

Idaho Middle Fork of the Salmon River Rafting & Fly Fishing

Native Trout & Clear Waters in Remote Wilderness

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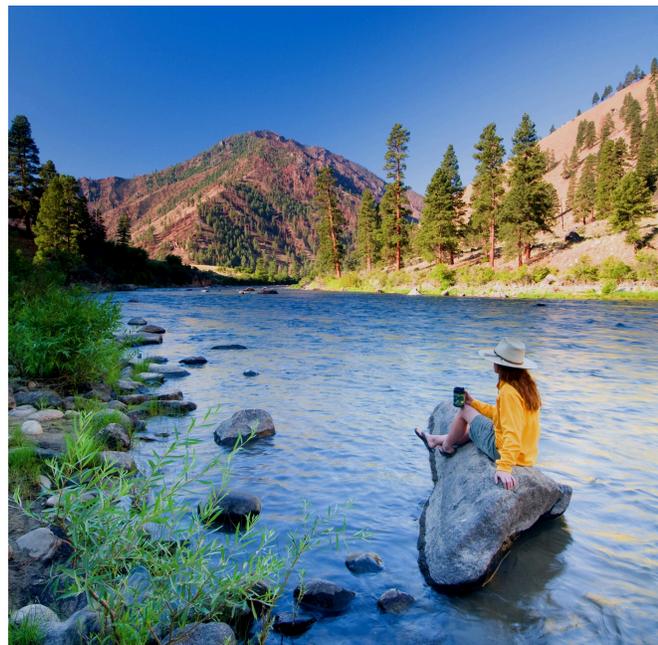
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

Navigating the logistics of getting to and on the Middle Fork is our wheelhouse and MT Sobek has been the adventure travel leader since 1969.

REASON 2

Strategically designed for world-class fly fishing on an iconic river, this all-inclusive trip delivers all the thrills without the hassle of planning.

REASON 3

Expert oarsmen, our guides read the water and get you to the best spots on the river so you can spend more time fishing.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Guided fly-fishing daily with opportunities to hike, watch wildlife, and visit hot springs along the way



LODGING

A comfortable hotel in Salmon, followed by MT Sobek's deluxe riverside camps, with meals served around the campfire beneath the stars



CLIMATE

Fall daytime temperatures range between 50-80°F, with evenings between 30-55°F. Salmon River water temperatures 50-60°F.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Itinerary

While this itinerary offers a general overview of your rafting trip, each adventure is unique. Water levels and campsite assignments from the U.S. Forest Service can change weekly, which may impact the daily schedule. Think of this itinerary as a helpful snapshot, not a fixed plan.

Accommodations

The small-town rural Idaho accommodations on this trip provide great access to the river but are simpler compared to what you'll find on many MT Sobek trips—rooms and amenities are more basic, though Wi-Fi is available. On the river, your dome-style tent—large enough to stand up in—will be set up in a scenic location with everything you need for a good night's sleep, and outstanding meals will be prepared by your guides.



MT Sobek has been running this expert-led trip for more than 20 years and is an equal opportunity employer, operating under a special use permit within the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

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Join MT Sobek's expert river guides for a rare, late-season fly-fishing journey on Idaho's Middle Fork of the Salmon—when lower, crystal-clear flows deliver peak dry-fly action for native Westslope cutthroat. Fly to the Middle Fork, deep in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, then drift through pristine canyon pocket water, riffles, and glassy pools few anglers ever reach. Evenings feature chef-prepared meals, campfires under the stars, and deep wilderness calm at this quieter time of year. A scenic flight out of the historic Flying B Ranch caps the week. With expert leadership, top-tier service, and private or charter options, this is Idaho's premier late-season Middle Fork fly-fishing experience.

7 Days

Start: Salmon, ID

End: Salmon, Idaho

Departing: June, July, August, September

Activities: Rafting & Kayaking

Lodging: Comfortable Camping, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 2-21 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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This is a trip of a lifetime made accessible to almost everyone. I recommend this trip to anyone who is looking to experience the breathtaking beauty of American wilderness without having to be outdoor experts!

- Grace S.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Salmon & Prepare for Your Adventure

Arrive in Salmon, Idaho, by 5:00 pm and check in at the Stagecoach Inn. At 6:00 pm, meet your expert guides on the back lawn for a welcome orientation—a chance to preview the river, fishing strategy, late-season conditions, and gear specifics. Spirits are high as you get to know your group and discuss tomorrow's flight into the wilderness. A casual welcome dinner follows, then time to return to your room to pack your provided waterproof river bags. Tomorrow you launch into one of the best late-season fly-fishing experiences in the country!

