



3 DAY WHITE CLIFF TOUR

47 River Miles

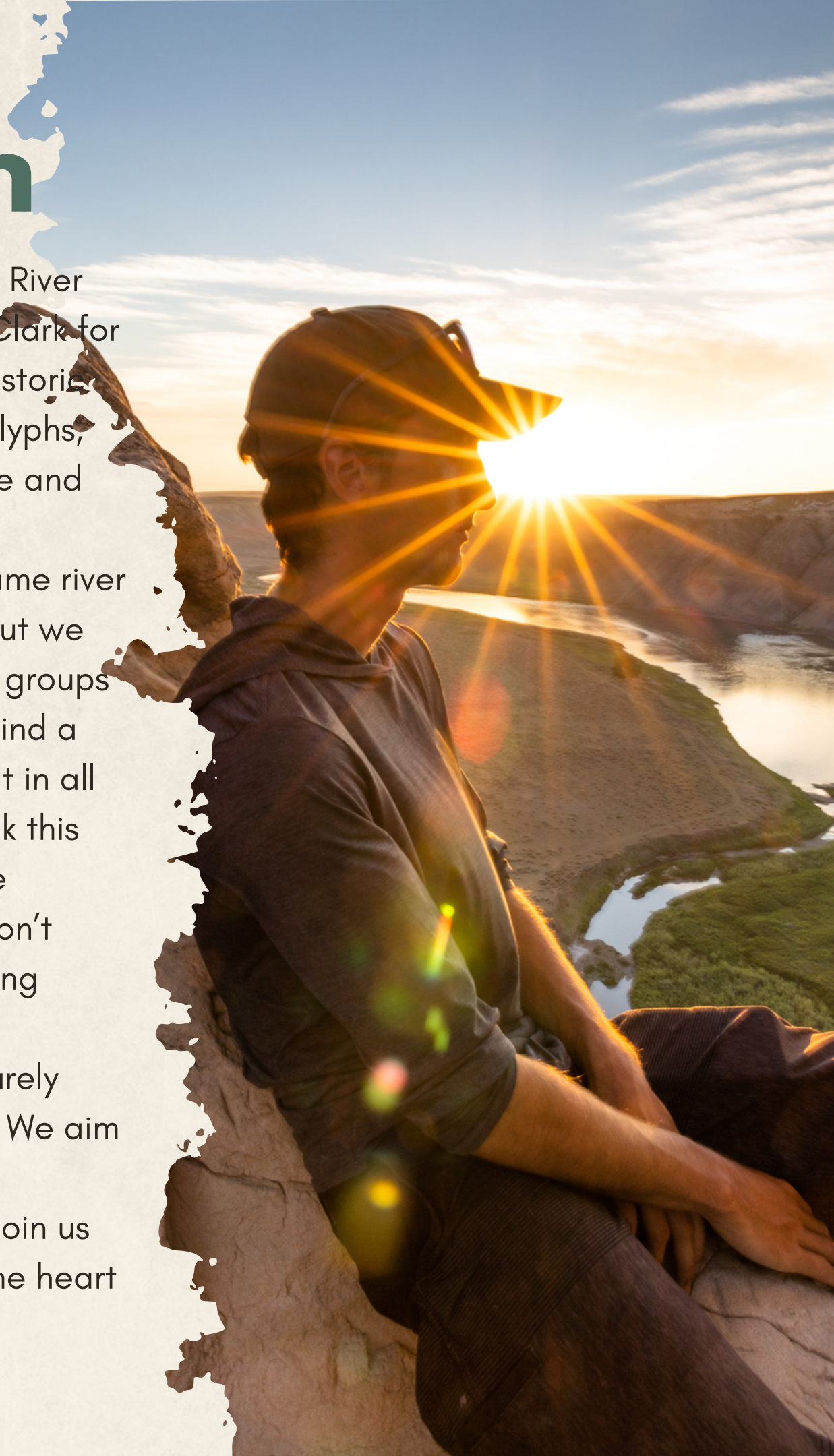


Trip description

Explore the captivating Upper Missouri River White Cliffs, celebrated by Lewis and Clark for its mesmerizing beauty. Traverse this historic stretch filled with Teepee rings, petroglyphs, and layers of stunning Eagle Sandstone and Shonkinitite.

