

# Main Salmon Trip Information

## IDAHO RIVER JOURNEYS



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### Summer (May - October)

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**W**ild Main Salmon River rafting vacations are river trips that everyone, from grandparents to grandkids, enjoy and return with memories that last a lifetime. The water is warmer than most western rivers, many campsites are on big, sandy beaches, there are good hiking trails nearby, and famous rapids will keep everyone smiling.

The Salmon is the longest free-flowing river (425 miles) within one state in the continental U.S. It traverses the immense Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and has been designated a Wild & Scenic River by congress. The wild section, the remote road-less and historic stretch from Corn Creek to Carey Creek, is where we run our trips.

**PRE-TRIP MEETING:** Our trip meets in Salmon City at 7:00 pm the evening before departure. We meet on the lawn behind the Stagecoach Inn adjacent to the river. At the meeting we'll answer questions about the trip, give out waterproof bags for your gear, talk about plans for the next day and introduce you to the crew for your trip. The meeting will take about 45 minutes.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS IN SALMON:**

We recommend staying at our meeting place, the Stagecoach Inn. Their phone number is 1-208-756-2919. Please make your reservation well before your trip, and mention that you'll be floating the Salmon River with Idaho River Journeys.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO IDAHO AND THEN TO SALMON:** Salmon is located about 120 miles south of Missoula, Montana just west of the Continental Divide. Preferred airports for our trip are in Boise, Missoula, and Idaho Falls. All have rental cars available although there is no drop-off in Salmon. It is often cost effective to rent a car for a week and return it after the trip. You will find travel suggestions to Salmon at our website.

### FROM BOISE:

1. Arrange a flight to Salmon with McCall Aviation. Most people who fly to Salmon fly back to Boise at the end of the trip from McCall. You need to book this flight in advance. The phone number is 1-800-992-6559. You are responsible for the cost and scheduling of the flight to Salmon before your trip and return to Boise afterwards.

1. Rent a car and drive to McCall before the trip. It is a 3-hour scenic drive. Leave the car in McCall while you are on the river. Fly to Salmon from McCall with McCall Aviation the day before your trip launches.

2. Drive your vehicle to Salmon. At the end of the trip, fly back to Salmon from McCall or have your vehicle shuttled to McCall while you are on the river. Arrangements can be made by calling the River Shuttle Company at 1-800-831-8942.

### FROM MISSOULA OR IDAHO FALLS

Rent a car and drive to Salmon. At the end of the trip, arrange a flight back to Salmon with McCall Aviation. 1-800-992-6559.

**SLEEPING BAGS & TENTS:** We provide spacious tents, freshly laundered sleeping bags, and comfortable, self-inflating pads for use by our guests. Our sleeping bags are medium sized "mummy" types. You may, of course, bring your own bag and tent if you'd prefer.

**FOOD:** All on-river meals are provided, beginning with lunch the first day and ending with lunch the last day. The food is fresh and wholesome and our guides will prepare it. With advance notice, we usually can accommodate special diet requests.

**BEVERAGES:** We provide a limited amount of soda, beer and wine. You are welcome to bring additional quantities.

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**WHAT TO BRING:** Summer weather on the Salmon River is typically sunny and warm but you should be prepared for occasional mountain thunder showers. If you are traveling with children, please make sure they have adequate rain gear and warm clothing, just in case the weather becomes unseasonably cold.

- 2 pair of quick drying shorts or bathing suits
- Sun Screen and lip protection
- Sunglasses with strap
- Shirts for camp and to wear on-river
- Baseball type cap
- 1 pair of long pants for camp
- A pair of shoes for camp and hiking
- 2 pairs of wool socks
- Fleece jacket or wool sweater
- Rain gear (good quality)
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Water bottle with loop for attaching
- Flashlight
- Camera (Expensive camera equipment should be insured)
- Large Ziplock bags (for wet items and personal hygiene)
- Check or cash for guide gratuity

Optional items include a paperback book, binoculars, fishing equipment (rods in protective cases), insect repellent, polypropylene underwear, and a fanny pack for hiking. Do not bring music systems (personal iPod types are OK) or firearms.

**FISHING:** To fish, you must have an Idaho license. You can purchase one locally before the trip or by phone from Idaho Sports Licensing by calling 1-800-554-8685.

**VACATION INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Applications are available through our office.

**ARRANGEMENTS AT THE END OF YOUR TRIP:** At the end of your trip, we will shuttle you to McCall by bus right after lunch. We usually arrive there around 3:30 PM. If you are returning to Boise or Salmon by air shuttle, please make those arrangements with McCall Aviation in advance. Their phone number is 1-800-992-6559. For lodging in Boise, we suggest the Best Western Vista Inn, 1-208-336-8100. They offer shuttle service to the nearby Boise Airport.

**ACCOMMODATIONS IN McCALL:** There are numerous lodging options in McCall. We suggest the Best Western McCall, 1-877-824-2230. They offer a 10% discount to our guests.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR WOMEN:** Some of the women who have rafted the Salmon River with us have made suggestions that might be helpful. Bring facial cleansing items that don't take up a lot of space and are quick to use. A wash cloth in a zip lock or a facial astringent and cotton cleaning pads in a zip lock work well. Bring along body and facial moisturizer. For a bathing suit, a sports type two-piece is more convenient for wearing under wetsuits and easier to bathe in. For hiking and general comfort, sports bras are recommended.

**TECHNOLOGY CONCERNS:** Today's technology can conflict with what people seek when visiting wilderness places. For many of our guests, part of the appeal of a river vacation is getting away from computers, email, and cell phones. Although the Salmon River canyon is remote, in many places satellite phones are functional. On occasion, a guest will bring a private satellite phone with them. In this event, we ask that the phone not be used in our immediate camp setting, on our boats, in the vicinity of other guests or anyplace else where other people are aware of its use.

**PERFORMANCE:** Although infrequent, it is sometimes necessary to cancel or modify a trip, including moving to an alternative

river, because of unusual or unexpected circumstances. We reserve the right to cancel or modify any trip due to adverse weather or water conditions, log jams, debris flows, forest fires, travel restrictions that limit access to the river, or other circumstances beyond our control. Adverse conditions may require the use of boats different from those advertised, promised or reserved. In the event of a cancellation, or modification of a trip, Idaho River Journeys can not be responsible for any resulting expenses incurred by guests.

**CANCELLATIONS:** If you must cancel your reservation, you may be eligible for a partial refund if the cancellation is made at least 60 days before departure. Within 60 days there are no refunds. We operate under federal regulations, which restrict the number of guests per trip and the number of trips per season. If you must cancel at the last minute, try to find a friend to take your place. Idaho River Journeys requires a nonrefundable deposit of \$250 per-person to confirm a reservation. The balance is due at least 60 days prior to departure.

**TIPPING:** Gratuities are equally shared by all crew members. Typically tip amounts are 10-15% of the trip fare.

**PERMIT INFORMATION:** Wild Main Salmon trips are conducted under permit issued by the Salmon-Challis National Forest, Salmon, Idaho. Operations and Facilities are operated on a nondiscriminatory basis. We are an equal opportunity employer. ■

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