

MAGPIE RIVER GENERAL INFORMATION

CANCELLATION INSURANCE:

Because of the limited number of Magpie trips we run, our Magpie trips generally fill up and it is often difficult to fill a spot that is left vacant by a cancellation, especially at the last minute. If there is any chance you may have to cancel your trip, **you must purchase travel insurance for your protection.** Insurance will cover every aspect of your trip including: your deposit, lost baggage and unforeseeable medical emergencies and evacuation. Please contact our office if you have any questions concerning trip insurance.

ARRIVAL:

People generally arrive in Sept Isle at different times by either air or car. If you are driving please contact our office for driving times and ferry information. Sept Isle has a small airport and a 15 minute taxi ride will take you to the Hotel Sept Isle for \$15 Canadian.

SINGLE SUPPLIMENTS:

Unless you've requested a single supplement (\$100), you will be sharing a hotel room at the trip's conclusion with a roommate of the same sex. Because space at many of the camps is limited people will also have to share a tent. If by chance you end up in a single room, due to odd numbers, you will not be charged any additional money. **Note: If you would like a single room, it will cost an additional \$50 and must be requested and paid for before you leave the U.S.**

MEETING PLACE & TIME:

We will meet in the lobby of the Hotel Sept Isle at 11:30 A.M. on morning (Aug. 17)

CONDITIONING:

Paddling in whitewater rafts and kayaks is somewhat demanding and participants should be in good physical condition. If you are not currently in good condition, you should become involved in an exercise program prior to the expedition. Safety aside, being fit will improve the quality of your experience.

EXPERIENCE

Because the river build in intensity with the most challenging rapids coming towards the end of the trip this is the perfect river for a first time rafter as well as a seasoned one. It is also one of the best beginner/intermediate inflatable kayaking rivers in the world.

PASSPORTS:

You will need a current passport for traveling into Canada by air. You do not need one if you are driving there.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Airfare from the US to Sept Isle, Quebec is *not* included in the trip price and must be arranged independently or through your travel agent. You will need to arrive in the morning at the trip's start and can fly out anytime on the final day.

***Note:** (The charter float plane into lake Magpie at the trip's start is included.)

WHAT THE EXPEDITION COVERS:

From the time we meet you in the lobby of the hotel in Sept Isle on day one, until you arrive back at the hotel on day nine, all expenses (except trip DVD) including group meals, lodging and transportation are included in the trip price.

NOTE: Breakfast the final morning is not included.

Any costs incurred on side excursions before or after the expedition are not included.

GEAR:

Earth River provides tents, food and a rafting gear for the trip. For a list of all additional gear you will need to bring for the expedition please see the gear list.

ADDITIONAL MONEY:

Generally, \$350 will be adequate for airport transfers and guide tips. If you are planning a side excursion you will want to bring considerably more.

GRATUITIES:

Gratuities for drivers, waiters, etc. are included in the trip price. Gratuities for the guides are not included. If you think the guides have done an outstanding job, 8 percent (approx. \$250) of the expedition cost per person is considered a nice tip. Usually a member of the group will collect the tip and hand it to the trip leader (head guide) who will distribute it evenly among the guides.

ACCOMODATIONS:

During the river portion of the expedition participants will be sleeping in tents on beaches, in the woods or on smooth rock shelves. One night will be spent in a hotel at the trip's conclusion.

GEAR STORAGE:

You will be given a water proof river bag at the start of the trip for the river portion of the expedition. Because space and weight are limited on the float plane and rafts you will be allowed one bag, which cannot weigh over 24 pounds. In this bag you will need to fit your sleeping bag. Your sleeping bag will be loaded into a separate community waterproof bag. Remember to please pack only what's on the enclosed list and what will fit into the bag Earth River provides.

Note: Any extra clothing and gear can be safely stored at the hotel until the trip's conclusion.

WEATHER:

The Magpie is in Northeastern Quebec and although August is a mild month, the weather can vary from sunny in the low-eighties, to rainy in the sixties and even upper fifties. The nights are generally in the low fifties but can go into the high thirties. You will definitely get wet from running the rapids or possibly rain and although the river water is a relatively warm 68 degrees, all participants must have adequate paddle gear. You do not need a wet suit on the river.

HEALTH INFORMATION:

There are no required shots or health precautions that you need to take when traveling in Canada with the exception of a current tetanus booster, which is a good idea for any international travel.

EMERGENCIES:

We carry a satellite phone and a helicopter can get someone to a modern hospital within two hours from anywhere on the river.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

In case there is an emergency at home while you are away the following phone number should be given to a relative or friend: 845-626-2665 or 845-626-4361. The person should ask for Troy. In most cases they will be able to get important information to you when the guide checks in each day. Remember, these numbers should only be used in case of an emergency.