The 3-day White Cliff trip covers the same river mileage as the 4-day White Cliff trip but we move at a faster pace. This is ideal for groups that don't have much time and don't mind a more "active" trip. Although we can't fit in all the hikes, we sure try to ensure we pack this trip with as much as we can in the time allotted. Ideal for active groups who don't mind waking up a little earlier and eating dinner a little later.

If time is not limited, or for a more leisurely experience, consider our four-day trip. We aim to maximize your adventure while accommodating various preferences. Join us for an unforgettable journey through the heart of history in the Missouri River Breaks!



DAY BY DAY



We'll start with a 45-minute drive to our put-in spot, followed by a quick safety briefing before our canoe journey begins. Experience teepee rings, ancient ruins, a favorite swimming spot, petroglyphs, Lewis and Clark sites, steamboat history, and more. Spend your first night under the stars amidst the stunning "White Cliffs of the Missouri River."



Today brings a thrilling combination of hikes and river miles, teeming with exploration. As Meriwether Lewis once described, our canoe journey traverses "Scenes of Visionary Enchantment." Experience highlights such as Seven Sisters, Steamboat Rock, the Arc Angel, the intriguing tale of Arrow Creek, and a multitude of other discoveries. Finally, savor your last night at camp, surrounded by newfound friends.



We'll enjoy a relaxed morning at camp before heading to Judith Landing, our river take-out point. During our journey there, we'll flotilla, share stories, embark on brief hikes, and engage in historical talks. Anticipate reaching the landing by noon, and we'll return to Fort Benton by 3:00 PM.

Day 1

Start time: 8:00-8:30

Where: 1856 Hwy 387, Fort Benton MT

Our adventure will begin at our storefront located. There will be long term parking and secure storage for luggage and personal belongings on our premises. We will drive 1 hour, in our private transportation to a private boat launch near Coal Banks. After a brief safety talk, we will canoe 1.5-2.5 for a hike to some teepee rings and a river side lunch. We will then paddle another hour to 2 hours to our favorite swimming hole to enjoy a refreshing swim among the towering white rocks.

We will pick a campsite according to weather, group preference and with respect to other private parties on the river. Once everyone is settled into camp we will enjoy some riverside livations, go for hikes and play camp games.



Meals

Lunch
Dinner

Accommodations

Canvas Wall Tents
Cots



Difficulty

Moderate

Canoe Distance

15-22 Miles



Canoe Time

4-6 hours

camp options

Eagle Creek
Hole-in-the wall



Highlights

Teepee Rings
Monroe structure
Swimming hole
Petroglyphs
Lewis and Clark Camp
Slot Canyon

Day 2

Start time: 6:00-7:30

Awaken to the sunrise and melodies of birdsong. Coffee will be brewing by 6:00 AM, followed by a hearty breakfast at 7:30 AM. Today promises an abundance of hiking opportunities. While it'll be a longer day in the boats, we'll punctuate it with historical insights, flotillas, and swimming opportunities. This section of river was described by the Corp of Discovery as "Scenes of Visionary Enchantment," this stretch boasts towering rock formations, unique cliffs, picturesque riparian areas, and much more to feast your eyes upon. Anticipate arriving at camp between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be available, setting the stage for an evening of merriment and camaraderie with both new and familiar faces. Cherish your final night on the river, soak in the starlit sky, and gather 'round the inviting fire for tales of history and camp adventures.



Meals

Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner

Accommodations

Canvas Wall Tents
Cots



Difficulty

Difficult

Canoe Distance

21-25 miles



Canoe Time

4-6.5 hours

camp options

Slaughter River
Flat Rock
The Wall



Highlights

Grand Natural Wall
Citadel
Hole-in-the wall
Seven Sisters
Steamboat rock
May 30, 1805 camp
May 25 1805 camp
July 1806 camp
Arrow Creek

Day 3

Start time: 6:30-8:00

End Location: 1856 Hwy 387, Fort Benton

This morning, we'll leave camp between 9:00-10:00, with brief stops along the way to share a couple of our favorite location. Discover captivating tales of the colorful characters who shaped the Upper Missouri River Breaks as we head towards the takeout location.

We'll depart from Judith Landing around 11:30-12:30. While our crew loads the gear, enjoy a final lunch together. The charter vans will embark on a scenic 2-hour journey back to Fort Benton, aiming to arrive at your vehicles around 3:00-4:00.

