

BIG BEND – SPECIALTY TRIPS

An Exploration of the Heavens and Stars Above
Trip Information

Getting There: The Far Flung Outdoor Center is located on Highway 170, one-half mile west of Highway 118 and about three miles from the western entrance of Big Bend National Park. The nearest commercial airport is Midland/Odessa about 4.5 hours away.

Weather: Trips on the Rio Grande operate year round, but the highest visitation occurs during the spring and fall months of March, April, May, September, October and November. Historical temperatures are:

Spring (March - April) Day: 75-85 Night: 45-60
Summer (May - September) Day: 85-100 Night: 70-80
Fall (October - December) Day: 70-80 Night: 50-60
Winter (January - February) Day: 55-70 Night: 35-50

We Provide: All meals while on the river, two nights of great music, guides, equipment, waterproof bags, tents and shuttle to and from the river.

You Provide: Personal gear, sleeping bag and pad (we have limited quantities of bags and pad for a combo price of \$20/trip), lodging before and after the trip and transportation to and from the Big Bend. Upon booking your trip, we will send you a complete packing list.

Where to Stay: There are a variety of lodging choices in the Big Bend. Check out www.visitbigbend.com for suggestions and details. This site is brought to you courtesy of our local county's tourism board.

Meeting Time and Place: The trip meets at the Far Flung Outdoor Center at 8:00 a.m. on the day of departure, where we will take time to pack your gear into waterproof bags and have a brief pre-trip meeting. Trips generally return to our office around 4:00 p.m. on the last day.

Guides: Our guides are outdoor enthusiasts with many years' experience running boats on rivers throughout the United States. They'll row the rafts, lead the canoes, organize hikes, prepare meals and with a little encouragement, even provide a bit of entertainment. Realizing that personal involvement increases one's enjoyment of a trip, they will welcome your interest in learning how to row or better understand the desert plant and animal life. Our staff will enrich your experience with knowledge of the Big Bend via

the disciplines of botany, geology, astronomy, history, etc. Should the need arise they are trained to administer first aid.

Drinks: Ice water will be available throughout the day, with tea and lemonade available at lunch and dinner. You are welcome to bring soda, beer, wine or other beverages as long as they are in unbreakable containers.

Age Limits: Trips on the Rio Grande are suitable for all ages, however due to the longer nature of the multi-day trips, we suggest a minimum age of six.

Deposits: We require a \$100/person, non-refundable deposit at the time of reservation. We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Final Payments and Cancellations: Trip balances are due 14 days prior to trip departure. Deposits and final payments are non-refundable. Due to the nature of this trip, there are no exceptions to any cancellations and we highly recommend that you consider purchasing travel insurance.

Permits: Far Flung Adventures (the river operator for Far Flung Outdoor Center) operates under a permit from the National Park Service and the State of Texas. Our permit is your assurance that Far Flung Adventures is legally operating on the river.

Other Activities: For those interested in scenic views and other Big Bend natural attractions, check out our guided Jeep and ATV tours.

Far Flung Adventures reserves the right to change or modify the section of river to be floated based on weather, water levels or for the safety and convenience of our guests.