

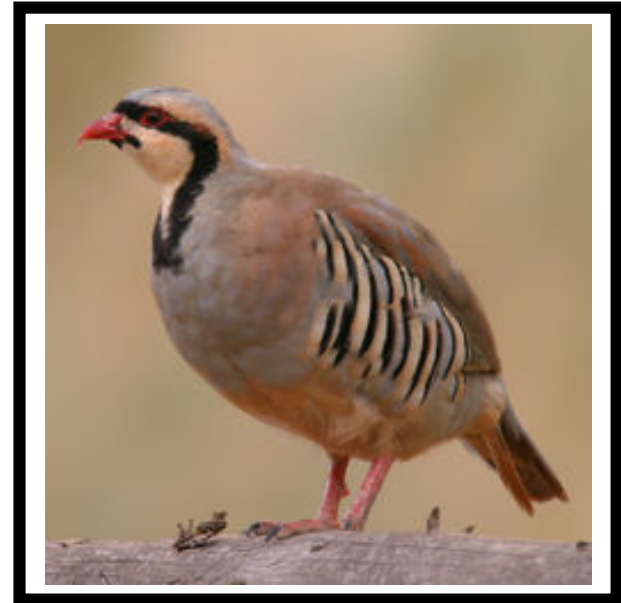
Chukar Hunting Trips



*Anytime during open chukar season,
approximately
October 1 – January 31*

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Bird hunting adventure on the Salmon or Snake River
- Hunt along river corridors as we float downstream in drift boats
- High quality equipment and heated drift boats
- Choose from a day of hunting, or a multi-day hunt on the Snake or Salmon Rivers.



Trip Overview

Our full-day chukar hunts depart at 8:00am or earlier from the Little Salmon Lodge. We drive up the Salmon River to our launch site and load up into drift boats - two hunters per guide. We can cover up to 15-20 miles of the Salmon River, drifting and listening for the distinctive "chuck" of our chukar. Once we find a covey, we beach the boat and start hunting. Chukar hunting typically involves a lot of hiking on rugged terrain, as chukar run uphill before fleeing through the air.

Our trip includes a delicious bagged lunch, with deli sandwiches, fresh fruit, chips, homemade cookies and your choice of soda or water. We usually hunt until 4-5pm in the afternoon before taking off the river for the day. The limit on chukar is 8 per day, with a maximum of 16 in possession.

Chukar hunting can be combined with any fishing trip during chukar season (October 1 to January 31) for a *Cast & Blast Adventure*.

Difficulty Rating

The Full Day Guided Chukar Hunting Trip is rated MODERATE to CHALLENGING. The trip requires skill and determination to hunt successfully, as well as a good deal of hiking on rugged terrain.

Equipment

On this hunting adventure, you will be traveling down river in drift boats. Drift boats are light weight fishing boats designed for whitewater. Equipped with a heater in the winter, two seats for customers and one seat for our guide, our boats provide a spacious, comfortable and safe hunting experience.

You are required to bring a shotgun and appropriate ammunition for your chukar hunt. You can use a 12 gauge, 16 gauge or a 20 gauge shotgun, though we recommend a 16 or 20 gauge. Anything smaller than a 20 gauge is not large enough to cleanly and responsibly take chukar. We can provide shotgun dry bags to protect your gun from the water.

You must use steel shot on all of our hunts - using lead shot along our river corridors leads to hefty fines and game violations. We recommend something between a 6 and 7.5 load.

Lastly, you are welcome to bring a bird dog on your trip. Please be sure to let us know ahead of time if you are bringing your dog.

Weather

Fall is a beautiful time here with mild temperatures in the 60s and 70s and occasional showers. In November, the day temperatures often dip into 50s with frosty evenings and mornings. Winter in the immediate area is mild and rarely falls below freezing. Up in the mountains, we receive many feet of snow in the winter that offer great recreation opportunities and help supply our rivers with melt water come springtime.

Trip Cost

\$448 per boat, based on 1-2 hunters per boat. Solo hunters should call us often so we can pair you up with other solo fishermen to share the cost of the boat.

What's Included

- Homemade lunch for your day of hunting
- Professional, experienced and fun-loving guides
- Heated drift boats

What's Not Included

The cost of the trip does not include your gun and ammunition; airfare to Boise, Idaho; transportation from the airport to the Little Salmon Lodge; lodging the nights before or after your trip; optional gratuities, and applicable taxes.

Tipping: We are sure you will find our fishing and hunting guides will work very hard to find fish and birds, even if the conditions are not ideal. While tipping is not required, it is customary if you feel your guides have worked hard and provided you with a wonderful experience. While any amount is appreciated, we recommend an amount of \$30-50 per guest per day.

Why Northwest Voyageurs

Safety: The most important part of any outdoor adventure is safety. Safety comes first and foremost from having experienced, well trained guides who know how to avoid dangerous situations and minimize risk. All outdoor adventures have inherent risks associated with them. Our job as your outfitter is to minimize that risk as much as possible. In 25 years of guiding whitewater trips, we have never had a serious injury. Our safety record is impeccable and speaks for itself.