MEALS: Dinner

DAY 02

Fly into Thomas Creek Airstrip & Start Fly Fishing the Middle Fork of the Salmon River

Shuttle to Salmon Airport for a scenic backcountry flight deep into the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Touch down at Thomas Creek Airstrip—just across the river from iconic Middle Fork Lodge—then push off and begin fishing immediately. With low, clear flows and fewer groups on the water, this stretch is ideal for targeting native Westslope cutthroat along pocket water, clean seams, and slick tailouts. Settle into your first riverside camp and enjoy a guide-prepared, chef-inspired meal under big Idaho stars.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 40-minute backcountry flight

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/8–15 miles river travel & fly fishing

DAY 03

Cast Along the Middle Fork & Unwind at Hot Springs

The next four days bring relaxed Middle Fork miles where your exact itinerary is determined by the fish and the river, with your guide choosing the best route and timing for this prolific season. Float downstream today, ideal for fishing rising cutthroat from the boat. Work seam lines, pocket zones, and trapped-eddy water where native trout stack in late season. The lower flows and clear visibility during August and September are part of what makes this is one of the best places on earth to watch aggressive surface eats. Those who wish can soak in natural hot springs or stretch their legs with a short canyon hike before another evening of campfires, stories, and star-filled skies.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/8–15 miles river travel & fly fishing



See Ancient Sheepeater Pictographs & Fish from the Boat

After a hearty camp breakfast, continue downstream through a canyon corridor lined with sculpted granite and ponderosa forest. Visit ancient Sheepeater pictographs, evidence of one of the original river-based cultures here. Then back on the water, targeting side seams and mid-river structure as you continue the dry-fly hunt. This is classic Middle Fork fishing: boat-based, moving steadily downstream, and casting to wild native fish in water that still feels untouched.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/8–15 miles river travel & fly fishing



Get a Chance to Do Some Wading

The stretch you'll be traveling today often fishes particularly well in late-season clarity with the chance for short, targeted walk-and-wade sessions where side channels tighten and fish stack in structure. Fishing primarily boat-based, your guides may pull over when conditions are prime, giving those who want to wade a chance to swing or drift through concentrated holding zones. Evening brings another comfortable riverside camp and a memorable final dinner in the wilderness.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/8–15 miles river travel & fly fishing



Enjoy Your Final Day on the River

Enjoy a final session on productive morning water—this last stretch often holds larger fish staged in boulder-protected holding lies during late-season clarity. Cast tight to banks, pockets, and soft seams as you make your way toward Flying B Ranch. Take in the spectacular final canyon walls before pulling out, then board a scenic backcountry flight returning to Salmon. Enjoy a hot shower, raise a glass with your guides and fellow anglers, and celebrate the end of an unforgettable late-season Middle Fork Salmon fly-fishing expedition.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: Backcountry flight from Flying B Ranch to Salmon

ACTIVITY: 4–6 hours/remaining river mileage & fly fishing



Depart from Salmon, Idaho

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and depart at your leisure, taking with you memories of your time on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River—a true bucket-list adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Stagecoach Inn

A historic gem in the scenic town of Salmon, Idaho, the Stagecoach Inn exudes charm and character. Dating back to the early 20th century, this quaint inn has been a witness to the region's rich history and transformation. The inn's cozy rooms are tastefully decorated, offering a blend of comfort and nostalgia. The Stagecoach Inn's central location in Salmon makes it a convenient base for exploring the nearby natural wonders, including the breathtaking Salmon River and the rugged landscapes of the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

MT Sobek Camp—Middle Fork of the Salmon River, Idaho

Your Middle Fork camping experience includes five nights on the banks of Idaho's Salmon River, with full portage and set up. Our dome-style tents are large enough to stand in, and include cots, pillows with covers and professionally laundered sleeping bags and liners. Portable showers are available for bathing periodically. All camping spots are on beautiful beaches or plateaus next to the river, with fantastic views every day.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, August, September

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

September 26-October 2, 2026

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Rods, reels and flies (on request), 2 fishing seats per boat
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Fishing license, waders, and boots
- Pre- and post-trip accommodation



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