

Trip Logistics and Itinerary

3 days, 2 nights Rafting the Snake River in Hells Canyon

Trip Starts: Minam, OR

Trip Ends: Pittsburg Landing, ID (near White Bird)

Put-in: Hell's Canyon Dam, OR

Take-out: Pittsburg Landing, ID

Trip length: 32 miles

Class III-IV rapids

Each Trip varies slightly with size of group, interests of guests, etc. This is a "typical" trip itinerary that will vary.

Day before Launch:

Stop at the Minam Store on your way to your motel in Enterprise to pick up your dry bag and go over the morning itinerary. Last minute items may be purchased like river hats, sun shirts, sun glasses, battery packs, etc. Breakfast for the following morning from the Minam Store food truck may be ordered at this time.

Day 1:

We will meet you at 6:45 am in the parking lot of the Ponderosa Motel. Grab your breakfast and a cup of coffee and we are headed out. You will drive your person vehicle from Enterprise to Hells Canyon Dam following your trip leader. Travel to Hells Canyon Dam Launch site is a 3hr drive from Minam with a bathroom break at the Hells Canyon Overlook. Meet your guides, go over basic safety talk, and load into rafts between 10 and 11 am. Lunch will be served riverside. Enjoy awe inspiring geology, spot wildlife. Run some of the biggest whitewater of the trip, first up Wild Sheep Rapid. Stop to scout Granite Rapid and view Nez Perce pictographs. Arrive in camp between 3-4pm. Evening camp time: swim, hike, play games, relax! Approximately 6pm: Hor D'oevres presented by the guide crew. Approximately 7 pm dinner presented by your guides.

Day 2:

Coffee is ready by 6 am. Leisurely breakfast between 7 and 8 am. Pack up camp and send the gear boat downstream. Launch on the river by 10 am. Visit the historic McGaffee Cabin. Today's fun rapids will include Bernard, Waterspout, and Rush Creek. Arrive at camp between 3 and 4 pm to enjoy another evening riverside. Each evening will be a similar routine to the first.

Day 3/4:

Repeat morning routine of coffee, breakfast, camp breakdown. Today we get to hike to Suicide Point and view Bonneville Flood deposits from a scenic viewpoint, stop at the historic Kirkwood Ranch, run more rapids and enjoy another great day in Hells Canyon. We will arrive to our take-out at Pittsburg Landing shortly after lunch. Your vehicle will be waiting at Pittsburg Landing where you can begin your travel home.

Day 4: If you book the highly recommended 4 day trip to Pittsburg Landing the itinerary will be slowed down with a more time to enjoy everything about Hells Canyon. With a little slower pace, a 4 day rafting trip to Pittsburg is the ideal summer vacation in Hells Canyon.

Shuttle Logistics:

You will drive your personal vehicle from Enterprise, Oregon to Hells Canyon Dam. We will help you arrange to have a local shuttle company transport your vehicle to the take out at Pittsburg Landing and you will pay the shuttle company directly for this service. Shuttle costs vary from year to year, but in 2022 it was \$240 per vehicle and we recommend leaving a tip for the shuttle driver as well.

Distance from Pittsburg Landing to Airports:

Lewiston Airport: 2 hours 30 minutes, 103 miles

Walla Walla airport: 4 hours 15 minutes, 200 miles

Boise Airport: 4 hours 35 minutes, 228 miles

Pasco airport: 4 hours 46 minutes, 233 miles