



## Cimarron River Company

### KAYAK: VERDE RIVER

#### **Verde River Getaway — a Unique Kayak Excursion**

The Verde River runs through the heart of Arizona, from just south of Flagstaff and the pine forests under the Mogollon Rim, through the Mazatzal Wilderness, and finally along the desert foothills northeast of the Valley of the Sun until it joins the Salt River at the foot of Red Mountain. We are pleased to be able to offer a sampling of this important waterway to our guests who are lodging in north Scottsdale or Carefree area accommodations.

The Verde River usually flows at a very low volume of water, which is typical of most desert rivers. Our sit-on-top kayaks are the ideal conveyance for exploring this riparian gem, with its gravel shallows, quiet pools, and an occasional swiftwater chute to challenge boating skills. Throughout our run on the Verde, we'll be observing a thriving desert river ecosystem, which is home to an abundance of wildlife and botanical biodiversity found in few places in North America.

This tour is ideally suited for our guests who would like to experience a kayak tour on a beginner-friendly segment of river, but who may be limited in recreational choices by either schedule or budgetary constraints; total tour time will be 2 to 2.5 hours round trip from northeast area hotels, with an on-river time of 1 to 1.5 hours. We will provide driving directions to our meeting point, where we'll be waiting with kayaks, life jackets, bottled water, soft drinks, and all other necessary gear.

*Please note:* in the event that increased flows on the Verde river shorten the tour time substantially, we may recommend that you join us instead on the lower Salt River. While this change will not affect the price of the tour, it may increase the transfer time to the river and back. Please call our office for details.

*Prices for our Kayak Tours include river use fees, soft drinks, bottled water, professional guides, and river and safety equipment. Tours are on the water from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending upon your requirements. Minimum group size for our wholesale operation is 10 participants and our maximum capacity is 30 participants. We reserve the right to select an appropriate location for your tour based upon flow conditions, seasonal considerations and other factors.*

*We operate our kayak tours on the lower Salt and Verde rivers year around. Because of the popularity of the lower Salt and Verde rivers with the general public during the late spring and all through the summer months, some special restrictions and considerations may apply to tours booked for this time. Please call our office for details.*