

## ORIENTATION & LAUNCH

### Orientation

We conduct an orientation meeting with all our guests the night before the launch at the River 1 Sporting Goods 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 an exceptional selection of appropriate clothing/river gear at great prices. We highly encourage you to give them a call ahead of your trip (208.774.2270) if you would like to get what you need for the trip when you arrive in Stanley.



Stanley has many quality motels to choose from. Many are within 3-4 minutes' walk of the lodge. Depending on your travel plans, you may also want to book a room for the night you get off the river (also, if needed, ask your motel if they provide airport shuttle, or vehicle/gear storage while you are on the river). Stanley and Salmon are small, so reserve well in advance.

**Please Note:** If you are joining us on our shuttle bus to and from Boise, PLEASE make your hotel reservations only at the Mountain Village Lodge. It is central to everything in Stanley and is where all the bus arrivals and departures originate.

### The Launch

**Day 1** – We'll pick you up at the Mt. Village Lodge parking lot at approx. 8:00am in our air-conditioned motor-coach (no hot, dusty bus rides with us) for a 1.5 hr. 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 (adding \$125/person to the cost of the trip, payable by check or credit card upon boarding). Either way, the rafts and guides will already be there, waiting for your arrival.



**Days 2-4 or 5** – More charmed days on the river. Depending on the day, highlights may include Indian sites, hot springs, wildlife sightings, catching trout, trying out an inflatable kayak, exciting rapids, hiking, swimming, or swapping stories with new friends around the campfire.

**Day 6 (Afternoon)** – When we reluctantly pull the boats ashore, that same air-conditioned motor-coach will be the first vehicle we'll have seen all week! After lunch, we will drive you the 2+ hrs. to Salmon, Idaho (arriving there around 3:30 p.m.), where we'll drop off those guests who have booked air taxi flights, as well as those who had their cars shuttled to Salmon. We'll drop you off either at your motel or at the airstrip, depending on whether you've arranged to depart that night or in the morning. Then we'll continue on another 2.5 hours for those who wish to go all the way back to Stanley, where our journey began!