Put-in: Pine Bar (near Cottonwood, ID)  
Take-out: Heller Bar, WA (23 miles south of Asotin, WA)  
Trip length: 61 miles  
Class II-IV rapids

Each trip varies slightly with size of group, interests of guests, etc. This is a “typical” trip itinerary that is subject to change.

July 18:

At 6:00 p.m. join fellow rafters at the pre-trip meeting at The Holiday Inn in Clarkston, WA. During this time, you will pick up your dry bag and we will review the itinerary for the next morning. If you are staying at the Holiday Inn, you can leave your vehicle here for the duration of the trip.

July 19:

At 7:30 a.m. meet at the Holiday Inn. Minam Store staff will help load up dry bags into the shuttle vans and we will begin the one hour and 45-minute drive to the put in at Pine Bar near Cottonwood, ID, arriving a little before 10:00 a.m. You will have a chance to meet your guides, partake in a short safety talk, and begin the journey through the gorges of the Lower Salmon River. Lunch will be served riverside as we enjoy a great day on the river with fun Class II rapids and float through Cougar Canyon. The group will arrive at camp between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. During the evening hours at camp you may swim, hike, play games, and just relax! At approximately 6:00 p.m. wine and appetizers will be available, and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

July 20:

Coffee will be ready by 6:00 a.m. Join other guests for a leisurely breakfast between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. before we pack up camp and send the gear boat downstream. Rafts will launch on the river by 10:00 a.m. During today’s rafting we will enter Snowhole Canyon and have an action-packed day running rapids such as Half & Half, upper and lower Bunghole, Bodacious Bounce, the Gobbler, and the main event . . . Snowhole Rapid. The rafts will arrive at camp between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. and guests will enjoy another evening riverside. Wine and appetizers will be available at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.
July 21:

Coffee will be ready by 6:00 a.m. Join other guests for a leisurely breakfast between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. before we pack up camp and send the gear boat downstream. Rafts will launch on the river by 10:00 a.m. Today we will run Eagle Creek, China Bar, and Wapshilla Rapids before entering Blue Canyon. The rafts will arrive at camp between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. and guests will enjoy another evening riverside. Wine and appetizers will be available at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

July 22:

Coffee will be ready by 6:00 a.m. Join other guests for a leisurely breakfast between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. before we pack up camp and send the gear boat downstream. Guests may participate in a short float before the rafts depart from camp. Today we reach the mouth of the Salmon River where we will strap the rafts together and motor out to Heller Bar. Lunch will be served on the raft or riverside today, and the group will arrive at Heller Bar between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. We will shuttle everyone back to Clarkston arriving between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. If you had your vehicle shuttled to Heller Bar you may begin your travels home.

Shuttle Logistics:

Transportation from The Holiday Inn to the put-in and from the take-out to the Holiday Inn are included in your trip cost. If you would like your car shuttled to the take-out near Heller Bar (23 miles south of Asotin, WA) you will need to arrange that before the trip begins. The cost of the shuttle will be $240 per vehicle. If you would like to shuttle your own vehicle you will follow our shuttle van to Pine Bar at the beginning of the trip, leaving your vehicle at the put-in for the shuttle company to move. Please bring a spare key if you plan to shuttle your vehicle. Otherwise, we will shuttle you back to Clarkston, arriving between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.