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Walking Tour of the Snake River in Hells Canyon

Trip Logistics: In order to minimize your driving time to and from the river, we start our trip in Cambridge, Idaho (two hours northwest of Boise) and end in Lewiston, Idaho. ROW provides transportation from the Boise airport to Cambridge, Idaho for the start of your trip and then to Lewiston, Idaho after the river trip.

Travel Options:

- **Option A** – Fly into Boise, Idaho the evening prior to your departure date and take the ROW shuttle up to Cambridge. Then after the trip return home via Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington.
 - **Arrive in Boise no later than 4:00 Pm Mountain Time the day before your trip.**
 - The shuttle van (provided by Harlow’s Transportation Service) will meet you outside the baggage claim doors in the “taxi” lane at 4:30pm for an easy two-hour drive to Cambridge.
 - After your trip you can:
 - A) Fly out of the Lewiston Airport (Airport shuttle provided free by the Red Lion Inn) to your home town or back to Boise, Idaho to connect with your roundtrip flight. Lewiston is serviced by Horizon Air or Delta Air only.
 - B) Take a shuttle van / taxi to Spokane, Washington (two hours north) for a better selection of flights as Spokane has a much larger airport. If you choose to shuttle to Spokane – we recommend you contact DAJ Taxi cab (509) 228-7009 or ABC Taxi (208) 413-1645. Be sure to clarify how many are in your party and how much luggage you may have when reserving a time with them.
- **Option B** – Drive to Cambridge, Idaho and pay the Frontier Motel to arrange a driver to drive your car north while you are on the river.
 - Plan to arrive in Cambridge in time for the **8:00pm Orientation meeting.**
 - **On all trips** your car will go to White Bird, Idaho for approximately \$120.00 or our actual take-out at Pittsburg Landing for approximately \$155.00.

If your flight arrives in Boise early in the day we recommend that you spend extra time exploring Boise (see “What to do in and around Boise”) rather than going to Cambridge, which is a very small town with few amenities.

If your flight arrives later than 4:00pm into Boise, you have two options:

- Rent a car and drive two hours to Cambridge. Then have it shuttled to the ending point of the trip, as per the above paragraph.
- Take an airport shuttle from Boise to Cambridge. Contact either Boise City Taxi at 208-377-3333 or Yellow Cab at 208-345-5555. If your flight is late, Yellow Cab may be your best choice as it does not need to be pre-arranged. Yellow Cab charges a flat rate, which could be for a regular cab or their van that carries up to 7 people (ask about space for luggage and current pricing.). If you are unable to schedule your flight into Boise by 4:00pm or if your flight arrives late and you need to arrange other transportation, the cost for this transportation will be at your expense.

Meeting Time: Once everyone has arrived in Cambridge, we'll meet you at the motel at **8:00pm for an orientation meeting** and answer any last-minute questions. **This is an important meeting, please be on time!**

Ending Points: If your car was shuttled, it will either be at our take-out point or in the town of White Bird (we take you there on our bus).

If you flew to Boise, we'll transport you by van or bus to Lewiston, 3 hours north, arriving at around 5:30pm. We recommend that you plan to spend the night in Lewiston at the Red Lion Inn. They'll take you to the airport the next morning.

Luxury Camping and Weather: Camping conditions on the Snake are ideal. In April, May and early June, it is usually between 70-85 degrees during the day, while at night it cools to 60-75. It rarely rains, but when it does it freshens the air and often provides a dramatic thundershower. There are no mosquitoes. Our camps are either on flat benches beneath pine trees or on sandy beaches. The water is about 60 degrees, so bathing and swimming at camp is usually quite popular. September and October trips can expect cooler morning temperatures and cooler river water. People who enjoy fishing will find trout, smallmouth bass and sturgeon in the river. Typically the fishing is excellent.

Meals: As the sunsets, hors d'oeuvres are served, and soon thereafter, dinner. The quality of our food reflects the quality of the wilderness environment in Hells Canyon. We hand-select the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find and pack them carefully in huge ice-coolers. Likewise, these coolers carry fresh dairy products and meats. From these ingredients we prepare bountiful, healthy meals. Sustainably harvested wild Alaskan Salmon served with a fresh garden salad; Prime Rib combined with a fresh Chilean salad and Idaho mashed potatoes or made-on-the-river lasagna is a few possible entrees. Big salads of vegetables and fruit add color and variety to every meal. Desserts are made each evening in our Dutch ovens and range from authentic cobbler and pineapple upside-down cake. We serve juice each morning and moderate amounts of bottled wine with dinner. We also provide two beers and two sodas or juices per person per day. There's always plenty of cold water, lemonade mix, tea, coffee and cocoa. You're welcome to bring your own beverages or alcohol as well. We always have plenty of ice to keep your drinks cold.

Our days begin with a breakfast feast on which you can freely indulge; knowing you'll need the calories as the day passes. We leave camp and look forward to a day with constantly changing scenery and glorious views.