who refuses to sign the form will not be allowed to participate, and consistent with O.A.R.S. cancellation policy, there will be no refund of the trip fees at that time.

Responsibility—An Important Notice

- O.A.R.S. Canyonlands, Inc. and cooperating agencies act only in the capacity of agent for the participants in all matters relating to transportation and/or all other related travel services, and assume no responsibility however caused for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service, including but not limited to that resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of the participants, including cancellation due to water fluctuation, insufficient bookings (this trip requires a minimum of 4 guests), and other factors. There is risk in whitewater rafting, particularly during high-water conditions. Rafts, dories and kayaks do capsize. You could be swept overboard. Your guide will make every attempt to assist, but you must be strong and agile enough to "self-help" and "float-it-out" without further endangering yourself or others. We reserve the right not to accept passengers weighing more than 260 pounds or with a waist/chest size exceeding 56 inches. We are experienced at accommodating people with various disabilities. Please give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome. We need to discuss any special requirements ahead of time. We may decide, at any time, to exclude any person or group for any reason we feel is related to the safety of our trips. On advancement of

deposit the depositor agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Contact Information:

- For more information on this or any of our over 75 rafting, sea kayaking or multi-sport adventures, please call us at **1-800-346-6277** or email us at info@oars.com and one of our knowledgeable Adventure Consultants will be happy to help you.

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