



SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS

TROUT FLY FISHING TRIP INFO

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Salmon River Wilderness Fishing Vacations Since 1982

MAIN SALMON TROUT FLY FISHING TRIP INFORMATION

The Salmon River provides a unique and wild setting in which to catch West Slope Cutthroat Trout. We offer a fishing experience without equal in the lower 48 states: the hiking, scenery & wildlife are as enjoyable as the fishing. In late summer and early fall we raft a 30-mile section of the Salmon, enjoying world-class whitewater and breathtaking wilderness scenery. Each summer the trip begins on Aug. 31.

Salmon River cutthroat populations are healthy, vibrant fish stocks that are found throughout the system, in the main river stem as well as up tributaries at different times of year. Catch and release fishing has allowed the fishery to prosper. We hike up certain side creeks, using lightweight fly fishing gear, dry flies, and occasionally wet flies and nymphs in search of our quarry. *You should be in good physical condition to take full advantage of the moderate hiking, bouldering and tight fishing conditions on this trip.*

We bring a *minimum of 4* and a *maximum of 6 fishermen* per trip. Guides will provide expert fishing recommendations, and transportation from camp to camp along the Salmon River in the beautiful Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness Area. We provide all camping equipment and elegant Dutch oven meals. The climate is usually dry and warm, with nighttime temps in the 40's and daytime highs ranging from the 70's to low 90's. Fishermen should gear up to stay warm and dry, bringing good quality, warm synthetic outdoor clothing, and little or no cotton clothing.

Getting Here: Salmon, Idaho is located about 2 ½ hours NW of Idaho Falls, 3 hours South of Missoula, MT and 5½ hours NE of Boise. Salt Lake City, UT is 6 hours away. If you are flying into Boise via commercial airline, *plan to arrive no later than 1 PM the day before the trip launches.* Our air charter service **Salmon Air** will fly you from the Boise air terminal to Salmon. *If you have any flight delays please call Salmon Air at 1-800-448-3413* to make them aware of your status. That afternoon we coordinate our group in Salmon, make last minute purchases, and shuttle into the river for a night at Salmon River Lodge, across from our launch area. The next morning we begin our trip, entering the wilderness area by raft for 6 days of exploration and fishing.

Your Trip: We raft 55 miles over 6 days, staying at river camps with some layovers for fishing. Dinner, comfortable camping and breakfast will be provided each night. Lunches will be set each day by our guides while we are on the water, or packed in the morning for you to take with you during the day. You will arrive back in Boise around 6 pm on the last day of your trip, September 5th.

We Provide: One night's lodging at Salmon River Lodge on August 30th, meals & snacks, waterproof duffel and day bag, life jackets, local charter air and ground transportation. Some canned beverages (2 per person per day) are also provided. Our guides will provide fly fishing lessons or advice as requested.

Suggested Gear& Hints: Limit your gear to 45 pounds - **Focus on clothing quality** rather than quantity. It is easiest to bring your gear in duffel bags - **Do not bring suitcases or tackle boxes.** We recommend that you bring fly fishing tackle that you are comfortable with on your trip. Last minute tackle purchases can be made in Salmon upon arrival. Liquor and polypro clothing can be purchased in Salmon if needed.

Rental raingear and fleece clothing is available upon request. When in doubt, give us a call; we are always happy to help you plan!

Flyfishing – Bring lightweight gear – 3 or 4 wt rods in 2-piece, 3-piece or 4-piece. We recommend double taper floating line for the majority of your fishing. A floating line with sink tip (on an extra spool for your reel) is also useful for nymph, streamer and wet fly fishing if you desire. Bring several 7-9 foot leaders tapering to 3x, 4x or 5x along with fresh spools of 2x, 3x, 4x and 5x leader material, and a dozen small split shot. 2-3 dozen dry & wet flies sizes 10-18 (see list below), line & fly floatant & sinking dope, a few strike indicators, a couple small fly boxes, a fishing vest or chest pack and a fanny pack or small day pack to carry lunch while hiking.

Fishing Equipment – Hemostats or small needle nose pliers, fishing glasses (polarized work best for seeing fish). **You need to purchase an Idaho fishing license before you fish in Idaho.** On-line - download an application form: http://www2.state.id.us/fishgame/common/nonres/nrinfo/nonres_app.pdf. Or call IF&G at **1-800-554-8685** and have your credit card ready.

Fishing Clothing – We recommend light polypropylene underwear, shorts and a fleece pullover. You may want to bring good quality lightweight goretex waders with felt-soled wading boots for cooler mornings. Good quality rain jacket and rain pants, a warm fleece or wool hat, a warm fleece jacket. 1 pair of synthetic long underwear (light weight), 3 pairs of synthetic shorts, 1 pair of warm pants (no cotton - use wool or fleece), 3 light shirts, 1 warm shirt, 2 pair wool or poly socks, bandana, light boots, a small towel. Bring Texas (or similar water shoes) or old sneakers for rafting and light wading, and a pair of wading shoes with gussets or light weight hiking boots for in-stream wading, hiking & in camp.

Additional Gear – Two (2) Water bottles with strap, fanny pack or day pack for gear and lunch, flashlight, Camera w/ film (replace your batteries before you leave), towel, toiletries, sunscreen, chapstick, knife, lighter, liquor if you wish, an extra garbage bag to pack damp clothing in.

Additional Costs – The following costs are not provided in your trip fare: Travel costs to Idaho, fishing license fees, Lodging and meals before and after your trip in Boise, Salmon or McCall if needed, gratuities for the guides, storm gear rental costs, any extra beverages you care to bring. **We strongly recommend you purchase trip insurance:** <http://insuremytrip.com/p/myquote?pid=4724>

Weather – August & September are usually beautiful, dry months on the Salmon. Daytime temps range from the 60's to low 90's, nighttime usually low 40's to low 50's. Water temps range from the low 70's early in late August to the low 50's by the end of September. Because you will be outside for many days, you still need to prepare for wet or cold weather.



Trout Flies

2-3 dozen assorted flies, in light and dark patterns, dry and wet, from sizes 10 to 20 (sizes 12 through 16 are most often used). Flies can be purchased at Orvis stores, at your local fly fishing shop or by mail-order (Orvis, Cabela's, LL Bean)

Dry Flies: Should include an assortment of classic patterns, terrestrials, attractor patterns and a half dozen midges (18-20). We recommend - Elk Hair Caddis (12-16, dark brown bodies and tan or mottled black wing), Golden Humpy (12-16), PMD – Pale Morning Dun (14-20), Blue Wing Olive – classic or para-tied – (16-20), Hopper patterns (10-12), Ant patterns (12-16), Royal Wulff (12-16), Adams (12-20)

Wet Flies, Nymphs and Streamers: dark brown or black Caddis Emerger (14-16), Prince Nymph (12-18), BeadHead (14-18) Muddler Minnow (10-12), Montana Nymph, Golden Stone, Sofa Pillow or other stonefly pattern (10-14), Hare's Ear (12-16), Woolly Bugger (10-12)