

Questions & Answers



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MAIN SALMON RIVER 5-DAY

MEETING THE EXPEDITION

Q. WHERE DOES THE TRIP BEGIN AND END?

A. The Main Salmon Trip begins in Salmon, Idaho and ends just outside of Riggins, Idaho. Bus transportation is then provided to McCall, Idaho.

Q. I'M FLYING, WHERE DO I MEET THE TRIP?

A. We can arrange a round trip, scenic charter flight (small planes) from Boise to Salmon, and then from McCall back to Boise. Cost is: \$268.00 per person. You should arrive at the Boise Airport no later than 4:00 p.m., the day before your river trip departure, to take the charter flight to Salmon, Idaho. The flight is with Salmon Air Taxi and takes about 1 hour. The shuttle van from the Stagecoach Inn will provide the transfer from the Salmon Airport to the Inn.

Q. AT THE END OF THE TRIP, HOW DO I GET BACK TO BOISE?

A. McCall is about two hours from where we pull off the river. We have found that after 5 days in the wilderness, most clients prefer to check into a motel, shower and rest before they continue their journey home. We recommend an overnight stay in McCall and flying back to Boise the following morning. We also recommend scheduling flights out of Boise after 11 a.m. that day. We will be glad to make flight reservations on Salmon Air Taxi for you.

Q. WHY CAN'T I JUST FLY INTO SALMON AND OUT OF MCCALL ?

A. Boise, ID is the nearest commercial airport to both Salmon and McCall.

Q. I'M DRIVING, WHERE DO I MEET THE TRIP?

A. You should arrive in Salmon, Idaho the day before the trip departs.

Q. AT THE END OF THE TRIP, HOW DO I GET BACK TO MY CAR?

A. You have two options: (1) You can have your car shuttled to the airport at McCall (2) You may fly back to Salmon. Shuttle arrangements for your vehicle can be made at the orientation, but it is best to make reservations ahead of time with our office.

Q. IS THERE AN ORIENTATION MEETING?

A. An orientation meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. the night before the trip begins, in the lobby of the Stagecoach Inn in Salmon, Idaho.

Q. WHERE SHOULD I STAY IN SALMON?

A. The Stagecoach Inn: (208) 756-4251

Q. WHERE SHOULD I STAY IN MCCALL?

A. The Super 8 Lodge: (208) 634-4637.

Make sure to mention that you are with World Wide River Expeditions when making your reservations.

All motel reservations are the responsibility of the client or travel agent.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

Q. HOW SHALL I CARRY MY CLOTHES AND PERSONAL ITEMS TO THE RIVER?

A. Please adhere to the following instructions regarding travel bags. We recommend you bring your clothes, personal items and any packaged liquor in a soft nylon bag no larger than 12"X12"X24". At the orientation at the Stage Coach Inn you will receive a dry bag (water-resistant, rubber bag) into which you will transfer the items from your soft nylon bag. The dry bag also contains your sleeping bag and foam pad. Leather bags or oversized gym bags will not fit in the dry bag that already contains your sleeping bag and foam pad. Do not bring suitcases or backpacks to the river.

Q. WHAT DO I DO WITH MY EXCESS LUGGAGE?

A. Do not bring any! Due to the logistics of this trip, most of you will not be returning to the same place that the trip started from. However, at the Boise Airport, there are 12 small storage lockers, provided they are not already taken, and there are only 4 that are large enough to hold a regular size suitcase. If you have driven to Salmon and are staying at the Stagecoach Inn, you may store your luggage and park your vehicle at the Stagecoach Inn.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE TOUR

Q. WHAT KIND OF WEATHER CAN WE EXPECT?

A. From June through September, the weather varies from warm, sunny days with temperatures in the 90's to COLD, rainy days with temperatures in the 70's. The evenings are 10-15 degrees cooler. Passengers should come prepared with substantial rain gear and warm layers as described on the packing list.

Q. SHOULD I BRING A CAMERA?

A. We encourage you to bring a camera and plenty of film to record your river adventure. To protect your camera, store it in a zip-lock bag. On the river, water resistant ammo cans are provided by WWRE for easy access and storage. We have found that the disposable waterproof cameras work well.

