

Hatch Duffel Service (Optional)

All guests on Upper Canyon trips are required to hike out of the Canyon on the Bright Angel Trail. This is a steep and strenuous hike which covers 9.5 miles of distance and includes 4,000 feet of elevation gain. Our hiking guides note that most guests who carry their gear wish they had packed lighter or used the Duffel Service. **Please note: We cannot ship duffel bags to addresses outside of the U.S.**

How It Works

Want to hike the Bright Angel Trail with just a day pack of your essentials? Leave your bag on the boat when you hike out, and we'll mail it back to you after your trip! You pay only the cost of shipping.

Sign Me Up!

If you would like to take advantage of this service, make sure to follow these three steps:

1. Indicate on your Personal Information form that you plan to use the Duffel Service.
2. Label EACH of your bags (and any extra items) with:
 - Your Full Name
 - Your Address
 - Your Phone Number(Water-resistant luggage tags are ideal for this.)
3. Remove any items that you need for your hike or after your trip BEFORE you start up the trail. (Bags usually won't ship until at least 8-12 days after you have completed your trip.)

Essential items you may need include:

- Water, snacks, and sun protection
- Your ID and credit cards
- Required medications
- Car keys
- Items you need at home immediately

Please note: The packaging of your bags is complimentary—you will be charged only for the UPS shipping cost. Loose, unlabeled items will not be identifiable as yours and will be donated. Hatch will contact you when we receive your bags in our Flagstaff office (usually at least 8-12 days after you have completed your trip) to confirm your shipping address and collect your credit card information.

Shipping any item always carries a risk that your package will be lost or damaged in transit. Hatch is not responsible for any loss or damage incurred as a result of this service. We strongly recommend you do not ship valuables. If you would like your package insured, ask Hatch about providing a declared value when we contact you to collect your payment information.

THE JOURNEY OF A HATCH DUFFEL BAG

LEE'S FERRY → BRIGHT ANGEL

You will take your bag with you to the launch and keep track of it during your trip.

BRIGHT ANGEL → BOAT TAKE OUT

Once you leave to hike out of the Canyon, your bag will stay with the boats for the rest of the journey down the Colorado River.

BOAT TAKE OUT → MARBLE CANYON

After leaving the river, boats (with bags) go back to Marble Canyon to be "de-rigged."

MARBLE CANYON → FLAGSTAFF

Your bags will be unloaded and brought to Hatch's Flagstaff Office. There, we'll package them to ship back to you.

FLAGSTAFF → YOU

After collecting your payment and confirming your address, we'll send your bags via UPS directly back to you.

Questions? [Check out the FAQs on hatchriverexpeditions.com](#)

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