

Multi-Sport Adventures in Idaho



2011 Dates

July 2 - 8

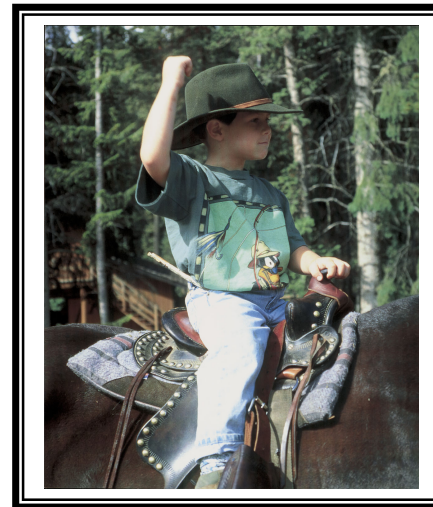
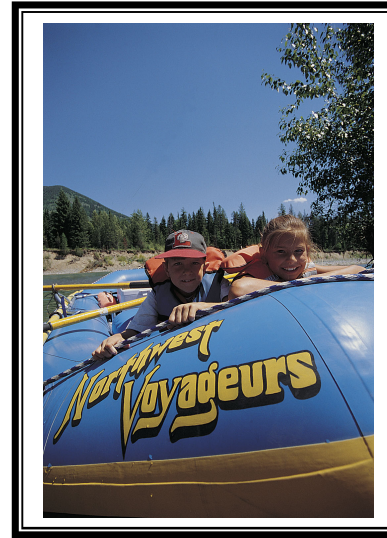
July 16 - 23

August 14 - 20

Some activities are not available during every month, depending on the weather, snow pack and other environmental conditions.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Hells Canyon, the Salmon River and surrounding mountain area
- Go rafting, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, biking and more
- Lodging at the beautiful riverside Little Salmon Lodge
- 3 - 6 days all-inclusive of meals, lodging, activities
- Appropriate for ages 7 and up



Trip Overview

Our Multi-Sport Adventure is the best way to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities while enjoying lodge accommodations each night. Appropriate for ages 7 and up, participants spend the several days to a week at our Little Salmon Lodge, in the heart of Idaho's wilderness. Each day, you choose an activity and spend the day exploring the surrounding rivers and mountains. The Lodge's cook plans all your meals during your stay. Typically breakfast and dinner are served at the Lodge, and lunch is served during the activity for the day. Your daily itinerary is customized so that each day you can enjoy activities that interest you.

This all-inclusive package includes all lodging and meals, including non-alcoholic beverages, and your choice of guided activities each day.

Difficulty Rating

The Idaho Multi-Sport Adventure is rated EASY to CHALLENGING. We tailor the activity level to your ability and desire.

Types of Water Craft NWV Offers:

Oar Rafts: In these boats, the guide sits in the middle of the boat with oars and has complete control of the raft. You can paddle if you wish, but paddling is optional at all times. In oar boats, you can sit back, enjoy the scenery and let the guide do all the work if you wish. This is our most relaxing and least participative option.

Paddle-Assist Rafts: In paddle-assist boats, the guide has oars (typically mounted in the back of the boat) but needs paddling help during rapids and occasionally during some of the flat water. This is the most popular boat for people who wish to paddle during their trip.

Paddle Rafts: Our paddle boats have a guide in the back with a paddle (no oars) and the guide steers, but provides no power. Paddling is required the entire day. Due to the nature of our rivers being big volume pool and drop rivers (very different from small volume technical East Coast & California rivers), and the tendency for upstream wind, this option is only appropriate for people who **really** want to paddle **all day** long. We have found that most people who request paddle rafts are actually happier in paddle-assist rafts.

Inflatable Kayaks: Thrill-seekers can brave our biggest rapids on their own in one of our single or double "duckies." In smaller rapids and calmer waters, the kayaks are great for anybody (including younger kids) who wants to get a little closer to the action. They do not require experience or knowledge of how to "Eskimo-roll". If you flip the kayak, you fall out and swim, we come rescue you and everyone is happy!

Once you book your trip, we will have you complete a trip questionnaire that will help us plan the right mix of boats for the entire group on your launch date.

Weather

The weather in Idaho in the summer is beautiful! Most summer days are hot and dry, with temperatures ranging from the 80's to occasional 100 or more, with very low humidity. Fortunately we have our rivers to cool off in. The nights are perfect for camping, with clear skies, brilliant stars and pleasant temperatures. We do have the occasional afternoon thunderstorm, but they usually dissipate within an hour or two. Most importantly, our river canyons have no mosquitoes to harass us!

The spring is typically warm as well, but there can be occasional days of chilly weather or rain. The fall is a beautiful time here with mild temperatures in the 60s and 70s. 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.

Detailed Trip Itinerary

Arrival Day: On your day of arrival to the Little Salmon Lodge, we'll get you checked into your room and you'll have time to unwind and relax from your day of traveling. Dinner is provided at the lodge and we'll provide a pre-trip orientation to go over the itinerary you have chosen for your adventure.