Q. SHOULD I PLAN ON FISHING?

A. Fishing on the river is only moderately good. The best fishing is in the side streams, with fly fishing being the most successful. Out-of-state fishing licenses may be obtained at the North Fork store on your way to the river.

Q. WILL I NEED MONEY ONCE I LEAVE THE HOTEL?

A. You will be stopping at a convenience store on the way to the river put-in. Likewise, you may want to keep some money with you for gratuities for your guides.

Q. WHAT ABOUT TIPPING?

A. You should never feel that a gratuity is automatically expected from you, but it is a great way to acknowledge excellent service. Our guides work hard to make each expedition a memorable and rewarding experience. May we suggest \$10-\$20 per person per day given to your trip leader who will then distribute it evenly with all the guides on your trip.

Q. WHERE DO I PURCHASE BEER AND SOFT DRINKS?

A. You may purchase beer and soda pop at North Fork, on the way to the river put-in. Because of limited space on the rafts, we recommend only bringing 2 six-packs of cans per person. Drinks are placed in a drink cooler as space is available. We provide water and lemonade on the rafts during the day. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available in camp, in addition to the water and lemonade. Any wine or liquor will need to be packed in your dry bag. **PLEASE TRY NOT TO BRING GLASS.**

NOTE: Consumption of too much alcohol, by some individuals, can destroy the full enjoyment of a wilderness river trip for other passengers. A person also has less control in dangerous situations when excessive quantities of alcohol have been consumed. If you view excessive consumption of alcohol an essential element in your wilderness experience we suggest that you charter a private trip.

Q. WHAT ARE THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE RAPIDS?

A. We get numerous calls asking about the classification of rapids. Often times, clients have participated in a paddle raft experience on the smaller, mountain streams located in their areas where the difficulty of the river is graded on a I-VI scale, with VI being an unrunnable rapid. Such a grading system doesn't work very well on the larger rivers (Colorado, Green & Main Salmon) as we've never encountered a Class VI rapid, even during periods of extreme high water. What may be classified as a potential six, quickly drops to a five, then a four, three and two. As the summer wears on, the level of the river drops dramatically. The best gauge we can give is that the rivers we operate on are at their highest, fastest and meanest level early in the boating season (late May through late June) and at their lowest level in September.

Q. WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON THE MAIN SALMON RIVER?

A. The best book currently available is The River of No Return by John Carrey. This book gives the historical background of the old mines and cabins, homesteads and grave markers found along the river. It also gives a mile-by-mile description of the river and the names of all the rapids. The cost of the book is \$13.95 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling. A **WATERPROOF MAP** of the Salmon River is also available. It provides a mile-by-mile description of the river, some geological and historical aspects of the area and is the same map your boatman will be using. The cost is \$6.00 plus \$1.25 postage. Each of these items can be purchased through our office at (800) 231-2769 or they will be available for purchase at the orientation meeting at the Stagecoach Inn.

Q. WHERE CAN I PURCHASE WWRE SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS?

A. These will be available for purchase at the orientation at the Stagecoach Inn, in addition to the river map and The River of No Return book. This will be your only opportunity to purchase these items.

Q. WHAT PERSONAL EQUIPMENT DO I NEED FOR THE TRIP?

A. Please refer to the packing list included with this mailing. **All** clothing and personal items for the entire trip, including pre and post river days should fit into a soft nylon bag no larger than 12"x12"x24". A bag the appropriate size is available for purchase through our office at (800) 231-2769.

Q. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY CAMPING GEAR?

A. You will receive your dry bag and ammo can at the orientation meeting at the Stagecoach Inn. The rest of the gear will be at the river.

Q. ARE TENTS PROVIDED?

A. Guides have sufficient tents for two people per tent plus a few extra to accommodate those traveling alone. These are comfortable, roomy tents available for your use. As the guides have the communal camp to set up, passengers will set up their own tents.

