

## Frequently Asked Questions about CESM Tours

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### A] Registration & Payment

How do we sign up? You can purchase tickets online at [www.creationministries.org](http://www.creationministries.org). You can also download the registrations form and mail a check. If you pay online, please read through the registration form as there is useful information included on the form.

When is payment due? While seats remain available, payment is due upon purchase of a seat.

What is the sign-up deadline for this trip? We operate on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Your seat is only reserved once paid for in full. The deadline is April 1, 2015, however, space is limited and trips usually sell out well in advance.

Can I pay by check? Yes.

\* Can I pay with a credit card? Yes. For some trips a 2.5% credit card charge will be added to your price as we are charged this amount by your credit card company. To avoid this fee pay by check.

What is the price for an adult? \$695.00 (based on double occupancy).

Who is considered to be a child? Ages 17 and under.

What is the price for a child? \$569.00 (must be 17 or under and room with two paying adults).

What does the price of the trip include?

- Dinner and hotel night of arrival.
- Two days with the luxury bus & professional driver
- Grand Canyon National Park entry fee
- Raft trip
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner + rim tour + hotel on Saturday.
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner + 17 mile raft trip + hotel on Sunday.
- Breakfast on morning of departure for your home.
- Dynamic & engaging teaching from two professional creation apologists throughout the tour!
- Snacks & water bottles.
- **Note:** You are responsible for your own transportation to and from Phoenix (the starting & ending point of the tour).

If I drive to Phoenix in my RV do I need to pay for the hotels on the first and last nights? Not if you let us know in time for us to cancel your hotel rooms.

What is your cancellation policy? The cancellation policy is located on the registration form. Please be sure to open and download this form and read through it for all the details.

## **B] Physical requirements**

How physically challenging is this trip? Do I need to be a tri-athlete to go? This is a very user-friendly tour. You should be able to walk a distance of a half mile at 7,500 feet elevation and step into a raft. All walks are optional and there are no strenuous uphill climbs (no rock climbing or repelling either!) The rafting portion is in a motorized raft (no paddling) and on calm water (no whitewater rapids). We do an optional 2.8 mile walk along the rim on a paved trail.

How much hiking is there? Most places require a walk of less than a half mile on fairly level ground. There is an optional 2.8 mile walk along the rim on a paved trail.

Is this a "family friendly" trip? Absolutely! It's a great opportunity for families to experience memories that will last a lifetime. It will also help parents (and grandparents) mentor their children (and grandchildren) as God commands us in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. The minimum age is 4. Children 17 or under need to be accompanied by their parents (or two adults).

**\*Please consult your physician should you have any questions regarding your physical capabilities to participate on this trip.**

## **C] General Trip Questions:**

What can you tell me about this trip? We will provide great Biblical information and point out tremendous geological evidence of the Global Flood, and the rapid formation of Grand Canyon. **Your faith in Jesus Christ as Creator, Judge and redeeming Savior, as well as your trust in the non-compromised Word of God will skyrocket as you see fact after fact proclaiming the Truth of God's Word.** **Day 1:** We're off to Grand Canyon National Park. In route DVDs are eye-opening and make the drive fly-by. On-the-rim-talks; a picnic and hikes along the Canyon's Rim provide an incredible day. **Day 2:** We travel along the edge of the Painted Desert to Page, AZ. From there we enjoy a 17-mile long Colorado River raft trip below towering rock walls and around world famous Horseshoe Bend. We often see Peregrine falcons, osprey, eagles and bighorn sheep along the way. **We also provide:** a luxury bus, a professional driver, your seat on the raft, a professional raft crew, entrance fee to Grand Canyon, hotels, meals, bottled water, snacks and an unforgettable family-friendly adventure.

What age range is this trip appropriate for? Ages four to ninety-four have gone on these user-friendly tours.

What does the price of the trip include? Please see under "Registration & Payment" questions.

What is the sign-up deadline for this trip? Please see under "Registration & Payment" questions.

What is the weather going to be like? This can vary widely. Generally, temperatures range from 40 to 55 degrees at night; then from 80 to 89 during the day, and we've experienced both snow and rain

showers. We suggest you dress for a warm day and pack a light rain jacket, a hat, sunglasses, comfortable walking shoes and a camera.

