
Travel & Logistics

For Courses In and Out of Grand Junction, CO

Course Start

Arrive	1 day before your course start date
Meeting place	La Quinta Inn and Suites - Lobby 2761 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction, CO
Meeting time	6:00 p.m. on the day before the course start date.

Flight Destination

Airport	Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)
Date	Arrive the day before your course start date, well before the 6:00 p.m. meeting time

Flight Return

Airport	Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)
Date	Depart the morning after your course end date

Ground Transportation

From airport to NOLS	Take the airport shuttle to the La Quinta in Grand Junction
From NOLS to airport	Take the airport shuttle back to the Grand Junction airport

Accommodation

Before Course	You book your own room for the night before your course start date
After Course	You book your own room the last night of the course

Prepare to Travel to Your Course

(Further details following)

1. Submit your health form on your [Dashboard](#) as soon as possible. Once NOLS clears it, you can start booking travel.
2. Book your travel.
3. Arrange ground transport
4. Arrange accommodation for before and after course
5. Complete and submit Travel and Logistics form on your [Dashboard](#)
6. Consider Tuition Protection coverage (see [Dashboard](#), highly recommended)
7. Check your medical insurance coverage will be adequate for your travels and expedition activities
8. If you are traveling to Lander from outside the United States:
 - a. Check that your passport is valid for the appropriate dates
 - b. Arrange visa and/or parent letter if needed
 - c. Notify your bank/credit card company that you will be traveling internationally
 - d. Get cash in local currency
 - e. Prepare for important cultural considerations
 - f. Get inoculations as required

Minimizing risk of exposure to communicable illnesses while traveling

- a. Practice physical distancing (6 feet) when possible

- b. Consider wearing a mask indoors
- c. Practice meticulous hygiene with frequent handwashing and hand sanitizer use

Contact NOLS Admissions: 800-710-6657 / admissions@nols.edu (Save our contact info so you have it while you travel!)

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Course Start and End Location

La Quinta Inn and Suites
2761 Crossroads Blvd.
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Arrival

No later than 6:00 PM on the day before the course start date.

Check your enrollment letter or your NOLS Dashboard for your course start and end dates. You will meet your instructors in the lobby of the La Quinta Inn at 6:00 PM on the evening before your course start date. This meeting gives you an opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow expedition members, as well as to review the course's logistics and ask a few questions. We recommend you eat dinner before this orientation meeting.

Departure

No sooner than the morning after the course end date.

All courses wrap up late in the evening on the noted ending date. You should plan to leave Grand Junction no sooner than the following day. Please do not make travel plans that will require you to arrive late for your course or to leave early once your course is over. You may end up missing the start of your course or missing your plane home.

Travel Details and Itinerary

This trip starts and ends in Grand Junction, Colorado at the La Quinta Inn and Suites. Grand Junction can be reached by air or road. Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT) is serviced by several airlines with daily, non-stop, flights from several hubs. As the major hub between Salt Lake City and Denver, Grand Junction is easily accessible from all directions and via AMTRAK and Greyhound Bus Lines.

NOLS does not provide lodging on the night before your course starts or the night your course ends. You are responsible for booking your own room on both nights.

You will meet at 6:00 PM on the night before your course start date at the La Quinta conference room to meet your team and review the trip's details and schedule. The hotel will provide a breakfast on the morning of your course start. After check out and luggage storage (the hotel will store luggage and allow for vehicles to be left in its parking lot at no extra charge) you will depart Grand Junction in a NOLS vehicle and head toward the roadhead.

Travel Delays

Please allow adequate travel time to Grand Junction. If your arrival is delayed because of weather or other reasons and you are not going to be able to make the orientation meeting, please:

1. Rebook for the next available flight/shuttle.
2. Then, email rocky_mountain_customerservice@nols.edu to inform us of your updated travel itinerary.

Luggage, Vehicles and Valuables

Carry essential items onto the plane with you, including prescription medications, masks, and hand sanitizer and retain your baggage claim stubs. These are important tools for tracking any missing luggage. Upon your arrival, promptly inform the person meeting you and your instructors if you are missing luggage.

La Quinta has historically allowed NOLS to store luggage in a secure and locked area while trips are in the field. La Quinta also allows personal vehicles to be left in its parking lot at no extra cost while trips are in the field. Due care will be taken to prevent

theft or damage of your stored items. NOLS does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while you are on your course. NOLS will not honor any personal claim for property loss. If you want insurance coverage for your personal belongings, you must provide it yourself.

Telephone

You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your field experience. Your family and friends should not expect to hear from you until the final day of your course.

Personal Expenses

You should bring enough cash to cover your expenses for traveling to and from Grand Junction and dinner for when you arrive in Grand Junction. Potential expenses include phone calls, cab rides to meeting locations, and any meals not indicated. You may also want to carry a small amount of cash (about \$20) for any snacks/miscellaneous items you may want to purchase while driving to and/or from the roadheads.

All camping gear (tents, stoves, kitchens), safety equipment, instruction, transportation to/from the canyons, and permits are included in the tuition. You are responsible for travel to and from Grand Junction.

Contacting NOLS

If you have questions concerning course content or travel logistics, or to submit enrollment forms and tuition payment, you can reach us by logging onto www.nols.edu or calling 800-710-NOLS between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM MT, Monday through Friday.