



4 DAY WHITE CLIFF TOUR

47 River Miles



Trip description

Experience the enchanting allure of the Upper Missouri River White Cliffs, hailed as awe-inspiring vistas in the historic Lewis and Clark Journals. Our four-day expedition through the “White Cliffs” is our most sought-after trip, providing the perfect balance for those seeking an immersive experience. This trip allows ample time to relish the iconic beauty of the White Cliffs and indulge in all the hiking possibilities this section of the river offers. This adventure is tailor-made for those desiring less time in the boat and more opportunities for hiking or simply unwinding outdoors. The “White Cliff” section is rich in history, from the early indigenous inhabitants and intrepid explorers to homesteaders, fur trappers, wood hawkers, and the fascinating era of steamboat navigation.



DAY BY DAY



Wake up to the sound of birds and the smell of French Press Coffee.

Today you will go on a long hike through a slot canyon and or above the river corridor to Hole in the Wall.

On this day you will pass by “The Grand Natural Wall, Cathedral Rock and some of the Missouri Rivers Most iconic White Cliffs.



Enjoy a leisurely last morning on the river. It will be a short canoe day with Flotillas and stories. Your canoe trip will end at Judith Landing where lunch will be awaiting you. we will then transport you back to the start of your Journey (Fort Benton)



We will start with a 45-minute drive to the put-in location. After a quick safety briefing, we will begin our canoe journey. Highlights of the day are teepee rings, old ruins, our favorite swimming hole, petroglyphs, Lewis and Clark campsites, steamboat history and more. Enjoy your first night under the stars among the “White Cliffs of the Missouri River”



According to the Meriwether Lewis, today you will be canoeing through “Scenes of Visionary Enchantment” The Highlights of the day are Seven Sisters, Steamboat Rock, the Arc Angel, The story of Arrow Creek and so much more. Explore some of our favorite less explored trails off the map. Lastley, Enjoy your last night around the campfire sharing stories and laughing among new friends.

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 libations, go for hikes and play camp games.



Meals

Lunch
Dinner

Accommodations

Canvas Wall Tents
Cots



Difficulty

Moderate

Canoe Distance

12- 14.5 Miles



Canoe Time

3-5 hours

camp options

Monroe Island
Eagle Creek



Highlights

Teepee Rings
Monroe structure
Swimming hole
Petroglyphs
Lewis and Clark Camp
Slot Canyon
Eye of the Needle

Day 2

Start time: 6:30-8:00

As the sun rises and birds serenade, we'll have coffee ready by 6:30 and breakfast served by 8:00. Fuel up, because today calls for longer hikes—plan on at least 3 hours of trekking. Our canoeing leg will be a leisurely glide amid stunning white Sandstone and Igneous Shonkinite landscapes. Along the way, we'll pass historic steamboat landmarks, delving into the journals of Lewis and Clark while relishing the vistas that inspired Carl Bodmer's paintings.

Depending on what the group fancies and where we set up camp, we might tackle the Slot Canyon Hike or the Hole in the Wall Hike today. Anticipate reaching camp between 3:30 and 5:00, marking the start of an evening filled with water-side relaxation, drinks, more hikes, exploration, fireside tales, and countless other adventures.



Meals

Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner

Accommodations

Canvas Wall Tents
Cots



Difficulty

Moderate

Canoe Distance

7-16.5 Miles



Canoe Time

3-5 hours

camp options

Hole in the Wall
Primitive Hole in the Wall
Dark Butte
Pablo Rapids



Highlights

Slot Canyon Hike
Grand Natural Wall
Citadel Rock
Hole in the Wall Hike
Seven Sisters

Day 3

Start time: 6:30-8:00

Embracing another picturesque morning by the riverside. Coffee's on at 6:30 sharp, followed by breakfast at 8:00. Today's hiking options are tailored to your preferences. Along our canoe route, we'll encounter remnants of old Homesteads, diving into the rich tapestry of homestead and steamboat history. Get ready for a longer day on the water—we aim to reach camp between 4:00 and 6:00 PM.

Tonight marks our final evening together. If you've packed your river formal attire (be it playful or refined), it's time to don it! We'll share tales of this remarkable area, eagerly anticipating your own stories. Cherish this last night beneath the stars, accompanied by distant coyote serenades, the gentle lull of water nearby, and the whispering rustle of cottonwood trees enveloping us."



Meals

Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner

Accommodations

Canvas Wall Tents
Cots



Difficulty

Moderate

Canoe Distance

12-18 Miles



Canoe Time

4-6 hours

camp options

Slaughter River
Arrow Creek
Flat Rock
The Wall



Highlights

Dark Butte
Seven Sisters Hike
Steamboat Rock Hike
Homestead History
Arrow Creek
Slaughter River
Lewis and Clark Camp

Day 4

Start time: 6:30-8:00 AM

End Time: 3:00-4:00 PM

End Location: 1856 Hwy 387 Fort Benton

We'll be breaking camp between 9:00 and 10:30 this morning, making our way towards the takeout. If time allows, we'll pause at a couple of spots en route to share stories and delve into some captivating river history.

Our departure from Judith Landing is scheduled between 11:30 and 12:30. While our team loads up the gear, savor your final group lunch together. Our charter vans will then ferry us on a scenic 2-hour journey back to Fort Benton, aiming to reunite with your vehicles around 3:00 to 4:00.

Once we're back in Fort Benton, there will be a designated area for unloading dry bags and returning river gear. It's the moment to bid our farewells, concluding our memorable adventure together.



Meals

Breakfast
Lunch

Accommodations

No Accommodations Provided
tonight



Difficulty

Easy

Canoe Distance

7-11 Miles



Canoe Time

2-3 Hours

Shuttle Time

2 hours



Highlights

Nat Crab Tree
Judith River
Camp Cook
Council Island

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 we provide 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

3 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, and 3 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

Breifing and pre-trip meeting

all pre-trip meeting 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 not 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 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 types of 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 minimum

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!

A young woman with blonde hair, wearing a rust-colored short-sleeved shirt and patterned shorts, is sitting on a rocky ledge. She is looking back over her shoulder towards the camera. The background is a vast, layered canyon landscape under a soft, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. The lighting is warm and golden. The overall composition is a promotional graphic for a travel-related business.

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

IT'S TIME TO TRAVEL!

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