Would this trip be good for inviting unsaved friends and family members? Definitely! It will be a very welcoming, gracious environment where the sincere skeptic would be graciously challenged regarding their worldview. It is not meant to be a debate environment, because that is not the intent of the trip and we want to ensure a great and comfortable experience for all who attend. We will be discussing evidence for the flood and the validity of the Genesis creation account, but the main point will be the authority of Scripture and the Gospel message (which will be directly presented along the way).

Can we follow the bus in our car? Sorry, but no. We will not return to the starting point of the raft trip. You would also miss too much valuable information while in route.

What if I'm afraid of heights? Don't fly to Phoenix! (-; Seriously, my (Russ) wife is very fearful of heights yet does our Rim Tours all summer long. You will be on solid ground and forays near the rim are: a) optional; and b) securely behind steel railings.

When are the lectures given and what will be discussed? Information will be shared on the bus while in route; there will be several on-the-rim talks, and lectures during the raft trip. There will also be time for Q&A. We will primarily be revealing the authority of God's Word through the Genesis flood and Grand Canyon. We will also discuss the creation vs. evolution debate and answer questions on Christianity and the Bible in general.

What should I bring? Bring a daypack as your luggage will be in the bus's cargo bay and inaccessible during the day. Keep a light rain jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, brimmed hat and water bottle in your day pack.

What should I wear? Comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses and a sun hat. Plan on warm daytime temperatures with cool mornings and evenings, and a possible rain shower. We recommend a light rain jacket to cover these needs. Bring a daypack to put a water bottle, sunscreen and lip balm in.

#### **D] Bus related Questions:**

Is there a bathroom on the bus? Yes.

What equipment does the bus have? There will be a DVD and microphone system on the luxury coach.

#### **E] Raft Trip**

Is this considered a whitewater trip? No. This is a family-friendly float in a motorized raft that will hold up to 24 people.

Do I need to wear a life vest? Children 12 and under are required to wear a life vest. Vests are both optional and available for everyone.

What age range is this trip appropriate for? 4 years of age and older.

Do I need to wear a swim suit? **You can. Or you can wear shorts. Your feet may get wet and you may get an occasional mist while the raft is motoring along but we do not recommend swimming on the raft trip.**

Will my camera get wet? **Your camera should be fairly safe but this is outdoors and around water! We suggest you have a waterproof container or bag for it as you may get an occasional mist while the raft is motoring along.**

## **F] Hotel Questions:**

Are the first and last night hotels included in the price of the tour? **Yes.**

What hotels will we be staying in? **This varies due to location and availability. We often stay in Holliday Inn Express, Hampton Inn, Drury Inn, Cameron Trading Post Hotel, Embassy Suites and the Comfort Inn. Please see the itinerary for this tour.**

How much is the price for a single traveler staying in their own room? **Adult prices are based on two paying adults per night covering the cost of the hotels. A private room would require a traveler to cover the hotel costs (add \$80 per night to the Adult price).**

I am a single parent. Can my children stay with me at the kids rate? **The children's rate is based on two paying adults per night covering the cost of the hotels. The first child would be at the adult rate (to cover the cost of the room) other kids would be at the kids rate.**

How many kids can stay in one room? **Usually two kids are fine. This can vary by hotel so please call us directly to discuss this should you have a family of five or more.**

If I drive to the starting point in my RV do I need to pay for the hotels on the first and last night? **Not if you let us know in time for us to cancel your hotel rooms.**

## **G] Food Questions:**

Are meals and snacks gluten free? **Typically there are such options. Please apprise us well ahead of time if this is an absolute need and we will try to accommodate.**

Are meals and snacks peanut free? **We cannot guarantee that everything will be peanut free.**

Are there vegan or vegetarian food options? **Typically there are such options. Please apprise us well ahead of time if this is an absolute need and we will try to accommodate.**

What restaurants will we eat at? **Breakfasts are at the hotels. We will also eat in restaurants as well as having picnics on the rim of Grand Canyon and other remote locations. Please see the itinerary for this tour.**

Are the meals included in the price of the tour? **Usually the first breakfast (morning following the arrival date) through the last morning's breakfast are included but please see the itinerary for this specific tour.**