



2 DAY WHITE CLIFF TOUR

12 River Miles





Trip description

Embark on a brief yet enchanting journey through the White Cliff section of the Upper Missouri River Breaks, a region lauded by Meriwether Lewis for its visionary allure. Join us for a memorable overnight canoe adventure, where you'll encounter iconic white cliffs, camp beneath the stars, explore plains Indian teepee rings and petroglyphs, trek through slot canyons, and traverse white sandstone vistas. Delve into the rich history of the area during this two-day expedition, tailored for groups seeking a condensed experience without the commitment of a longer trip. Ideal for those with limited time, a preference for shorter camping excursions, and a desire to witness the captivating "white cliffs" without paddling the entire 47 miles.



DAY BY DAY



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Embark on a captivating adventure with a 45-minute scenic drive to our starting point, where a quick safety briefing sets the stage for a 12-mile canoe journey. Along the way, explore teepee rings, ancient ruins, a cherished swimming hole, petroglyphs, Lewis and Clark campsites, and intriguing snippets of steamboat history. As the day unfolds, relish a rustic riverside dinner, engage in captivating campfire stories, and unwind under the vast expanse of Montana stars at our carefully chosen campsite.

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Awaken to the serene melody of birdsong and the inviting aroma of French Press Coffee. Today's adventure unfolds with an invigorating long hike, leading you through a slot canyon or above the river corridor for breathtaking bird's-eye views of vast river vistas. Following our morning hiking explorations, we'll indulge in a satisfying lunch before commencing our journey back to Fort Benton. The drive home offers a genuine glimpse into contemporary farming and ranching life, traversing rugged terrain adorned with white cliff sandstone and expansive wheat fields.

Day 1



Start time: 8:00-8:30
Where: 1856 Hwy 387, Fort Benton MT

At 8:00 your adventure begins at our conveniently located storefront, equipped with long-term parking and secure storage for your luggage and personal belongings. A comfortable one-hour drive in our private transportation will take us to a private boat launch near Coal Banks. Following a brief but crucial safety talk, embark on a 1.5-2.5 hour canoe journey, seamlessly integrating multiple hikes and excursions along the way. Anticipate exploring teepee rings, taking a refreshing swim in our favorite swimming hole, relishing a riverside lunch, discovering old homesteads, and engaging in a hike from our campsite.

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Experience the allure of one of the most iconic campsites in the Upper Missouri River White Cliffs section – Eagle Creek. Nestled amidst vast historical significance and stunning riverside scenery, your overnight stay unfolds in spacious canvas wall tents, allowing you to immerse yourself in the beauty of the night sky.

Meals
Lunch
Dinner

Accommodations
Canvas Wall Tents
Cots

Difficulty
Easy

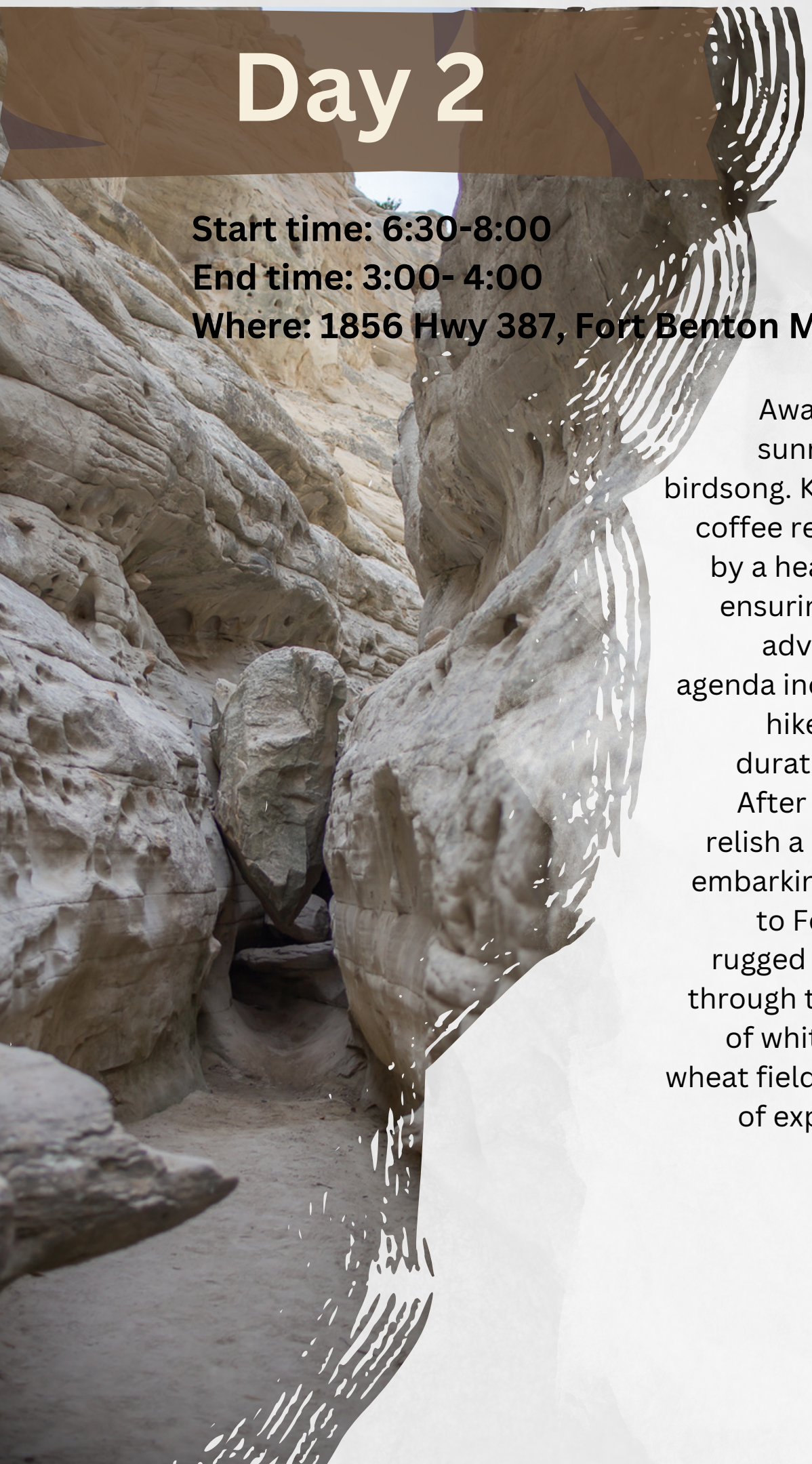
Canoe Distance
12 miles

Canoe Time
3-5 hours

camp options
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
End time: 3:00- 4:00
Where: 1856 Hwy 387, Fort Benton MT

Awaken to the enchanting sunrise and the melody of birdsong. Kickstart your day with coffee ready by 6:30, followed by a hearty breakfast at 8:00, ensuring you're fueled for an adventurous day. Today's agenda includes more extended hikes, with an anticipated duration of at least 3 hours. After the invigorating hikes, relish a riverside lunch before embarking on our journey back to Fort Benton. Traverse a rugged country road, winding through the captivating beauty of white cliffs and expansive wheat fields, concluding this day of exploration with a scenic return.

Meals

Breakfast
Lunch

Accommodations

No accommodations

Difficulty

Easy

Highlights

Slot Canyon Hike
Grand Natural Wall
Eye of the needle
Lewis and Clark Marker

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 sleep on 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

1 Breakfast , 2 Lunches, and 1 Dinner
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.

ll 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 coat 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

arking- 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 reguirements

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 are optional. 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 available, 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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