



Trip Summary

SECTION: SALMON RIVER – PINEBAR, ID TO HELLER BAR

DIFFICULTY: CLASS II-III

AGES: 5 YEARS OLD AND UP

SEASON: JULY-AUGUST (CALL FOR AVAILABLE LAUNCH DATES)

LENGTH: 4 DAYS / 5 DAYS

PRICE: 4 DAYS - ADULT \$1295 / YOUTH \$1036; 4 DAYS WITH MUSIC - ADULT \$1495 / YOUTH \$1196

5 DAYS - ADULT \$1595 / YOUTH \$1276

Your next vacation could be spent basking under the warm sun, swimming in warm pools, riding through whitewater rapids and camping underneath the stars. Best of all, your computers and cell phones are nowhere to be seen.

The lower gorge of the Salmon perpetually carves its way through history to expose metamorphosed volcanic and ominous granite gorges. To complement the gorges, roomy white sand beaches are common on this 53 mile stretch of river – perfect for camping, swimming, or taking an afternoon nap. Catch a glimpse of a river otter, cougar, bear, golden eagle, or bighorn sheep in this diverse landscape. Visit river crossings used by the Nez Perce Indians in their flight from the U.S. Cavalry in 1877. Experience the power of the Salmon River whitewater in rapids such as Snow Hole, China Slide, Sluice Box, and Demon's Drop. Whatever your preference, whitewater action or stunning scenery and natural history, the Salmon River provides a great combination of action and relaxation. Our Lower Salmon River trips are operated by our partner Winding Waters River Expeditions.



General Trip Itinerary

EXACT CAMP LOCATIONS AND DAILY RIVER MILEAGE MAY VARY WITH WATER LEVELS AND RIVER CONDITIONS.

Arrival Day, the day before your scheduled launch date: Arrive in Clarkston, Washington and check in to the Quality Inn Suites. If flying to Lewiston, the airport will provide a free shuttle service to the hotel. We plan on meeting the group at 6pm, in the lounge, at the Quality Inn for our pre-trip meeting. During the meeting, we will discuss the trip, check out trip gear, cover any last minute details, and answer any questions you may have.

Day 1, Launch Date: Breakfast will be served at the hotel restaurant, with our planned departure around 8am. After breakfast, we'll provide transportation to the river launch site. We plan on launching by 10am, after a short river orientation. Lunch will be served riverside today. The river starts with easy rapids and a big water feel with time to swim, fish, explore archaeological sites and take in the breathtaking views. We will arrive in camp by 4pm today. You can expect a relaxing evening at camp with beach games, a delicious meal, good conversation, tales around the campfire, and music. Feel free to bring a musical instrument.

Day 2, River Day: The morning routine: hot drinks and fruit juice will be served by 7am, breakfast by 8am. We will break camp and begin the day's float by 10 am. Today we will see more whitewater in rapids such as Half and Half, the infamous Snow Hole, the Gobbler, Bodacious Bounce and the Bungholes. We will finish the day at yet another beautiful large beach campsite, arriving by 4pm.

Day 3, River Day: Morning routine. Run more rapids such as China Bar, Eagle Creek, Wapshilla, Eye of the Needle and The Slide. Enter our favorite river canyon, Blue Canyon. Lunch will again be served riverside with camp arrival being around 4pm. Camp will be near the confluence with the Snake River. In camp, you can take a swim, go on a short hike, read a book, catch a fish, play Bocce Ball, or simply lay in a hammock. You can expect an evening beginning with a delicious meal followed up with good conversation, campfire, games and music.

Day 4, River/Take Out Day: Today we will pass the confluence of the Salmon and Snake Rivers. This spectacular location marks the end of the Salmon, the longest free flowing river in the lower 48. A short hike at this confluence affords a 360 degree view of both rivers. Down-river, explore Cherry Creek Falls and Cache Creek Visitor Center and Museum, a former homestead site. Lunch riverside with an expected take out time to be around 2pm. Shuttle is provided back to the Quality Inn by 3:30pm. Be sure to reserve a room if you plan on staying at the Quality Inn on this night.