Each Day: Each day of your multi-sport adventure starts with a hearty breakfast, and then you meet your guide for the day's activity. Lunch is typically served during your day's activity. Your daily itinerary is customized so that each day you can enjoy activities that interest you. Each night you will return to the Little Salmon Lodge between 5-6 p.m. to enjoy a meal served by our own cook and have time to relax in the bar or at the riverside hot tub at the Little Salmon Lodge. Lodging and meals are included from dinner on your arrival night through breakfast on the morning of your departure.

Daily Activities Available:

Whitewater Rafting - Rafting on the Salmon River is one of the principle reasons people visit Idaho. Up to three days of rafting different sections of the Salmon are available, including the possibility of an overnight trip with one night of camping on a beautiful white-sand beach. The rapids are Class III and are appropriate for children ages 7 and up, and for both beginners and experienced rafters.

Horseback Riding - Our one-day horseback ride is on top of the Salmon River canyon, with spectacular views of the Seven Devils Wilderness Area, Gospel Hump Wilderness Area and the Salmon River canyon. The trail ride on experienced dude stock is fun and challenging, but is still appropriate for beginners and children ages 8 and up.

Hiking - Hiking trips of various lengths and difficulty are available in the Seven Devils Wilderness Area and along Rapid River in the Nez Perce National Forest. You can enjoy short hikes to scenic overlooks, or a challenging all-day hike along steep terrain. All hikes offer beautiful scenery and guides who will lead the hike at your pace.

Kayaking and Canoeing - If you have an adventurous spirit, you can spend the day on the Salmon River in your own boat. Our inflatable kayaks do not require any experience, and you will follow a guide through each rapid. A

safety raft travels with the group in case kayakers get tired or need to be rescued after a swim. Or perhaps try canoeing along a scenic river amidst high alpine meadows with a chance to spot moose, eagles, and osprey.

Mountain Biking - Mountain bike rides of varying lengths and difficulty are available to accommodate children, beginners and advanced bikers. Inexperienced riders can ride rolling Forest Service roads and enjoy beautiful scenery and a relaxing ride. More aggressive bikers can ride some of our single-track trails or embark on a 5,000-foot descent down "Cannonball Run" from the top of the Salmon River canyon to the rim.

Fishing - The fishing in Idaho is excellent. We fish with light tackle for smallmouth bass and trout. You can use spinning rods or fly rods, and instruction is available for beginners. A variety of fishing experiences are available, and some require a small surcharge, depending on the number of participants and the method of fishing.

Golf - Play a round of golf at Meadow Creek Golf Resort and enjoy some of the most spectacular mountain scenery you have ever seen from the putting surface. Meadow Creek offers a challenging golf experience that rewards accuracy and a good short game. Avid golfers may play as many rounds as they like. Golf is also available at the McCall golf course, featuring 27 holes of tree-lined fairways and beautiful mountain views.

Sightseeing - Enjoy a relaxing day of scenic drives and explore McCall, a small local resort town which features good shopping and several spas offering massage and other treatments. We can also visit Burgdorff Hot Springs, a remote natural hot springs that was formerly a busy hotel and "resort" during the gold mining days.

About the Little Salmon Lodge

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.

Check-in time: Between 3-9 p.m. If you are arriving earlier or later, please call ahead and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Check-out time: 11 a.m. Later check-out times can typically be accommodated if requested.

Lodge Amenities

Beer and wine bar: We serve a variety of beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. The bar is a perfect place to enjoy a drink and meet other guests who may be on your trip with you.

Jacuzzi: The jacuzzi is located adjacent to the bar. The jacuzzi overlooks the Little Salmon River; a perfect place to unwind after your day's activity.

TV and Movies: Each room has a TV/VCR for movie watching. We have an extensive collection of videos to borrow during your stay. Also, in the main lodge room, there is a TV with Satellite reception if you crave news or sports.

Swimming & Fishing: Cool off in the swimming hole or practice your spin cast. We are very lucky to have one of the best swimming and fishing holes on the Little Salmon River right next to our lodge. The area can be accessed from a small park by the river, at the north end of the property.

Trip Cost

7 nights / 6 days \$1599
6 nights / 5 days \$1399
5 nights / 4 days \$1199
4 nights / 3 days \$949

Prices are based on double occupancy in our canyon view rooms. Reduced rates for occupancy of more than 2 people per room are available, please call us for details. Single supplement is \$52.50 per room per night. Upgrades to our river view rooms are \$20-\$40 per room per night, subject to availability.

What's Included

- All meals are included throughout your stay
- Lodging at the Little Salmon Lodge
- All activities chosen for your customized multi-day trip

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; optional gratuities, and applicable taxes.

Gratuities are not required, but are customary and very much appreciated. On our multi-sport trips, a variety of people will assist you including our guides, drivers, chef, housekeeper and lodge staff.

