

## **Idaho Glamping and Outdoor Retreat**

Itinerary dates: July 25 - 29, 2021

Trip Leader: Beth Whitman

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Soaking up the beauty of Idaho at a remote lodge located at the base of the Clearwater Mountains
- Lazily floating via kayak or raft down the Clearwater River while enjoying the refreshing water as well as the beaches that line the canyon
- Taking short hikes around Canyon Creek
- Stargazing at night while sitting around the campfire with friends
- Enjoying exquisite food including Pacific Northwest favorites

Our adventure begins in the afternoon as we arrive on our own on Sunday, July 25.

## **ITINERARY**

Day 1 Sunday, J

Sunday, July 25, 2021

**Meals: Dinner** 

Today we'll make our own way to River Dance Lodge in Syringa, Idaho where we'll have a late

afternoon check-in. This is a remote area that attracts people for its natural beauty and proximity to the Clearwater Mountains and Middle Fork of the Clearwater River.

We'll have a lovely welcome dinner and then enjoy time around a **campfire**. You may even have some time to soak in your **hot tub** (cabins only) this evening. In any case, it'll be a time to **unwind**, **relax** in the outdoors and **connect** with others.

Dinner and overnight at River Dance Lodge.



HIGHLIGHT! You'll thoroughly enjoy the drive to the lodge today and will immediately feel relaxed as you make your way through the mountains. Stargazing around the campfire and getting to know your glamping companions will make for a perfect ending to the day!

Day 2 Monday, July 26, 2021

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



After breakfast, we'll drive about 20 minutes to Canyon Creek. This was the site of a WWII Japanese Internment camp—though there is nothing left but some foundations of buildings. Our guide will tell us all about this area as we hike up Canyon Creek. We have a number of options for hiking so may do two, four or six miles depending on the group's preference. This is a lovely hike along the cedar- and fir-lined creek.

**Note**: There will be a shuttle available for the group, but you may choose to drive your own vehicle.

We'll have a **picnic lunch** along the way before returning to the lodge via the same route. We'll get back by mid-afternoon and have some **free time to relax**.

Dinner followed by campfire socializing and stargazing. Overnight at River Dance Lodge.

HIGHLIGHT! After much time spent indoors over the past year+, today is going to be a very special day where we'll be able to fully enjoy the outdoors in all its glory!

Day 3 Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today, we'll enjoy a leisurely breakfast before a mid-morning departure for our float down the

**river**. The drive is less than 30 minutes and, again, you can take the group shuttle or drive your own vehicle.

**Note**: Our "float" will be via raft or kayak, depending on the group size and people's preferences.

From the put-in point, we'll head downriver, which will take us back towards the lodge. Along the way we'll **stop on the bank for lunch** and have some time to enjoy one of the beaches.



We'll get back to the lodge mid- to late-afternoon and you'll have some time to relax and get washed up prior to dinner.

Dinner followed by campfire socializing and stargazing. Overnight at River Dance Lodge.

HIGHLIGHT! The Clearwater River flows from a wilderness area so the water is pristine and the white sand beaches will surely surprise you here in the middle of these mountains!

Day 4

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Now that we've had a few days in the area to get familiar with it, today will be a flexible day for you to **choose your own adventure**!

This scenic area provides a number of options for you to spend time outdoors. There are (limited) guides on-site that can take you **bike touring** or **fly fishing** (OMG how fun!).



**Note**: if you are interested in biking or fly fishing, these would be at your own expense—approximately \$150 each—and you must let us know as soon as possible as guides and space are limited. Two person minimum for each activity.

Taking your own transportation, you might decide on one of **several local hikes** OR you may decide to drive to the area's **hot springs** (about one hour away). Other options include **going to a local beach** to swim and relax, or to just lay

low at the lodge. Picnic lunches are available to take with you should you decide to venture out.

Dinner followed by campfire socializing and stargazing. Overnight at River Dance Lodge.

HIGHLIGHT! Be Bold on this day and choose an activity that's new for you! There are lots of opportunities to make this a great and memorable day on your own or with your new friends!

Day 5

**Thursday, July 29, 2021** 

Meals: Breakfast

We'll have one final breakfast at the lodge before checking out.

Note: check out time is 10 AM.

You may arrive early or stay late to extend your trip. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like additional nights booked as space is limited at this remote (and popular) retreat.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Itinerary subject to change without notice.