



# SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS

## DRIFT BOAT STEELHEAD FISHING TRIP RESERVATION FORM

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Trip Date(s) Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party (maximum 3 boats / 6 fishermen per day) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Primary Contact \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list names and phone numbers of all members in your group:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**What kind of fishing would you like to do (spin or fly) and how much experience do you have steelhead fishing?**

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**Beverage Preferences:**     Pop     Beer     Coffee     Tea     Hot Cocoa

**A deposit of \$50 per dory per day will secure your space. Balance will be collected after your day(s) of fishing. Deposit is non-refundable. Alternate guests are welcome.**

Amount Enclosed / Authorized \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Check     Credit Card (*Visa & MC accepted*)

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Print name as shown on card

Billing Address of Card, including Zip Code

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Credit Card Number (*Visa or MC only*)

Last 3 digits after card # on back of card

Expiration Date

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Signature (*must match name on card*)

**I authorize Silver Cloud Expeditions, Inc. to charge my balance (*when due*) to the above credit card**

Date

**Reservations & Deposits**

Reservations are confirmed *only* upon receipt of a deposit on a first come, first served basis. We cannot reserve space on any trip without a deposit.

**Balance Payments**

The *non-refundable* balance is due 60 days prior to the launch date of your trip. If final payment is not received when due, we reserve the right to regard the reservation cancelled.

**Trip Insurance**

Please understand that we cannot insure your investment in river trip reservations. *We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance* and can provide contact information, websites or brochures for several companies who offer it. Trip insurance policies can include coverage for cancellations due to health, medical and other reasons, and coverage for unforeseen schedule changes (see below).

**Cancellations, Postponements, Venue Changes**

Should you have to cancel your trip plans, *deposits and final payments are non-refundable*. However, you may transfer your seat to another person on the same date. Once you sign up, we lose the right to sell your reserved seat(s) to other individuals or groups. The number of trips and seats per trip that Silver Cloud Expeditions, Inc. can provide are limited by river management plans. Therefore, we regret that we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies.

Occasionally, natural events such as fire, extremely high water, weather conditions including smoke, or other conditions or events such as insufficient bookings or others can occur. By choosing a wilderness river trip and these inherent unknowns, you acknowledge that these events are beyond anyone's control. You agree that Silver Cloud Expeditions, Inc. has the right to make venue changes to alternate rivers when necessary, and/or to reschedule your trip at a later time or year. You agree that such postponements or venue changes are not cancellations, and that Silver Cloud Expeditions, Inc. will not be held responsible for any postponement or venue change, or for any additional expenses incurred as a result of such postponement or venue change, such as commercial or charter air costs. You expressly acknowledge that Silver Cloud Expeditions will not issue refunds in these instances, and you agree not to request a refund. Extreme water, weather or other trip conditions may mean that paddle rafts, drift boats, and/or inflatable kayaks cannot be used. Silver Cloud Expeditions, Inc. has the right to make river craft, river section and/or schedule changes when necessary for the safety of trip participants, and may charge additional costs incurred to trip participants. *Again, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip insurance.*

**Assumption of Risk**

You will be required to sign an assumption of risk agreement in order to join a river trip with Silver Cloud Expeditions, Inc. We will send you this form after you make a reservation with a deposit or at your request.

**I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this reservation, cancellation and refund policy.**

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Signature

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Date



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The Salmon River provides a unique and wild setting in which to catch an equally unique and wild strain of Steelhead. We offer a fishing experience without equal in the lower 48 states: the scenery and wildlife are as exciting as the fishing. Landing a Steelhead on a fly rod or spinning rod requires better than average skills and a lot of patience, so we don't claim you'll wear your arm out reeling in incredible numbers, or that you'll find hooking into a 15-pounder a simple task.

The Salmon River's Steelhead population fluctuates with a variety of natural and man-made influences. We encourage catch and release fishing to allow the fish to continue upstream to their spawning grounds and renew this precious resource. If you wish to keep hatchery fish you may do so in compliance with Idaho Fish and Game regulations. Steelhead will take wet flies (or dry flies depending on water temperature – typically above 45° in the fall). Wet flies work best fished deep with a high density sink-tip line. Spoons, plugs and spinners are productive all season long.

