



Glamping tents offer an upscale experience.



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Last-Minute Gift Idea: A Rafting Experience with Echo Canyon River Expeditions

CAÑON CITY, Colo., Dec. 17, 2018 - There's still time to give the gift of adventure this holiday season. [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#) and [Royal Gorge Cabins](#) in Central Colorado offer [Gift Certificates online](#) or by calling by calling 1-800-755-3246.

The gift certificates can be purchased in any dollar amount and do not expire.

One of the largest commercial river outfitters in the state and one of the [top adventure resorts](#) in the country, Echo Canyon River Expeditions has been operating trips on the Arkansas River for more than 40 years. The company also operates the luxury [Royal Gorge Cabins and glamping tents](#), the [8 Mile Bar and Grill](#), private outdoor event space and an outdoor game area.

Royal Gorge Cabins are the most luxurious accommodations in the area.

“While you won’t be running outside to practice your jump shot like you would with a new basketball, the anticipation of a whitewater trip down the river will build and be a great conversation starter,” said Andy Neinas, owner of Echo Canyon River Expeditions. “And experiences are wonderful gifts for people who seem to have everything.”

Rafting the Arkansas River

Rafting season with Echo Canyon typically begins in April and ends in September, and whitewater conditions change significantly during the long season. Spring snowmelt results in fast river flows, and early in the season experienced paddlers seeking challenging waters will find it on the Arkansas. As the initial, fast snowmelt slows, the flows become more gentle, making the Arkansas a great choice for rafters seeking a more relaxed adventure.

The resort offers half-, full- and multi-day rafting trips. Per-person rates for adults are \$72 for the half-day Gentle Family Float, \$119 for Bighorn Sheep Canyon Rafting and \$141 for Royal Gorge rafting, the most challenging of the resort’s rafting options.

Royal Gorge Cabins and Glamping Tents

For those who want to stay and enjoy the region’s many activities, cabins and tents are terrific options.

The nine 600- to 800-square-foot Royal Gorge Cabins include six king loft cabins featuring two bedrooms and one and one-half baths and three king cabins featuring one bedroom and bathroom. The cabins also offer fully equipped kitchens and living areas, large windows, double-sided gas fireplaces that can be enjoyed from inside and outside, 400-square-foot landscaped outdoor patios and private parking.

The glamping tents are a good choice for travelers who like the close-to-nature appeal of camping but prefer more privacy as well as a comfortable bed. Situated in the resort’s campground, the tents are positioned on concrete slabs and feature queen beds, an evaporative swamp cooler for summer-season climate control, screened windows and private areas.

All tents feature WiFi, linens, picnic table and fire ring, multiple electrical outlets, a private deck and a concrete patio with a built-in fire pit equipped with a cooking grate. Guests will find a variety of luxury touches such as furniture-grade stumps for seating around the fire, comfortable deck seating, desks, plush towels and luxury toiletries. The tents are located within steps of the community bathrooms and 8 Mile Bar and Grill. Upon arrival, guests will find pre-built fires ready to be lit.

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[Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#) is the leading whitewater destination resort in central Colorado and one of the country’s top [adventure resorts](#), according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The resort is located west of Cañon City, Colo. on U.S. Route 50. Drive time is approximately two and one-half hours from Denver and one hour from Colorado Springs. The Colorado Springs Airport (COS) offers non-stop service from several major cities throughout the country including Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago and Phoenix.

Contact Echo Canyon by email at info@raftecho.com or by calling 1-800-690-3246, or follow the resort on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#) or by signing up for the resort’s [newsletter](#). Travelers can also read about visitors’ experiences on [TripAdvisor](#) and see why Echo Canyon is consistently named the No. 1-rated tour in Cañon City.

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