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Superlative Idaho

Climb Idaho's tallest mountain, raft the deepest canyon and paddle the biggest lake!

Idaho is an awe-inspiring state with a web of over 30,000 river miles, dozens of mountain ranges and the largest wilderness area in the lower 48 states. Ranked 13th in area among the states, 69% of Idaho is public land and it could well be called “the wilderness state.” On this astounding journey you climb 12,668’ Mt. Borah on a non-technical climb accessible to anyone who is in reasonably fit condition. In order to cover the large distances between points, we take advantage of Idaho’s air taxi network. Our first flight travels across the state to Hells Canyon for a fun-filled 3-day whitewater rafting trip on the Snake River. Flowing through North America’s deepest river gorge, the Snake River is an intermediate class III-IV rafting trip appropriate for beginning and experienced rafters. From Hells Canyon we again fly north over vast tracts of wild forested land to Idaho’s Panhandle and the lakeside town of Sandpoint. Here we go on a flat water kayak trip on Lake Pend Oreille, paddling beneath towering cliffs with the possibility of seeing wild mountain goats. In addition to large amounts of adventure, ROW’s guides and additional evening presentations will provide illuminating presentations on Idaho’s natural and cultural history.

The trip begins in Boise, Idaho and ends at Spokane, Washington. Both cities are served by major airlines.

Itinerary

Day 1) Arrive Boise, Idaho. Evening orientation meeting and overnight.

Day 2) We rise early and drive about two hours to Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve. Larger than Rhode Island, this little known place is a vast ocean of lava flows created from eruptions over the past 15,000 years. We hike and explore several trails within the Monument including Broken Top, the Caves and Devil’s Orchard. Late afternoon we continue to a local Bed & Breakfast near Challis, Idaho for dinner and overnight. B, L, D.

Day 3) Today we climb Idaho’s tallest peak, rising to 12,668 feet, Located in the Lost River Range, Mount Borah is perched above the Pahsimeroi and Big Lost River Valleys, with spectacular views of the Pioneer and White Cloud Ranges. The route is a non-technical hike and scramble that climbs 5,500’ from the start of the trailhead. Crossing “Chicken-Out Ridge” is a thrilling traverse along the most exposed section of the climb. This will be a long day filled with a great sense of accomplishment.

At the end of the day we return to our ranch accommodations. This evening we meet with a local conservationist to learn about land-management issues in this part of Idaho. B, L, D.

Day 4-6) We take an early morning charter flight across the state to reach Hells Canyon on the Idaho/Oregon border. We meet our guides at the base of Hells Canyon Dam to start a 3-day whitewater rafting trip through the deepest river gorge in the United States. Big rapids, towering mountain scenery, Indian rock art, great fishing and idyllic camping conditions make for an exciting three days. A highlight is the hike across Suicide Point followed by a refreshing dip in the river.

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Setting the High Watermark for Outdoor Adventure

At the end of day three we drive out of Hells Canyon and proceed to the town of Grangeville for a taste of small-town Idaho. B, L, D.

Day 7) Another early morning flight takes us north with spectacular views as we fly over the Clearwater and St. Joe rivers, the Palouse, Coeur d'Alene Lake and finally to Sandpoint. Here we launch a full day sea kayak tour on Idaho's largest and deepest lake, Lake Pend Oreille. (So deep the US Navy did submarine training here in WWII and still maintains a submarine research station.) We paddle along the base of the majestic Green Monarchs Mountains, where steep granite cliffs flank Lake Pend Oreille's eastern shore. There's a good chance to see Bald Eagles, Osprey, and even Mountain Goats. We picnic on a flatstone beach surrounded by giant western red cedars. Later in the day we return to town and have a presentation from a member of the Rock Creek Alliance to learn about the ecosystem of Lake Pend Oreille and current environmental threats. Overnight in Sandpoint to enjoy the town. Farewell dinner together. B, L, D.

Day 8) Today we return you to the Spokane, Washington airport for your flights home.

2014 Dates: August 22 and by request for groups.

2014 Prices: 6-8 guests = \$3690 per person
9-12 guests = \$3490 per person

**All prices based on double occupancy. Groups of 2-5 guests call for separate pricing.

Includes: All transportation from Boise, Idaho to Spokane, Washington by land and air; all meals from breakfast on Day 2 through dinner on Day 7 and hotel accommodations as noted in itinerary. On rafting trip includes all camping and rafting gear.

Does Not Include: Alcoholic beverages during the land portion of the trip; items of a personal nature; gratuities for guides.

Nearest Airport: At the start of the trip – Boise, Idaho. At the end of your trip – Spokane, Washington.

Arrival Time: We meet you at 7:00pm on day 1 of the above itinerary at a local Boise, ID hotel. Here we have an orientation meeting to tell you more about the trip and answer your last minute questions.