Packing List

Appropriate clothing on a multi-day river trip is important for both comfort and risk management. While on the river, we could experience warm sunny days, cold rainy days, or anything in between. We need to be prepared for all possibilities. When planning for your trip, try to use the “layering system”. By bringing clothing that can be worn under or on top of others, in layers, you will have the flexibility to adjust to a variety of weather conditions. Make sure that you have warm layers made of synthetic materials (not cotton), such as polypropylene, capilene, or wool. Cotton does not keep you warm when it is wet!

While we provide all group camping equipment and meals, you will need to provide clothing and personal gear for off the river and at camp. Below is a suggested packing list to use for your river expedition. We will provide you with a dry bag to protect your belongings from the water. Feel free to contact us at any time with packing questions. **Always be prepared for changing weather!**

For river travel, we will provide you with river clothing: wet suit, booties, paddle jacket; helmet and PFD (personal flotation device)

- Sleeping bag (can be rented for \$25, just let us know)
- Sleeping pad
- One pair of shorts for camp and hiking
- One or two t-shirts
- Rain jacket & pants
- One set long-sleeved light clothes (for sun and/or camp)
- Pants for camp (can be same as above)
- Synthetic thermal underwear layers (top & bottom)
- Fleece or pile top & bottom for camp (top can be pullover or jacket)
- Swimsuit
- One pair lightweight hiking shoes (for off river in good weather)
- Toilet articles (biodegradable soap)
- Wool or polypro/capilene/fleece socks (stay away from cotton)
- Shade hat/visor (baseball cap)
- Warm hat and gloves for camp
- Plastic bags for wet/dirty clothing
- Sunblock/moisturizing lotion
- Chapstick with SPF
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses with securing strap
- Water bottle with securing strap (1 liter minimum, more if hiking)
- Flashlight/small headlamp & extra batteries
- Personal medications
- Toiletries/small towel, etc.

Optional Items: Binoculars, diary, sketchbook, a good paperback book, small daypack or fanny pack for hikes, camera, paddling jacket & pants, small travel pillow, musical instrument. **Liquor, beer, and or wine: you will need to provide your own alcoholic beverages!**

All rafting gear, group camping equipment, and meals are provided!



Getting There

Our Salmon River trip begins and ends at the Quality Inn in Clarkston, WA. Please make reservations. The closest airport to Clarkston is in Lewiston, Idaho. If flying to Lewiston, the airport will provide a free shuttle service to the hotel. If you are driving yourself, please follow the directions as described below.

From Portland/Seattle

(From Seattle, take I-5 South to Portland)

Take I-84 East towards The Dalles for 186 miles. Take exit 179 for I-82 West towards Hermiston/Umatilla. Take I-82 West for 9 miles to exit 1 for US-395 S/US-730 S towards Irrigon/Umatilla. Turn right onto 395 S/ US-730 E/6th St. Continue onto US-730 E for 25.2 miles, entering Washington. Merge onto US-12 E for 49.4 miles. Turn right onto US-12 E/Preston Ave for 33 miles. Make a slight right to stay on US-12 E for 42.2 miles. Turn left onto 13th St. Turn right onto Port Dr. Allow 6 hours drive time.

From Boise

Take I-84 West towards Nampa/Ontario for 52.4 miles, entering Oregon. Take exit 371 for OR-201 towards US-20/US-26/Weiser Vale. Turn left onto OR-201 N for 13.3 miles. Turn right onto US-95 Spur N for 2.8 miles, entering Idaho. Turn left onto E Idaho St/E Main St. Turn left onto US 95 N/ E 7th St/ Rte 95 N for 29.8 miles. Turn right onto US-95 N/ E Central Blvd/ Rte 95 N for 46.6 miles. Make a slight left onto US-95 N/ N Norris Ave/ Rte 95 N for 76.3 miles. Turn left onto Johnston Rd for 2.2 miles. Turn left onto US-95 N/ Rte 95 N for 67.4 miles. Continue onto US-12 W for 1.8 miles. Turn right onto 18th St. Continue onto Dike Bypass for 1.6 miles. Turn left onto D St. D St becomes 1st St. Continue onto US-12 W/ Main St, entering Washington. Slight right onto 1st St/ Confluence Way. Turn left onto Fair St. Turn right onto 5th St. Turn left onto Port Dr. Allow 6 hours drive time.