

## Shuttles

Moenkopi can shuttle all of your gear to and from the river and can provide a shuttle bus for your crew as well, as part of your Door-to-Door package. Our "People Shuttle" is an 18-passenger van so your whole group can ride together in comfort. Alternatively, we can shuttle vehicles to/from the river for you or refer you to a local shuttle business ([www.rrshuttleservice.com](http://www.rrshuttleservice.com)). Typically, we can fit 5 passengers in the gear truck, if we don't need space for vehicle shuttle drivers.

## Car Storage

Cars may be left at the hotel/motel of your choice, or can be stored at Moenkopi free upon request. Keys for parked vehicles will need to be left with Moenkopi in case they need to be moved. We do have limited space during peak times so please encourage your group to minimize the number of cars that are brought, and if we do not have space we will suggest alternative storage options. Our FREE parking is a dirt lot in a rural setting near the riverhouse with no security. If one needs a secure lot look into Flagstaff car storage.

## Rig Day & Launch Day

Unless your launch day is a holiday or you have made special arrangements with the Lee's Ferry Ranger, you are expected to arrive at the river the day before your assigned launch date to rig your boats and complete an NPS safety equipment inspection (we call this "rig day"). PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOU HAVE THIS CORRECT ON YOUR INVOICE. Moenkopi will pick you up in Flagstaff at 9 AM (or time of your choice, just let us know) the morning of Rig Day to take you to Lee's Ferry and stop at a grocery store on the way so you can pick up lunch for Rig day or other last-minute supplies (unless you have arranged other people shuttle options).

Once at Lee's we will help you rig your boats and support you with the NPS equipment inspection. After rigging, you can eat dinner at the Marble Canyon Lodge ( We can make the reservation for you, just let us know) or you can bring food and charcoal to grill or cook at the put-in (you already have your kitchen equipment so why not?). <http://www.marblecanyoncompany.com/> Most groups camp there for the night, although you can also get rooms at the Marble Canyon Lodge (particularly during colder weather. Marble Canyon can arrange shuttles to/from the lodge to Lee's upon request if need be (about a 4 mile drive).

If you have chosen the Door-to-Door package, one of our experienced representatives will spend the night with you to help you dial-in your rigging and make sure you know how all of your gear and systems work (e.g., groovers, kitchen set-up, water filtration, etc.). This person will also answer all of your questions and make sure you have everything you need before leaving in the morning of launch day. He/she will assist your first river meal at the put-in (Hot or Cold Moe Breakfast) so that you have time to finish rigging before your Ranger orientation at 9 AM. Once you are properly oriented (and have shown your required photo ID), you are free to set out when ready!

## Passenger Exchanges

You can choose to allow people to take a partial trip and hike in or out (NPS will require \$100 PER PERSON, not per spot, regardless of how long they join you on the river). The most popular and easiest spot for this "exchange" is at Phantom Ranch via the Bright Angel Trail on the South Rim. Bright Angel is the most popular exchange trail because of ease for exchange and water on the trail, groups with exchanges will try to camp between Grapevine and Cremation (a double camp), causing a run on these camps. The Ranger will talk to you about your exchange before you leave so that all private and commercial trips will have space to camp if they are exchanging on the same days. Entrance fees into

the park are covered under your \$100-per-person river permit fee. The park should send you the free entrance permit with your packet or it can be found in the crew folder.

The best, most efficient way we have found to facilitate an exchange is to have the person on the second half drive a vehicle to the South Rim and park it (BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT OFFICE NEXT TO MASWIK LODGE), then hike down. Incoming person can give the keys to person who is hiking out so he/she has a vehicle to drive back to Flagstaff, less than two hours' drive. One can also pre-set a hide a key. Don't forget where it is 😊

If that's not an option, you can also book a shuttle from the South Rim to Flagstaff through Arizona Shuttles (<http://www.arizonashuttle.com/schedules/flagstaff-grand-canyon/>); There are 4/day in the summer and 3/day in the winter, just be sure you book it before you put-in, especially in winter since schedules are limited and sometimes they are booked up! Once you are in Flagstaff, you can hop another shuttle to get to Phoenix (6/day) if that's where you are flying out of (<http://www.arizonashuttle.com/schedules/flagstaff-phoenix/>)

Some people choose to stay in or near the South Rim for a night, either before they hike in so they can get started first thing in the morning or after they hike out. These should be booked in advance since accommodations on the rim can book as far out as a year. Visit [www.grandcanyonlodges.com/](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/) for lodging in the park or look for a hotel in Tusayan, just two miles outside the park. Shuttles from the park to Tusayan don't run in the winter, so be sure to plan all of these details in advance. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm> for more info.

<http://www.trans-canyonshuttle.com/> does a convenient inexpensive shuttle back to Lee's Ferry as well. Make sure you are at the south rim by shuttle time!

Lastly, and most expensive is having your car shuttled to the South Rim. We are happy to do it but because of its remote location it is more expensive than the above options of shuttle or trip car exchange. The South Rim shuttle dropoff is \$240/car. Cars are left at the backcountry permit office parking lot next to the Maswik lodge a short ¼ mile or less hike from the Rim.