



North Star River Expeditions

Majestic rocky ridge lines angle into the brilliant blue sky, creating peaceful separation from the outside world. Pressures, decisions, and deadlines are frozen behind, leaving time for quiet reflection.

As the river slips into churning rapids, a deafening roar builds intense excitement and apprehension. In seconds, determination navigates crashing waves and your elation is as bright as the white water. Relief at safe passage is only fleeting as the river slips around the next bend, drawing you on to the next adventure.

A great blue heron stands elegantly still among the stones at the river's edge, keeping a watchful eye out for a fish dinner. At the same time, he keeps a wary eye on rafts drifting by, hoping he is camouflaged from both parties.

The night sky is a sparkling black and white painting of the heavens that cannot be matched elsewhere. The Milky Way, bright enough to walk by, is a reminder of nature's intricacy and great expanse.

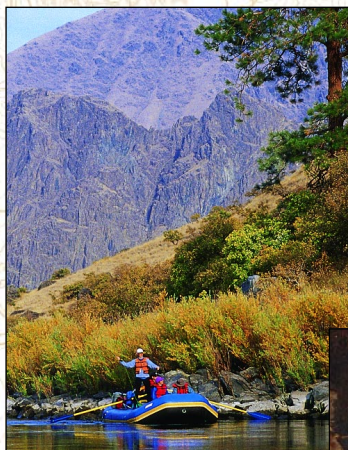
A river trip is unique to every individual. This experience is one we at North Star River Expeditions want to share with you, your family, and your friends. With 15 years combined experience in the industry and as professional guides, we have spent the better part of our lives on rivers exploring the rugged back country of Idaho and Oregon. This is our home and North Star River Expeditions is our lives' pursuit. Our goal is to provide you with a trip which will shape memories you will never forget.

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Snake River In Hells Canyon

The Snake River winds northward on the border of Idaho and Oregon within the walls of Hells Canyon. Dramatically forged in the Wallowa-Whitman

National Forest, Hells Canyon is the deepest gorge in North America. From He Devil, the tallest peak in Idaho's Seven Devils mountain range, 8000 feet of rocky cliffs and grassy slopes cascade downward to the deep, green waters of the Snake.



The Snake River was named after Native Americans of the Shoshone tribe, who painted snake heads on sticks to intimidate other tribes and unwanted visitors. The Snake country is still rich with remnants of their way of life. Pictographs have been preserved naturally under



numerous rock ledges, now puzzling symbols for your speculation.

Settlers homesteaded in the canyon as early as 1890. Abandoned now, these homestead sites have been well preserved by the Forest Service since the 1976 signing of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area Act. Even today, Hells Canyon is still as remote as it was 100 years ago.

Custom-made Getaways

Expeditions from 3 to 6 days are unique because there is time during each day to hike, fish, sun bathe, swim, survey scenery or drink a cold beverage and relax.

Exhilarating Whitewater

Both rivers are known for powerful, large-volume white water featuring Class III and IV rapids. Dozens of Class II rapids make kayaking and paddle rafting an exhilarating experience. We provide a variety of boats including oar rafts, paddle rafts, and inflatable kayaks.

Gourmet Food

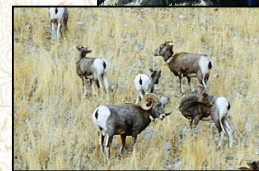
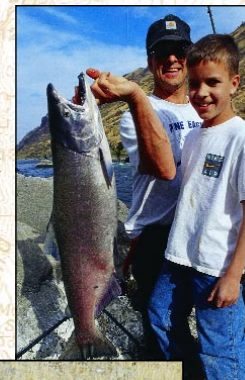
Our gourmet Dutch oven recipes will have your mouth watering in anticipation of the next meal. After wine and hors d' oeuvres, enjoy a delicious marinated beef steak grilled to your taste, served with sautéed shrimp, savory Down River Spuds, green salad, fresh baked bread, and finally, homemade apple or sweet berry pie.

The Salmon River Of No Return – The Lower Main Salmon

The Salmon River in Idaho is the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states. Known originally for its impressive salmon runs, it winds through the heart of Idaho's backcountry for approximately 900 miles, dropping 7,000 feet in elevation. The Salmon River completes its journey through Idaho's wilderness lands at a confluence with the Snake River in Hells Canyon. This final 54 mile stretch is called the Lower Main Salmon.

The Lower Salmon treats its visitors to varying terrain as it twists through narrow rock canyons, then drifts into wide angle views of massive grassy mountainsides, accented with stair-step columnar basalt formations. Lined with white sandy beaches, the river brings a relaxing, luxurious feel to camping at river's edge. A warm summer day will prompt you to dive right from your camp chair into the green waters for a cooling swim.

Amazingly, this solitary and picturesque setting was actually the site of historic struggles. In 1877, at the threat of either death or reservation life, Chief Joseph's band of Nez Perce strategically avoided U.S. soldiers by crossing the dangerous waters of the Salmon numerous times. Many significant battles took place in the Salmon River country between the Nez Perce and the calvary commanded by General Oliver Otis Howard. Also, from the late 1800's through the early 1900's homesteaders built homes along the banks of the Lower Salmon. Miners prospected for gold and other valuable metals, while sheep and cattle ranchers vied for range land.



3 Days/2 Nights or 4 Days/3 Nights

32 River Miles
We provide transportation from McCall, Idaho, to put-in at Hells Canyon Creek and from take-out at Pittsburg Landing back to McCall.

5 Days/4 Nights or 6 Days/5 Nights

82 River Miles
We provide transportation from McCall, Idaho, to put-in at Hells Canyon Creek and from take-out at Hellar Bar to Lewiston, Idaho.

4 Days/3 Nights

62 River Miles
We provide transportation from McCall, Idaho, to put-in at Pine Bar and from take-out at Hellar Bar to Lewiston, Idaho.

5 Days/4 Nights

73 River Miles
We provide transportation from McCall, Idaho, to put-in at Hammer Creek and from take-out at Hellar Bar to Lewiston, Idaho.

