

ORIENTATION & LAUNCH

Orientation

We conduct an orientation meeting with all our guests the night before the launch at the River 1 sporting good store in Stanley, Idaho at 8:00 p.m. to get acquainted, distribute our waterproof gear bags and help you prepare for your morning departure. River 1 is also an exceptional place to get gear for your adventure with a selection of appropriate clothing/river gear at great prices. You will have the opportunity overnight to switch your personal gear from your luggage into our waterproof bag and we will collect your luggage for storage in the morning before leaving for the launch site.



Please Note: We recommend guests stay at the Mountain Village Lodge. It is central to everything in Stanley and is where the bus arrivals and departures originate. Depending upon your travel plans, you may also want to book a room for the night you get off the river. Stanley is small, so reserve well in advance.

The Launch

Day 1 – We'll pick you up at the Mountain Village Lodge parking lot (you will be given the time at our orientation meeting) for a 1.5 hour scenic drive to the river launch site. Alternately, when conditions require it (usually in later summer), we will board a small air taxi in Stanley and fly to an airstrip down river. Either way, the rafts and guides will already be there, waiting for your arrival.

Days 2-5 – Charmed days on the river. Depending on the day, highlights may include Indian sites, hot springs, fly fishing, trying out an inflatable kayak, paddling through exciting rapids, hiking, wildlife sightings, swimming, or swapping stories with new friends around the campfire.

Day 6 – When we reluctantly pull the boats ashore, our air-conditioned motorcoach will be the first vehicle we'll have seen all week. We will drive you the 2 hours to Salmon, Idaho (arriving by 2:00 p.m.), where we'll drop off those guests who have booked flights from the Salmon Airport, as well as those who had their cars shuttled to Salmon. Then we'll continue on another 3 hours for those going to Stanley, where our journey began!

The Day After the Trip Ends – After an overnight stay in Stanley, we will take those guests returning to the Boise Airport back to Boise in our motorcoach, arriving at the airport by 11:30 a.m.