Exceptional People: When we consider hiring anyone in our company, we want to ensure first and foremost that the person is extraordinary. Maybe we are selfish - we like to surround ourselves with inspiring people! We know we can teach almost anyone the skills to row a boat, or work at our front desk. But we can't teach people to understand people and how to exceed their expectations. This trait is inborn and we search long and hard to find these people.

Experience: Experienced guides bring more to the table than a safe trip. They bring deep knowledge of our rivers and destinations - and they also know how to maximize the fun-factor while minimizing risk. We boast some of the most experienced guides in the industry, as evidenced by a fair amount of white and grey hair in our guide staff. We also boast a very high level of education in our guides and staff in a variety of fields.

Service: Our owners have extremely high expectations of themselves and our staff. We differentiate ourselves on providing an extraordinarily high level of service on our trips and in our lodge. Our goal is to solve your problems and issues before you have them and to smile the entire time. Ultimately, it's our passion for sharing the outdoors with people who may be out of their element that drives us to provide this level of service. It makes your experience that much more rewarding - and makes you want to come back again and again.

Professionalism: While our guides are fun-loving and relaxed, they are also professionals. They've been trained in customer service and are able to handle difficult situations with grace and poise.

Delicious Gourmet Food: One of the elements of our trips that stay with our guests the longest is our amazing food. We can also accommodate any special

dietary requests with advanced notice to ensure your enjoyment of our meals. A sample of what you may enjoy on your journey may include:

Getting Here

Flight Information: Most guests choose to fly into Boise, Idaho which is about 3 hours from our lodge and headquarters. All major carriers except American Airlines fly into Boise. Spokane, WA and Missoula, MT have major airports as well and both are 4 hours from us. If your itinerary includes a trip to Coeur d'Alene or Glacier National Park, these cities will likely be more convenient than Boise. Lewiston, Idaho (2 hours) is served by Horizon Air from Seattle. From all airports, most of our guests rent cars and drive to our facility.

Shuttle Service: Shuttle service for parties of 6 or more is sometimes available from Boise or Lewiston. Please call our office at (800) 727-9977 for more information.

Public Transportation: Bus service is available once per day between Boise, Lewiston or Spokane to our lodge via Northwestern Trailways. Please check with us or the bus company for up-to-date schedules. Round trip tickets run approximately \$45 per person.

Driving Directions: The Little Salmon Lodge and Northwest Voyageurs' headquarters are located in West Central Idaho, 10 miles south of Riggins, just off Highway 95 on Pollock Road. Turn west on Pollock Rd. between highway mile markers 186 and 187 and you will see our lodge 100 yards down the road on the left. For more specific directions please contact Northwest Voyageurs and we will be happy to assist you. Approximate driving times from regional towns and cities:

Riggins - 10 minutes

McCall - 45 minutes

Grangeville - 1 hour

Lewiston - 2 hours

Boise - 2 hours, 45 minutes

Coeur d'Alene, ID & Spokane, WA - 4 hours

Tri-Cities, WA - 4 hours

Portland, OR - 7 hours

Seattle, WA - 8 hours
Salt Lake City, UT - 8 hours

Accommodations Before and After Your Trip

We invite you to join us at the lodge the nights before and after your trip. Nestled on the banks of the Little Salmon River, lies the Little Salmon Lodge, home of Northwest Voyageurs. The Lodge runs as a full bed & breakfast, featuring 12 guest rooms with private baths, a beautifully hand carved beer and wine bar, river side hot tub, great room, and the most hospitable staff around. With most adventures starting and returning to the Little Salmon Lodge, it is the perfect place to relax before and after your trip. Call ahead for dinner reservations in the summer.

If you prefer to camp or have an RV, consider our neighbors up the road at the Canyon Pines RV Park. If beach camping without facilities is more your style, check out the many free camping options along the Salmon River just upstream (east) of Riggins.

What to Bring

For cooler weather, please pay special attention to the packing list. The water and air temperatures are cooler and the chances of rain are higher. As we mentioned above, even though we hope we never have to use the bad weather gear, it is important that you bring it along, just in case.

During cooler weather, it is always appropriate to wear quick dry, non-cotton clothing to keep you warm even when you are wet. The well known saying “COTTON KILLS” applies to all of our spring and fall trips. Synthetic fabrics such as polypropylene, capilene, and polyester fleece dry quickly and keep you warm when wet. Wool is a good and less expensive option however it tends to dry more slowly and is less comfortable.

When planning your clothing for cool weather, think layers. The first layer is often your long underwear, which provides warmth and wicks away moisture. Again, the newer synthetic fabrics are an excellent choice. The middle layer is often a fleece, heavier or lighter weight depending upon the expected weather conditions. The outer layer is typically a water proof or resistant layer. Since most of our body’s heat loss is through the top of our head, we highly recommend wearing a synthetic or wool hat.

If the weather and water temperatures call for wetsuits, Northwest Voyageurs will provide them. We offer a “farmer John” style wet suit (one piece, long pants, sleeveless front zipper).

How to Pack

For items you may need during the day, we supply one medium sized bag for two people to share and is large enough to hold things you will need access to during the day such as a camera, sun screen, warm fleece or rain jacket etc.

