

Q&A for the September 16th-29th, 2012 SWA / Moki Mac Grand Canyon trip

1. *When do we need to be there?* About 5:00pm on September 15th, 2012 for an orientation. We meet at the Marble Canyon Lodge, which is about 10 miles from Lee's ferry, and most people stay the night at the lodge.
2. *If I am not a kayaker, can I go?* Of course! We plan on having oar raft support and there is plenty of room for non-kayaking passengers. If riding in a raft you need no previous experience since Moki Mac boatmen do all the maneuvering of these crafts. Kayakers should be class IV paddlers or at least strong class III+ paddlers with a **very strong roll**. **Please contact SWA to confirm your kayak skills.**
3. *Should I drive or fly?* This depends: If you are a kayaker and live at all nearby then driving makes sense to get your boat and gear there and back. If you need to fly talk to SWA about options for us to bring a boat for you to rent, or shipping one. If you want to fly, Moki Mac can advise you about reservations from and returning to Las Vegas. If you are a kayaker and want to rent a kayak, contact Small World to get a list of boats available info@smallworldadventures.com We charge \$200 for the 14 day rental.
4. *Who shuttles my car if I drive?* There is a service run by a guy named Norm Montgomery 1 (928) 564-2391 who will pick your car up at the put in and leave it at a secure location and bring it down to the take out the morning of the take-out. In 2010, he charged \$255 per vehicle. You can check out his website at www.rrshuttleservice.com
5. *When do we get off the river?* We take out on September 29th. We will most likely get out at Diamond Creek; but this will be confirmed closer to launch date. A shuttle bus or van will take you to Las Vegas to catch your flight if you have chosen this option with Moki Mac. If you've had your car shuttled, it will be waiting for you in Peach Springs, and a bus will drive you up the bumpy road from Diamond Creek to Peach Springs.
6. *What do I need to bring?* Moki Mac will give you a general packing list and I will send out a list for kayaking gear. Moki Mac will provide dry bags but you can bring your own if you prefer. General river and camping gear is all that is required. You can also rent a "sleep kit" from Moki Mac which has a tent, sleeping pad and sleeping bag. You can find Moki's packing list and other helpful trip information here: <http://www.mokimac.com/floatnotesGC14days.htm>
7. *Who do I talk to at Moki Mac?* Richard and Annie Quist. It's a family owned and run company and their brother Clair runs the Grand Canyon operation, while Richard and Annie run the main office. Check out their website at www.mokimac.com or call them at 1-800-284-7280
8. *What if I can only do the upper or lower half of the trip?* At this point we are trying to get people who can do the entire trip. Why walk away from a perfectly good river? This may change so keep in touch.
9. *Do I need to kayak the entire trip?* Kayakers should go into the trip planning on kayaking the whole thing. But there will be space in the raft if you want or need to hop out for a bit. **There is not space for all the kayaks on the cargo raft so most of us need to kayak most of the time.** On past trips like this almost everyone kayaked the whole way.

10. *Do I need to bring extra gear?* SWA will bring 1 or 2 spare paddles and have a spare skirt, helmet, dry top and assorted little accessories. It would be great if 1-3 of you could bring extra paddles as well. And bring extras of items that you “couldn’t live without” such as nose plugs and ear plugs.
11. *Who leads the trip?* One of Moki Mac’s boatmen. They have an incredible amount of experience and decide on the camps, hikes, lunch spots and pretty much everything else. Don Beveridge will be the kayak guide and is there to show the kayakers fun lines, and, more importantly, fun play spots.
12. *How often do we scout?* Not very often since we know the river very well and it is a pretty easy river to follow on. Once you get the hang of the Colorado you realize that in most rapids you enter down the tongue and break to one side or just run the big waves down the middle. We typically only need to scout 3 rapids—Hance, Crystal, and Lava.
13. *Who does the work at camp?* Mostly Moki Mac boatmen. They will cook the meals, be sure there is water and lemonade to drink all the time, clean the pots and pans and rig the rafts. The kayakers and rafters need to help unload the boats at camp, make their personal camp, wash their own plate, mug and utensils and stock their own beer in the drag bag to cool it down.
14. *Is there any pre trip packing to do?* Not really. You need to get your own camping gear together, or rent it from Moki Mac. If you are a kayaker you need to be sure to bring equipment and river clothing in good repair. The Moki Mac boatmen plan and pack all the food, kitchen items and rafting equipment.
15. *Is 14 days enough time?* You never have enough time in the Canyon but since the trip is so well organized this is plenty of time. We start pretty early in the day and keep moving on the water so we have time for lots of hikes.
16. *How much beer can I bring?* The short answer is ‘however much you will drink’. If you want to bring wine please buy box wine and put liquor in plastic bottles.
17. *When should I sign up?* As soon as you know you want to go. This trip will probably only have sixteen spaces so the spots will fill up quickly.
18. *How much does it cost?* The trip cost \$3799. This is the 2011 price; but Moki Mac is giving it to us for 2012 as well (even though their regular rate will probably go up to \$4,000 for 2012). They wanted to reward us for planning so far ahead☺ If you are flying to and from Las Vegas, then you will also need to get from Vegas to Marble Canyon on September 15th. The flight from Vegas to Marble Canyon (the put in) is about \$230. Contact Moki Mac for info on booking this. ***OR...Moki Mac is offering free ground transportation from Las Vegas to Marble Canyon to take place the day prior to the river trip launch—September 15th (the same day you would need to fly to Marble if you choose that option).*** You just need to be in Vegas in time for a 1:00PM pick up at McCarran International Airport. Meeting location is Level “0” (ground level) located directly under the baggage claim area at the east end of the terminal. Please let Moki Mac know if you will take advantage of this offer. They will make all the arrangements. The drive to Marble Canyon will take about 4 1/2 hours. The river portion of the trip includes all food, rafting equipment and guides. Extras expenses not covered would be transportation to Marble canyon, hotel or camping at Marble Canyon, drinks and tips.

We hope you will consider joining us for this trip of a lifetime! If you have any other questions contact Darcy at info@smallworldadventures.com or Moki Mac Mokimac@mokimac.com