We provide a guided drift boat for every 2 fishermen. Casting is done predominantly from boats, and from shore or by wading. With 40 miles of river to choose from, we have the capability of fishing different water every day. We fish between 4 and 9 miles per day depending on our launch point, river flow and fishing conditions. Fishermen should gear up to stay warm and dry, bringing good quality, warm synthetic outdoor clothing, and no cotton. We suggest polypropylene long underwear, fleece pants and jackets and good quality raingear.

**Getting Here:** Salmon, Idaho is located about 2 and ½ hours Northwest of Idaho Falls, 3 hours South of Missoula and 5 ½ hours Northeast of Boise. Salt Lake City is 6 hours away.

**Fishing Licenses:** You need to purchase an Idaho fishing license and Steelhead Permit before you fish with Silver Cloud. Most Idaho and sporting good stores many convenience stores sell fishing licenses. On-line: purchase at <https://id.outdoorcentral.us/>. Or call IF&G at **1-800-554-8685** and have your credit card ready. **You will lose fishing time if you do not purchase your license in advance.**

**We Provide:** We provide expert guides, heated drift boats, lunch, snacks & hot and cold beverages, all rods, reels and terminal tackle and expert advice on catching steelhead by fly or spinning gear. You may bring your any of your own tackle with you - see below for recommended gear. Tackle can also be purchased in Salmon upon arrival.

**Suggested Gear & Hints:** Focus on clothing quality rather than quantity. Fishing tackle, liquor and polypro clothing can be purchased in Salmon if needed. **Rental raingear and fleece clothing is available for \$30 per person – call us to reserve your size in advance. Give us a call with any questions - we are always happy to help you plan!**

**Flyfishing** – If you want to bring your own - 8 or 9 wt. 2-piece rod, good quality reel loaded with braided Dacron backing, weight forward taper floating line with 12-15 foot type-III, IV or V sink-tip (often called a “steelhead taper”), several 4-6 foot leaders made of 10-12 pound mono for streamers and wet flies, twister lead or split shot, 10 to 12 pound tippet material, 1-2 dozen wet flies sizes 1-0 to 4 (see below), line and fly sinking dope, several small fly boxes or a fishing vest. We recommend polypropylene underwear and fleece under gore-tex waders for comfort, although neoprene waders can be warmer in extremely cold water. For early fall dry fly fishing (water temperatures over 50 degrees F), bring a second rod with a full floating line, 6-8 foot leaders, and a selection of dry flies.

**Spinfishing** – If you want to bring your own - medium wt. 2-piece rod & high quality reel loaded with 10 - 12 pound test mono, balanced to cast ½ to 1 ounce lures, 2 dozen ½ to 1 ounce steelhead spoons and spinners (see below), size 5 or 6 snap swivels, a pocket size lure box, waders (will keep you warmer) or hip boots.

**Fishing Equipment** – Fishing gloves, hemostats or small needle nose pliers, fishing glasses (polarized work best for seeing fish), felt bottom wading shoes to fit waders.

**Fishing Clothing** – Good Quality rain jacket, rain pants if you are using hip boots, a warm hat, a warm coat and sweater. Polar fleece or polypro works best; stays warm when damp, synthetic long underwear (medium or heavy weight).

**Additional Gear** – Bring a small backpack with a water bottle, Camera w/film (replace your batteries before you leave home), sunscreen, knife, lighter, liquor if you wish, 2 or 3 extra garbage bags to pack fish or damp clothing in.

**Additional Costs** – The following costs are not provided in your trip fare: Fishing license and Steelhead tag, Lodging and meals before and after your trip in Salmon, gratuities for the guides, rental gear costs.

**Weather** – October is usually a beautiful, dry month on the Salmon. Daytime temps range from high 40's to hi 70's, nighttime from light frost to the low 50's. Water temps range from the low 60's early in the month to the low 40's by the end of October. March and early April temperatures range from 25-55, although many afternoons offer spring warmth. Water temps range from the low 30's to the mid 40's by early April. You need to prepare for wet or cold weather.