Our recommendation is to leave one gratuity for the entire staff with the owners or lodge manager. We pay attention to which guides and 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. If you prefer, you may of course tip whomever you choose directly. While any and all amounts are appreciated, we recommend a tip of \$25-50 **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. People are in awe of what we can create at our lodge and in the middle of the wilderness. Dutch-oven cooking

on the river, fresh baked desserts, lots of variety, and often a bit too much 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:

Breakfast: Made-to-order omelets, banana walnut pancakes, home-made "Egg McMuffins," fresh fruit salad, and only the finest gourmet coffee - we are coffee snobs!

Lunch: New York Style Deli spread, smoked salmon and bagels, chicken salad on fresh croissants, taco salad, all with a selection of fresh fruit, veggies and dip, chips and a Katy's homemade cookies.

Dinner: Lime-dill salmon grilled to perfection with sautéed garlic asparagus, juicy steaks with giant Idaho potatoes and all the trimmings, chicken pesto fettucine with roasted red peppers, freshly baked breads, fresh green salads,.

Dessert: Pineapple upside-down cake, fresh picked blackberry cobbler, fudge brownies, strawberry shortcake or even a birthday cake - all baked fresh on the river.

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

What to Bring

Summer Activities

In July and August, the weather in Idaho is typically warm and beautiful, with only a slight chance of precipitation. Average highs are in the 90s and average lows in the high 50s to 60s. We do have a week or two that can be considerably hotter, with daytime highs exceeding 100F.

In normal summer conditions, we recommend quick dry shorts or bathing suits, cotton t-shirts, a long sleeve cotton shirt and long light weight pants for sun protection, hat and sunglasses for sun protection. **IMPORTANT:** Cotton clothing IS RECOMMENDED for very hot weather and it stays wet and helps cool your body temperature. However, cotton is not recommended for cooler weather, so you should bring some non-cotton layers even in the summer to be prepared for cooler weather. Our detailed packing list includes gear for rare cool summer weather. Even though we hope to never use it, it is very important to bring it along.

In the raft and kayak, you should wear shoes that will not fall off your feet and that you don't mind getting and staying wet. River sandals with heel straps (for instance Teva or Chaco sandals) are ideal, as are water shoes like those made by Keen. Tennis shoes work, but will get wet and tend to stay wet throughout the day.

Lastly, if you choose to participate in our overnight river camp, when in camp, you will want to have dry shoes to change into. Some people prefer tennis shoes, some sandals. During camp, we will have opportunity to do some short hikes. Tennis shoes or sandals are typically fine for our short hikes, but some people may prefer to bring light weight hiking shoes or boots for longer hikes.

Spring and Fall Activities (April, May, June, September, October)

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 rafting, 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).

Fishing

If you choose to fish during your multi-sport adventure, we provide spinning rods and tackle. We do not provide fly fishing gear. If you are an avid angler, we recommend you bring your own spinning and fly fishing gear. Here is a list of recommended gear:

Fly fishing gear:

- 5-6 weight fly rod
- 5-6 weight floating line w/ medium to fast sinking tip
- Bass flies: Varies. Try purple, green and white poppers. Streamer patterns.
- Trout flies: Caddis patterns, midges.

Recommended Reading List

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.

Summer Detailed Packing List:

Gear & Equipment List

- Sandals with heel strap or water shoes
- Sneakers or cross-trainers for short hikes and biking
- Boots (for hiking and horseback riding)
- Camera & film (disposable waterproof cameras available in our shop)*
- Sunglasses with retainer straps *
- Waterproof sunscreen* and lip balm/chapstick*
- Personal items
- Water bottle*
- Fanny pack or small day pack

Clothing

- 2-3 Short-sleeve t-shirts*
- 1-2 Long-sleeve t-shirts or old dress shirts (for sun protection)
- 1-2 Pair shorts
- Jeans for horseback riding
- Bathing suit / nylon shorts
- Athletic socks
- Personal undergarments
- 1 Warm top (non-cotton such as fleece)
- 1 Pair lightweight pants for evening
- Floppy hat, baseball hat, or visor for sun protection*
- Good quality rain jacket and pants

Optional Items to Bring:

- Fishing rod and tackle (fly or spinning)
- Golf clubs (if you wish to play)
- Camcorder or musical instrument

Additional Items For Optional Overnight Rafting Trip

- Sleeping bag (if bringing your own)
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Light-weight duffel bag for clothes – used to put into our dry bags

Northwest Voyageurs Provides:

- Life jackets, waterproof dry bags and wet suits (if necessary)
- Tents, sleeping bags and pads for overnight trip
- First aid supplies
- All meals and non-alcoholic beverages

Spring and Fall Additional Clothing Items:

- Pack for layering: non-cotton warm layers, poly-propylene underwear, fleece, a warm coat, etc.
- Warm Goretex/waterproof jacket and pants or good quality rain jacket and pants (we can provide splash jackets and pants if needed)
- 2-3 Warm tops (fleece or wool)
- 2-3 Pair pants (jeans, fleece, carhartts, for in camp.)
- 1-2 Sets long underwear (synthetic, quick dry fabrics like polypropylene, capilene, and polyester fleece)
- 2-3 Pairs wool or synthetic socks
- Non-cotton winter hat and gloves

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