



Planning Your Trip To Idaho **Salmon River 4/5+ Days**

As you will see from the basic itinerary, you will need to meet us in McCall, Idaho, which is about 100 miles from Boise, Idaho. We provide transportation from McCall to Hammer Creek, the Put-In on the Salmon River. We float between 62 and 73 miles northwest over 4 or 5 days, ending up at Hellar Bar, the Take-Out, which is about 45 minutes from Lewiston, Idaho. We provide transportation from Hellar Bar into Lewiston, (either the airport or your chosen hotel, depending on your travel arrangements). Take a look at the map on the back of our brochure for a basic orientation of how the trip is laid out.

If you are flying into Idaho from another state:

Fly into the Boise International Airport (BOI). The commercial airlines servicing BOI are listed on the attached information sheet:

From Boise, Idaho to McCall, Idaho:

You have 3 options available for travel between Boise and McCall.

A. Shuttle Transport from Airport:

There will be a shuttle option available to our clients this summer, from the Boise Airport to McCall, and back from McCall, should the need arise. We are still working with Boise Tour Train and Trolley to get all the details worked out. There will most likely be one shuttle leaving from Boise, the same evening of the scheduled Pre-Trip Meeting before your trip. If you plan to catch the shuttle, you will need to arrange your plane flights into Boise accordingly. The shuttle will probably leave the Boise Airport around 5pm. We can make special arrangements for groups traveling together (which includes variation to the 5pm departure from Boise). The van can accommodate about 10 (or less) people with luggage.

Cost: \$220/Boise to McCall, which can be split among guests taking the shuttle.

Contact: North Star office will make arrangements upon your request.

B. Fly Boise to McCall:

You can catch a small plane flight directly from the Boise Airport to the McCall Airport. It takes 20 to 30 minutes to fly to McCall. Flights usually leave once per day around 4-5pm from Boise. Once in McCall, most hotels will shuttle you from the airport at no additional cost (you must notify them prior to arriving at the McCall Airport), or there is a "tip-only" cab driver providing services in town as well.

We recommend: (1) McCall Air Taxi; or (2) Salmon Air. See attached information sheet.

Cost: \$80-\$140/person; best option for groups of 6 or more is to charter a plane.

C. Rent a Car:

The drive from Boise to McCall takes about 2 hours. It is a drive well worth making, as it takes you from the desert plains of Boise north along the Payette River, into the higher elevations and alpine mountains surrounding McCall. We recommend driving during the daylight hours if possible, not only so you can enjoy the scenery, but also because the road is slow and windy.

Drawbacks: The car cannot be returned in McCall, so you end up paying for the rental during your time on the river. All Lower Salmon trips and 5+ day Hells Canyon trips do

not return to McCall, so we will need to arrange for your rental car to be shuttled around to meet you at the end of the trip. There are a couple Rental Car Agencies that will allow you to return a car rented in Boise to the airport in Spokane, WA, and only one in Lewiston.

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Rental Car Companies in Boise:

Hertz, Avis, and National. Others also listed on attached information sheet.

Your Cost for additional shuttle: \$165/car.

Length of Drive: Hellar Bar to Lewiston: 45 Minutes.

Lewiston to McCall: 4 Hours.

Lewiston to Boise: 6-7 Hours.

Lewiston to Spokane, WA: 2 Hours.

Accommodations in McCall:

We recommend that you make reservations to stay at **Hotel McCall** for at least the night before your trip. We will hold our Pre-Trip Meeting there, and it will be the rendezvous point for leaving and returning to McCall before and after the river portion of the trip. Hotel McCall is a historic building in McCall situated on the corner downtown with views of Payette Lake. It has a simple, rustic atmosphere and a number of personal touches that everyone visiting enjoys. They offer some unique room combinations, so make sure to make reservations early.

Cost: \$55 to \$280/room per night.

Other Hotels In McCall: See attached information sheet for list of other hotels in McCall.

From Lewiston, Idaho, back Home:

We provide transportation for you from the Take-Out at Hellar Bar to Lewiston, either to the airport or hotel of your choice. The drive takes about an hour. Most of our clients fly back to Boise on Horizon Air either the same day they get off the river or the following day, depending on their schedule. The flight takes no more than an hour. Once in Boise, you can stay overnight or leave on your return flight home.

If you are flying within the northwest, some airlines will allow you to fly into Boise, and return home from Lewiston without going back through Boise (Horizon/Alaskan Air) without adding additional fees.

You can also fly out of Spokane, WA, which would require renting a car in Lewiston and driving 2 hours to Spokane to catch your flight.

Cost: Approximate cost of flight, Lewiston to Boise: \$140-\$200/person.

Lewiston Hotels: The Red Lion, Inn America, and others listed on attached information sheet.

Contact the Following When Making Reservations

Airlines:

Southwest Airlines	1-800-435-9792
Horizon Air	1-800-547-9308
United	1-800-641-6522
Delta Airlines	1-800-221-1212
Skywest Airlines	1-800-221-2121
Northwest Airlines	1-800-225-2525
America West Airlines	1-800-235-9292

Rental Car Companies at Boise Air Terminal:

Hertz	208-383-3100	(can return car to Lewiston or Spokane)
Avis	208-383-3350	(can return car to Spokane)
National	208-383-3210	(can return car to Spokane)
Enterprise	208-381-0650	
Budget	208-383-3090	
Dollar	208-345-9727	

City Information:

City of Boise (airport, events, hotels, rental cars, and more): www.cityofboise.org
City of McCall: www.mccall-idchamber.org OR www.mccall.id.us
City of Lewiston: www.cityoflewiston.org OR www.lewistonchamber.org

Flights Boise to McCall:

McCall Air, (208) 634-7137, flying@mccallair.com or www.mccallair.com
Salmon Air, 208-756-6211 or 1-800-448-3413, www.salmonair.com

Hotels In McCall:

Hotel McCall, 1101 North 3rd, McCall, 208-634-8105, hotelmccall@citilink.net
Best Western Motel, 415 North 3rd, McCall, 208-634-6300
Brundage Bungalows, 308 West Lake St., McCall, 208-634-8573, bungalows@citilink.net
Super 8 Lodge, 303 South 3rd, McCall, 208-634-4637 or 1-800-800-8000
Holiday Inn Express, 210 North 3rd, McCall, 208-634-4700

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Horizon/Alaskan Air 1-800-547-9308

Hotels In Lewiston:

Comfort Inn, 2128 8th Avenue, Lewiston, 208.798.8090 or 800.228.5150
Howard Johnson Express Inn, 1716 Main Street, Lewiston, 208.743.9526 or 800.I.G0.H0J0
Inn America, 702 21st Street, Lewiston, 208.746.4600 or 800.469.4667
Lewiston Super 8 Motel, 3120 North & South Highway, Lewiston, 208.743.8808 or 800.800.8000
Red Lion Hotel, 621 21st Street, Lewiston, 208.799.1000 or 800.232.6730