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### **Steelhead Flies**

1-2 dozen assorted flies, in light and dark patterns, dry and wet, from sizes 1/0 to 4 (sizes 2 and 4 are most often used). Dry flies can be used effectively when water temps are above about 45 degrees, usually in the fall. Flies can be purchased at:

- Jimmy's All Season Angler in Idaho Falls (208-524-7160)
- All Season Angler in Pocatello (208-232-3042)
- The River Keeper in Boise (208-344-3838)
- Silver Creek Outfitters in Ketchum (208-726-5282)
- Frontier Anglers in Dillon MT (406-683-5276)
- Grizzly Hackle in Missoula MT (1-800-297-8996)
- World Cast Anglers in Wilson MT (1-800-654-0676)
- by mail-order (Orvis, Cabela's, LL Bean)

Dark Patterns: Purple Peril, Green Butt Skunk, Chartreuse Dredger, Boss, Coal Car, Purple or Black Bunny Leech Patterns

Light Patterns: Silver or Gold Comet, Fall Favorite, Babine, Paint Brush, Silver Rat, General Practitioner, Pink Polar Shrimp, Golden Stone Nymph, Pink or Red Egg Sucking Leech

Dry Flies: Bomber, Dry Muddler, Greased Liner, Waller Waker

### **Steelhead Spoons, Plugs & Spinners**

Lures should be heavy enough to work with 10 to 12 pound test monofilament, and to cast effectively. Many different shapes and sizes can work but they should be 1/2 to 3/4 ounce. Silver, Gold, Copper, Green, Chartreuse, Orange and Blue lures or combinations of these colors work best.

Spoons, Plugs: KO Wobbler, Steelies, Little Cleo, Krocrodile, Daredevil; Casting Hot Shot

Spinners (Size 5): Mepps (yellow beads/red blades work best), Rooster Tail, Panther Martin



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## LODGING AND DINING INFORMATION IN SALMON

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### Lodging in Salmon

*(rates subject to change)*

<b>Syringa Lodge (Bed &amp; Breakfast)</b> 13 Gott Lane	<b>208-756-4424</b> <a href="http://www.syringalodge.com">www.syringalodge.com</a>	\$70 - \$100
<b>Stagecoach Inn Motel</b> Hwy. 93, 100 yards North of Main St.	<b>208-756-2919</b> <a href="http://www.stagecoachinnmotel.com">www.stagecoachinnmotel.com</a>	\$72 - \$109
<b>Salmon River Motel (formerly Super 8)</b> Courthouse Drive at Hwy 93	<b>208-756-8880</b> <a href="http://www.salmonmotel.com">www.salmonmotel.com</a>	\$60 - \$80 spring/fall \$80 - \$100 summer
<b>Bear Country Inn</b> 1015 Main St.	<b>208-756-1499</b>	\$50 - \$60
<b>Wagons West Motel</b> Hwy. 93, 300 yards North of Main St.	<b>208-756-4281</b> <a href="http://www.wagonswestmotel.com">www.wagonswestmotel.com</a>	\$39 - \$49

### Dining in Salmon

<b>Bertram's Brewery &amp; Restaurant</b> ( <i>pub grub &amp; beer</i> ).....	<b>756-3391</b> NW Corner of Main & Andrews
<b>Junkyard Bistro</b> ( <i>apps, sandwiches, pasta, salads, beer &amp; wine</i> ).....	<b>756-2466</b> 405 Main Street
<b>Last Chance Pizza</b> ( <i>and pastas, sandwiches, salads, beer &amp; wine</i> ).....	<b>756-4559</b> 611 Lena Street (1 block south of Main)
<b>Odd Fellows Bakery</b> ( <i>bread, sandwiches, pastries, soup, coffee</i> ).....	<b>756-1152</b> 510 Main St.
<b>Salmon River Coffee Shop</b> .....	<b>756-3521</b> SE Corner of Main & Andrews
<b>Savage Grill</b> ( <i>burgers</i> ).....	<b>756-2062</b> Hwy 93 South behind the Car Wash
<b>Shady Nook Restaurant</b> ( <i>prime rib, cocktails</i> ).....	<b>756-4182</b> Hwy 93 North of downtown