Q. WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I RECEIVE?

- A.** Water-resistant rubber bag (dry bag)
- Sleeping bag, foam pad & ground cloth
- Personal ammo can
- A souvenir mug you may keep

An ammo can is an army surplus, water resistant metal can measuring 12"L X 6" W X 7"H. It is the storage unit on the raft that is available to you during the course of the day. The dry bag which contains your clothing items, sleeping bag, etc. will be secured to the raft during the day and is generally not accessible except in camp.

Q. WHAT ARE THE TOILET FACILITIES LIKE?

A. For your comfort and convenience, a portable toilet is set up in camp. Usually it's in a "John" tent, but sometimes it's in a secluded place behind a large rock or clump of trees. The toilet is available each evening and morning and for emergencies during the day. Our guides (both male and female) are sensitive to the unique challenges that may be encountered by women while traveling in a wilderness area. Please don't hesitate to ask if there are questions concerning these issues. It is helpful for women to wear 2 piece swimsuits and/or have a skirt or wrap around sarong to wear while on the trip for more privacy. Ziploc bags are handy for storage and disposal of feminine hygiene products.

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Day 1: Bus transportation will depart at 8:00 a.m. from the Stagecoach Inn and proceed to the river put-in. Twenty two miles down river from Salmon, the bus will make a stop at the North Fork convenience store for snacks, fishing licenses, beer or pop and then it's on to Corn Creek where we will have an orientation on river safety, load our gear and begin our trip downstream.

Day 2-4: Rafting, running the rapids, hiking and visiting historic and scenic sights along the way. Meals along the river, camps on the beach at night. Remember - come prepared for rain!

Day 5: The trip ends at noon on the last day. Bus transportation is provided to McCall. Flights back to Boise depart the following day. If you have driven to Salmon, you may have your vehicle shuttled to McCall or reservations may be made to fly from McCall back to Salmon.

NOTE: If you are flying to Boise, we can arrange a round trip, scenic charter flight (small planes) from Boise to Salmon, and from McCall back to Boise. Cost is \$245.00 per person.

CANCELLATION AND INSURANCE

Q. CAN I CHANGE MY RESERVATION TO A DIFFERENT DATE?

A. Changes can be made, based upon availability, to another date or trip. A \$25.00 per person fee will be assessed for every date change to the initial reservation after the \$200.00 deposit is received in our office. Changes within 21 days of trip departure will be charged a \$50.00 per person fee.

Q. WHAT IF I MUST CANCEL MY TRIP RESERVATION?

A. We will gladly refund your deposits and payments, less a \$50.00 per person cancellation fee, for written cancellation notices received 60 days prior to your departure. Should you cancel between 60 and 21 days prior to your departure date, you will forfeit all deposits. If you cancel within 21 days of tour departure, you will forfeit all monies received by WWRE. No refund for no shows. **Our cancellation policy applies in every instance. We strongly encourage you to purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance.** Pre-existing conditions will be covered if policy is paid in full within 7 days of initial reservation.

Q. IS TRAVEL INSURANCE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE?

A. Yes, a policy can be obtained online through www.travelinsured.com or www.travelguard.com. Please read the policy carefully and decide which coverage applies to your specific needs.

A FINAL REMINDER ABOUT PACKING:

If you follow the packing list we have sent to you, you will have everything you will need on the river. Weather in the mountains can be extremely variable, even during the course of the day, with temperature ranges from the 90's to the 60's. Having layers of clothing is much more essential than having lots of clothing. Layers can be used to maintain your body temperature with the changes in the air temperature. Quality rain gear is **essential** and necessary. Please pack your things in a soft, nylon bag with dimensions no larger than 12" x 12" x 24". Please do not bring suitcases or backpacks to the river. Please do not bring any glass containers.

Note: We cannot stress enough how important it is to adhere to the careful packing instructions for both personal comfort and allotted space in your waterproof bags.

Responsibility: Although World Wide River Expeditions takes every precaution when it comes to passenger safety, whitewater rafting has some inherent risks. Each participant will be required to sign an acknowledgment of risk form before participating. Parents must sign with minor children.

If you have additional questions that need to be answered, including inquiries regarding weather, scheduling, equipment or pricing, please contact us:

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