

Idaho Fishing Lodge Packages



Various dates and customized itineraries available year round

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided fishing for steelhead, Chinook Salmon, bass and trout (depending on the season)
- Includes all spinning gear, tackle and bait
- Lodging in the beautiful riverside Little Salmon Lodge
- Breakfast and lunch prepared by the lodge's private cook



Trip Overview

Our Little Salmon Lodge is the perfect place to stay and enjoy several days of guided fishing. We offer packages ranging from two days to a week long. Experience world-class fishing in Idaho on the Salmon River each day and enjoy the comforts of a warm lodge each night. The lodge features a riverside hot tub, a hand-crafted beer and wine bar, and a private cook who prepares our breakfast and lunch each day.

Note: Bird hunters can upgrade these packages to a Cast & Blast trip during chukar season (October 1 – January 31).

Types of Fish and Season Dates

Steelhead:

The Salmon River's steelhead is one of the longest anadromous fish runs in the world. We typically pull plugs for steelhead and our fish run from 24" to over 40". Hatchery fish may be kept, with a 3 fish per day limit. Native fish must be released. Fly fishing is also an option for our guests, though it is difficult and recommended only for experienced fly fishermen.

Steelhead Season:

September 1 through March 31 – Salmon River

September 1 through April 30 – Little Salmon River

Best months to come: October, November & March are usually best, but we have had years when January was the best month. Call us to check on fishing conditions. Early to mid October is typically best for fly fishing.

Chinook Salmon:

Our spring Chinook (King) Salmon runs have been great the last 7-8 years and so each spring, we typically receive permission to fish for 4-8 weeks for salmon on the Salmon River. We pull plugs typically for salmon as well as drifting bait. Limits vary each season.

Chinook Salmon Season:

Varies- Mid April through late June – Salmon River (dates subject to change)

Smallmouth Bass, Trout:

Our summer smallmouth bass fishing is exceptional. We typically fish with spoons, spinners, jigs and a variety of other spin tackle. Fly fishing for smallmouth is also an option. We do catch trout on our guided trips, but it not

the primary fish we catch in the summer. The trout fishing is exceptional on the Little Salmon River behind our lodge, where you may fish on your own in the evenings.

Smallmouth Season:

Late June through September – Salmon River

July 16 – November 30 – Little Salmon River

(Best time to come: July, August & Early September)

Chukar Season:

October 1 – January 31

Available on all fishing dates during open chukar season. Best time to come is October.

Difficulty Rating

Our Fishing Lodge Packages are rated EASY, and considered appropriate for any physical ability, including children ages 7 and up. Those with ailments such as a bad back or bad knees frequently enjoy these trips.

Drift Boats

On this 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 fishing experience. Northwest Voyageurs provides all of the spinning gear and tackle for this trip. If you choose to fly fishing, you will need to provide your own fly fishing gear and tackle.

Weather

The weather in Idaho in the summer is beautiful! Most summer days are warm and dry, with temperatures ranging from the 80's to occasional 100 or more, with very low humidity. The spring and fall here are also beautiful with mild day temperatures in the 60s and 70s. In March and November, the day temperatures dip into 50s with chilly evenings and mornings.

Detailed Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Start your day with a delicious hot breakfast prepared by the lodge's cook. We then depart for the river to arrive at our launch site at first light. (Exact time depends on the time of year.) We fish and hunt on the Salmon River, typically upstream from Riggins between Carey Creek and Island Bar. We typically stay on the water until at least 4pm.

We provide rods and all appropriate fishing tackle you will need for the day. You will need to bring your own shotgun and ammunition if you are chukar hunting. Feel free to bring your own fly fishing gear if you'd like to fly fish. Our trips include a delicious bagged lunch with deli sandwiches, fresh fruit, chips, homemade cookies and your choice of soda or water.

After our day on the water, we typically return to the lodge around 5pm. At the lodge, you can spend your evening relaxing at the bar, or enjoying the riverside hot tub. Breakfast, lunch, lodging, guided fishing and fishing equipment are included.

Trip Cost

6 nights / 5 days...\$1499 per person
5 nights / 4 days...\$1249 per person
4 nights / 3 days...\$999 per person
3 nights / 2 days...\$749 per person

Prices are based on double occupancy in room, and two fishermen per boat. Add \$25 per person, per day to include chukar hunting or Cast & Blast trips.

What's Included

- High quality equipment and heated drift boats
- Spinning gear and tackle (fly fishing gear and tackle not provided)
- Professional, experienced and fun-loving guides
- Lodging at the Little Salmon Lodge each night
- Breakfast, lunch, and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excellent customer service

What's Not Included

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

Tipping: We are sure you will find our fishing guides will work very hard to find fish, 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 to be given directly to your guide.

On our Lodge Packages, a variety of people will assist you including our guides, drivers, chef, housekeeper and lodge staff. If you were on a Lodge Fishing Package, an additional \$10 tip per guest per day for the lodge crew is appreciated. Our recommendation is to leave one gratuity for the entire staff with the owners or lodge manager. We pay attention to which staff spent most of their time with you and tip them appropriately. And additionally, we make sure to "tip out" those behind the scenes like the housekeeper, drivers and staff.

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. Always delicious and often a bit too much! We can also accommodate any special dietary requests with advanced notice to ensure your enjoyment of our meals.

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

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 twelve 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.

What to Bring

If you have decided to join us in the spring or fall for cooler weather, please pay special attention to the packing list for those seasons. 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 fishing, 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.

Trip Extensions

You can also chukar hunt on these trips. Add \$25 per person per day to include chukar hunting or Cast & Blast trips. Please give us a call or check out our website for more information on this extension.

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

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 – please adjust the clothing quantities to meet your personal trip length requirements.

Fall & Spring Fishing Clothing:

- Pack for layering: non-cotton warm layers, poly-propylene underwear, fleece, a warm coat, etc.
- 2 Sets long underwear (synthetic, quick dry fabrics like polypropylene, capilene, and polyester fleece)
- 2-3 Pairs of warm wool socks
- 2 Warm tops (fleece or wool)
- 2 Pair pants for fishing fleece, carhartts (jeans not recommended for cool weather fishing)
- 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

Summer Fishing Clothing:

- 2 Pair pants for fishing, jeans or carharts
- 2-3 T-shirts
- 1 Long sleeved shirt for sun protection
- 2-3 pair athletic socks
- Closed toed shoes or boots for on the boat (must be able to get wet)
- 1-2 pairs quick dry shorts or bathing suit

General Clothing and Personal Items:

- Personal undergarments
- 2-3 Undershirts
- 2-3 shirts for lounging at the lodge
- 2-3 Pairs of pants for lounging at the lodge
- 2-3 Pairs of socks for lounging at the lodge
- Pair of shoes for evenings at the lodge
- 1 Pair quick dry shorts or bathing suit
- Sunglasses with retainer straps *
- Floppy hat, baseball hat, or visor for sun protection*
- Sunscreen and lip balm or chapstick*
- Prescription medicines, allergy medications, etc.
- Personal toiletries

Northwest Voyageurs Provides:

- Spinning rod, tackle and bait
- Life jackets
- Camera boxes

Please Do Not Bring:

- Radios (personal headphones OK)
- Valuables
- Pets (unless you are chukar hunting and bringing your own bird dog)
- Firearms (unless you are chukar hunting)

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