Upon arrival in Fort Benton, there'll be a designated area to unload our dry bags and return all river gear. It's time for farewells and wrapping up our memorable journey together.



Meals

Breakfast
Lunch

Accommodations

No Accommodation Provided



Difficulty

Easy

Canoe Distance

7-12 Miles



Canoe Time

2-3 hours

Shuttle Time

2 hours



Highlights

Nat's Wood Bottom
Judith River
Judith Landing
Fort Chardon,
Camp Cook
the Isaac Stevens Treaty

What is included?

High quality service and safety

Pre-departure briefing

You'll meet your guides and fellow participants the night before the trip. At 6:15, we'll distribute your dry bags and other camping essentials. The meeting location is at the Grand Union Hotel unless otherwise arranged.

Experienced Tour Guides

All our trips maintain a minimum of two guides and a ratio of one guide to every four customers. Each excursion is led by a seasoned guide with five or more years of experience. Rest assured, our guides are well-versed in the area's history and culture.

All camping equipment

We provide everything you need, including cooking essentials, a handwashing station, tables, camp chairs, tents, cots, a camp kitchen tent, shade tent, games, canoes, canoe seatbacks, canoe paddles, and a portable toilet.

Personal dry bags and camping gear

Upon arrival at the meet-and-greet, we'll supply you with a 65-liter dry bag, a 45-liter dry bag, a camp pillow, pillowcase, coffee mug, koozie, and a homemade snack bag. These items will allow you to pack the night before your tour.

Medical kit, first aid kit, AED and Satellite phone

Our Missouri River Outfitters guides undergo specialized training in first aid, CPR, and AED. We conduct mandatory training sessions for all staff. Guides always carry emergency supplies and instruct guests on location in case of an emergency.

Extras included in our services.

We bring along a river library for you to enjoy during down time. We also provide camp games, kids activities for families and local micro brews for adults to enjoy.

Accommodations

Canvas Wall tent and cots.

we prioritize comfort and quality sleep. Our roomy canvas wall tents allow you to stand comfortably, and you can sleep on our comfortable cots. Two person tents and family tents are available. If you are traveling solo, you will receive your own tent without additional charge.

Meals

2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, and 2 Dinners

We believe in locally sourced, fresh ingredients. Our menu showcases the flavors of Montana, featuring locally sourced meat, legumes, dairy, eggs, and produce. Fresh vegetables and fruits are included in every meal!

Dietary accommodations

We accommodate dietary preferences and restrictions (such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, allergies, or special menus) at no extra cost. Kindly inform us of any specific allergies or dietary needs in our pre-trip questionnaire.

Water/ Ice

All our water is brought from Fort Benton, eliminating the need for filtering. Additionally, we offer ice-cold seltzer water in cans and provide ice to chill your water bottles.

Snacks

Extra fruit and snacks are available throughout the day. Guides set out snacks in the morning and remind you to fill your snack bag.

Hot water, coffee, and tea

Each morning, we provide hot water for tea and freshly brewed French press coffee. Cream, hot cocoa, sugar, and honey are also provided. If you'd like hot water in the evening, feel free to ask.

Beer and Wine

Montana Micro Brews and wine are supplied throughout the trip. You're welcome to bring your own, and we'll provide the cooler and ice.

Desserts

Homemade desserts are a delightful part of our river experience, served during both lunch and dinner. Gluten-free? We'll prepare yours from scratch!"

What is not included?

Extra's and important equipment.

All of our guests need to bring sleeping bags or let us know that you need to rent one. Furthermore, we can provide other rental items and services below.

Sleeping bag: \$20.00

Inflatable mattress (we provide cots free of charge): \$20

Battery and solar charger for CPAP: \$75

Shuttle to and from the airport: \$125 one way. Prices are based on per van not per person. If others are flying in similar times, we will pick you all up and split the cost among everyone. That also applies to the return shuttle.

Vehicle shuttles: We can shuttle your vehicle to the takeout location. Check out the map and see if it makes sense. \$100 to Judith \$250 to Kipp

Hiking Gear & Clothes

Travel Insurance

Tips for our staff- tipping is customary but not mandatory. An average tip is 10%-20% of your trip cost.





Before you go

Is it for me?