We use water tight NRS Dry Bags. When packed and sealed correctly, these bags will stay dry under most conditions. Our guides will help you to ensure they are sealed well. To fully protect your gear, particularly items that can’t get wet such as cameras, medications etc., you may want to bring along several zip lock bags for double protection. If you plan to bring an expensive camera, we recommend purchasing a dry box such as a pelican case. See Detailed Packing List on last page of this packet.

Trip Extensions

If you are planning to fish for more than one day, consider booking one of our ***All-Inclusive Fishing & Lodging Packages***. For details, visit www.voyageurs.com/trips/steelheadfishing

Recommended Reading List

General:

Indian Creek Chronicles Pete Fromm

River Tales of Idaho Darcy Williams

Water – The Fate of Our Most Precious Resource Marq De Villiers

Roadside Geology of Idaho David Alt

Myths of Idaho Indians Deward Walker Jr.

Salmon River:

River of No Return Johnny Carrey and Cort Conley

Spirits of the Salmon River Kathy Deinhart Hill

Last of the Mountain Men Harold Peterson and Sylvan Hart

The Lower Salmon Sourcebook: A Guide's Guide Caroline Tan

Snake River:

Standing Up To The Rock T. Louise Freeman-Toole

Home Below Hells Canyon Grace Jordan

The Sterling Years Bonnie Sterling

Snake River of Hells Canyon Johnny Carrey, Cort Conley, Ace Barton

Island and Rapids: The Geologic Story of Hells Canyon Trace Vallier

Emergencies

Should your friends or family have an emergency, please ask them to contact us directly at the lodge at (208) 628-3021. We will do our best to get any appropriate message to you. It is often exceedingly difficult for us to reach our trips with a message, as we are often in remote, roadless wilderness areas. You will be responsible for any cost associated with retrieving you early from a trip or getting a message to you. So please be sure to let your friends and family know that they should be very clear with us the urgency of the message.

Payment and Cancellation Policy

Northwest Voyageurs requires a non-refundable \$400 deposit from each person to secure your reservation on this trip. Final payments are due no later than 90 days prior to the departure date. If you find you must cancel your trip, please notify Northwest Voyageurs in writing as soon as possible. If we have not received your final payment by the due date, and if we have not received written notification of your need to cancel your reservation, Northwest Voyageurs may at its sole discretion charge the remaining invoice balance to your credit card on file or consider the reservation cancelled and release your spaces.

All payments are non-refundable. However, if you notify us in writing of your need to cancel your trip at least 90 days prior to your departure, we will hold payments on your account less the initial deposit for a period of one year. If you notify us less than 90 days prior to your departure, all payments will be forfeited. Please understand that once you sign up, we lose the right to sell your space to another individual. Therefore, we regretfully cannot make exceptions to our cancellation policies. Northwest Voyageurs STRONGLY recommends purchasing travel insurance for all multi-day reservations.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance can cover unforeseen costs or problems such as lost baggage, cancelled flights, and the costs of canceling your trip due to illness or injury. Northwest Voyageurs STRONGLY recommends purchasing travel insurance for this trip. It is very important to consider purchasing your insurance within 15 days of making your reservation, as there are additional benefits included in the policy including a waiver of pre-existing medical conditions. For more information, or to purchase travel insurance, please visit:

<http://www.travelinsure.com/what/selecthigh.htm?32922>

Other Questions

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us by email at info@voyageurs.com or by phone at (800) 727-9977 and we will be more than happy to assist you in any way that we can.

Detailed Packing List:

Clothing and Gear:

- Pack for layering: non-cotton warm layers, poly-propylene underwear, fleece, a warm coat, etc.
- Long underwear (synthetic, quick dry fabrics like polypropylene, capilene, and polyester fleece)
- Warm wool socks
- Warm tops (fleece or wool)
- Warm bottoms (fleece, carhartts)
- Sunglasses with retainer straps *
- Floppy hat, baseball hat, or visor for sun protection*
- Sunscreen and lip balm or chapstick*
- Boots to wear on the boat, preferably warm and leather
- Warm Goretex/waterproof jacket and pants or good quality rain jacket and pants (we can provide splash jackets and pants if needed)
- Winter hat and gloves
- Shot gun (12, 16, or 20 gauge) and ammunition (steel or lead) – we recommend between 6 and 7.5 load

Optional Items:

- Hunting dog (must be pre-arranged with Northwest Voyageurs)

Northwest Voyageurs Provides:

- Life jackets
- Wet suits (if necessary)
- Dry bags for your personal gear
- Camera boxes
- First aid supplies
- Lunch

Please Do Not Bring:

- Radios (personal headphones OK)
- Valuables

Where can I buy these items?

Asterisked items in the above list are available for purchase when you arrive at our headquarters, the Little Salmon Lodge. Many of the other items can be purchased from a variety of general stores or local sporting goods stores. For specialty river or camping items including synthetic clothing, some of the many vendors to consider are:

Northwest River Supply: www.nrsweb.com

REI: www.rei.com

EMS (Eastern Mountain Sports): www.ems.com