We aim to make your trip to the Upper Missouri River Breaks as memorable and carefree as possible. In this section, you'll find answers to all the questions you have about traveling with Missouri River Outfitters. Please read the following information carefully; it will assist with any inquiries about our services.

Before you go

Briefing and pre-trip meeting

All pre-trip meetings are held at the Grand Union Hotel at 6:15 pm, one night before the tour begins. These meetings last approximately 30-45 minutes. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you must contact Missouri River Outfitters by email, phone or in person at our office to make other arrangements.

Parking and luggage storage

Parking- we have long term unsecured parking at our warehouse location.

Camper or RV parking- There is ample space to park any size camper and RV for the duration of your trip. However, there are no electrical, water or sewer hookups.

Luggage and valuables- We store luggage and valuables in a locked room inside our buildings. For your comfort, wallets and keys are stored in our office safe.

Keys- We ask to collect all keys just in case we need to move vehicles.

Shuttles

Airport or Amtrak- The closest airport to Fort Benton is Great Falls (48 mi) and the closest train is Havre (72 mi). All shuttles run from 8:00am to 5:00 pm. Please make note of that when booking your flights or train tickets. Do not book for the same day that you get off the river. **Please call or email before booking flights or train tickets**

Hotel shuttles- The morning of your trip, we will shuttle you and all your luggage from your hotel to our store front. Luggage will be stored there.

Vehicle Shuttle- If you require us to take your vehicle to the takeout location. Please arrange that ahead of time.

Group Tours

Group tours are made up of different individuals, with varying ages and physical requirements. By agreeing to be a part of our group tours, you also accept that some people may have varying abilities.

Lost objects

Please be mindful of where you place your personal items and ensure you collect everything before departing. Remember, you are solely responsible for your belongings throughout the tour.

Physical requirements

Our trips cater to various ages and experience levels, yet some are more active. Understanding the trip's physical demands is crucial. If uncertain about suitability or the best match for your needs, please call us for guidance.

Age requirements

We don't have a specific age limit, but all participants must be capable swimmers. They should also comfortably embark and disembark from canoes. Our hikes offer turnaround points, and none are required. If you prefer to be in a boat with a guide, kindly inform us at the time of booking.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there cell phone service? Though cell phone signals are gradually improving, there's still no reliably strong signal. Feel free to bring your phones for capturing photos, but we suggest switching to airplane mode and relishing the unplugged experience. There aren't many places left without cell service, so enjoy this rare opportunity while it lasts.

Can we bring our own gear? Absolutely! Many participants bring their own sleeping bags and personal comfort items. We encourage you to bring whatever you'd like for the trip. You're not obligated to use our gear, but it's here if you need it!

What about showers? We don't provide showers, but the river is always nearby. Please bring biodegradable soap for washing off in the river. In case of colder weather, baby wipes or wet wipes serve as great alternatives.

What if I get sick on the trip? Your well-being is our priority. If an unexpected situation arises and you absolutely need to disembark, we'll facilitate that process.

How long are the hikes? Hike durations vary. Some hikes take a couple of hours, while others are shorter, around 45 minutes. Guides will brief you on hike expectations either the morning of or the night before, allowing you to prepare accordingly. Hiking is optional, and you're free to turn back at any point.


What are the bathrooms like? There are vault toilets between Coal Banks and Kipp. We also provide a wag bag system—a portable toilet with a privacy tent. You'll get briefed on the field bathroom protocol. If you have any specific needs, just let our guides know. We've handled it all!

Can we bring our dog? Unfortunately, we have a strict no-dog policy, though we can recommend local pet stays or dog sitters in town or in Great Falls.

What are the sleeping arrangements? Tents typically accommodate two people or two adults and one to two children. At the meet-and-greet, we'll confirm tent assignments. If you're traveling solo, you'll have your own tent as we don't pair solo travelers for a good night's sleep.

Bathroom Breaks! – You have ample outdoor options. For urination, in this desert-like environment similar to the Grand Canyon, please use nature near the water. Discreet systems are set up if you need to defecate between camps; just inform the guides.

Do you have any recommended reads for the trip? Yes, a comprehensive guest packet with pack lists, suggested books, policies, emergency contacts, and more is sent out upon booking. It contains all the information you'll need for the trip!



**PLEASE CALL OR
EMAIL US WITH ANY
OTHER QUESTIONS**

IT'S TIME TO TRAVEL!

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