



# WILDERNESS RAFTING EXPEDITIONS

*Journeys of a Lifetime*







**ALASKA**

**YUKON**

★ Whitehorse

★ Dry Bay

10-DAY TATSHENSHINI EXPEDITION

6-DAY BABINE EXPEDITION

★ Smithers

**BRITISH  
COLUMBIA**

2-DAY ELAHO-SQUAMISH EXPEDITION

★ Squamish

★ Vancouver



*Experience the grandeur and beauty of true  
northern wilderness on these Journeys of a Lifetime*





# 10-DAY TATSHENSHINI RIVER EXPEDITION

## *Journey through the ice age of Yukon, British Columbia and Alaska*

Visit one of the most remote and pristine wilderness areas remaining in the world. Over ten days, separate completely from your daily life and focus your energy on the sights, sounds and people around you. Rated the #1 river trip in the world in National Geographic's "Journeys of a Lifetime", this is a world-class rafting trip, but it's more; it is a journey that reconnects you with nature and alters your life perspectives.

Travelling through remote sections of Yukon, British Columbia and Alaska, encounter glaciers sitting on the water's edge and calving into icebergs in front of your eyes, all worth the journey on their own. View grizzlies, eagles and diverse wildlife and birdlife as you become one with your natural surroundings on the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers.

The Journey is not merely about the time spent on the water; the shorter river days and long hours of sunlight allow for excursions from camp each afternoon before settling in for a multi-course campfire dinner under a star-filled sky. Over the two layover days, challenge yourself with hikes up nearby mountain ridges and summits to take in the surrounding tundra and glaciers. The broad river valley and towering mountains, recently designated a provincial park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, will take your breath away and humble you with the sheer mythic proportions of its landscape.

Spend ten days exploring, adventuring and reconnecting with yourself and those on the river with you; ten days that will remain with you for the rest of your life!



# TRIP DETAILS

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TRIP DURATION: 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

DEPARTURE DATES: JULY 15 AND JULY 28

DEPARTURES CITY: WHITEHORSE, YT, CANADA

(FLIGHTS TO/FROM AND ACCOMMODATION IN WHITEHORSE, YT NOT INCLUDED)

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DAILY RAFTING TIME: 3-4 HOURS

TOTAL RAFTING DISTANCE: 213 KM (132 MILES)

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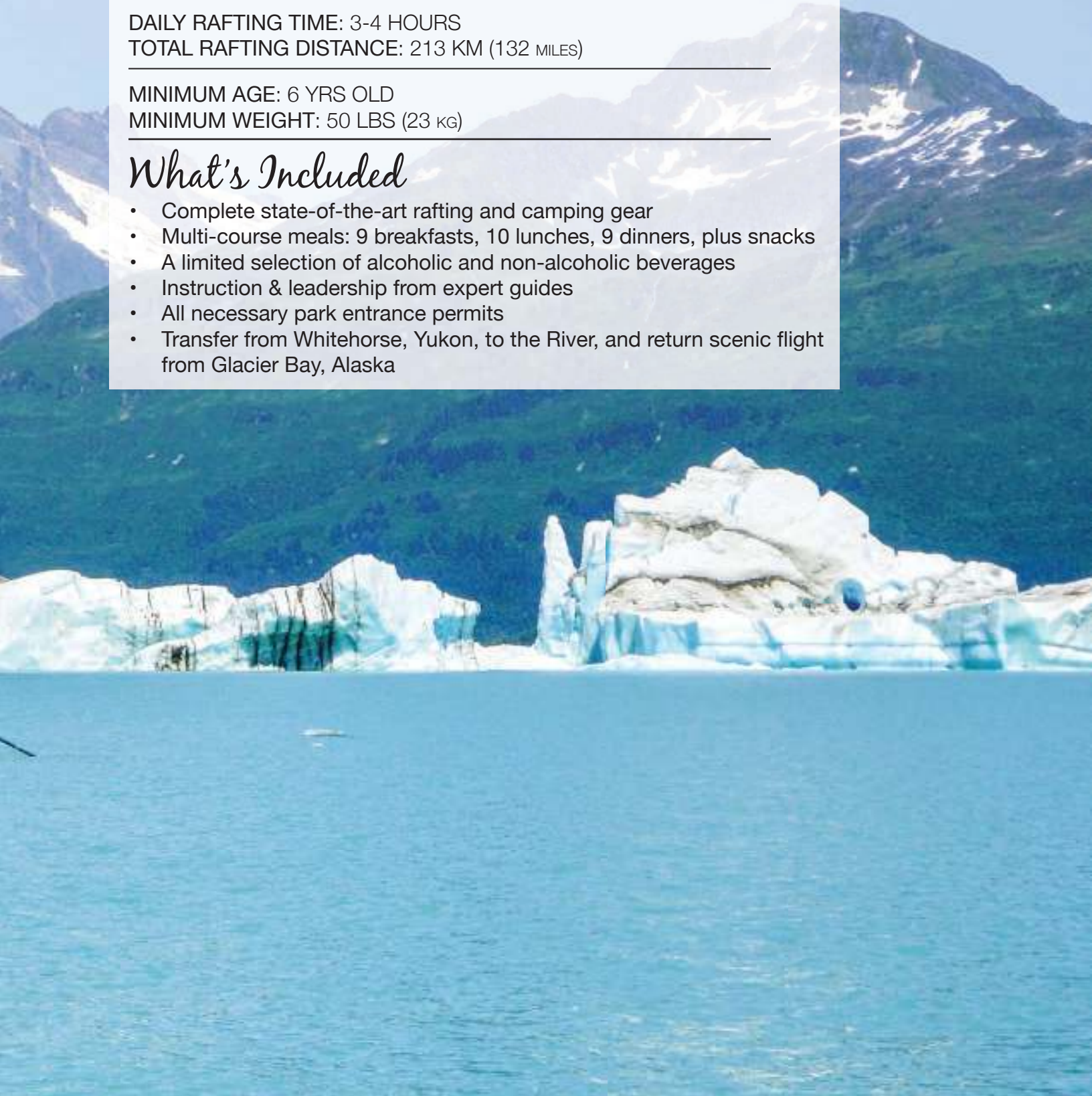
MINIMUM AGE: 6 YRS OLD

MINIMUM WEIGHT: 50 LBS (23 KG)

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## *What's Included*

- Complete state-of-the-art rafting and camping gear
- Multi-course meals: 9 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners, plus snacks
- A limited selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Instruction & leadership from expert guides
- All necessary park entrance permits
- Transfer from Whitehorse, Yukon, to the River, and return scenic flight from Glacier Bay, Alaska





# ITINERARY

## *Days One & Two*

Begin your journey by heading out on the Alaska Highway to enter the Kluane National Park. Take in the scenery and bountiful wildlife before continuing to Dalton Post, Alaska to settle in for the first of many sumptuous dinners at camp. The next morning, awake to a delicious breakfast and coffee, then set off on your first river day deep into the canyons of the St. Elias Mountains and raft through the most continuous white-water section of the trip before camping for the night.

## *Days Three & Four*

Relax as you meander through Quiet Canyon, the Oxbows and Bear Bite Creek. Take in panoramic mountain vistas and a variety of wildlife before setting camp at Sediments Creek. Spend your first layover day relaxing, or join a group hike to an open ridge and an alpine meadow bursting with flowers, and maybe continue to Goat Ridge to view glaciers.

## *Days Five & Six*

Raft through the Monkey Wrench before passing the O'Connor River, and take in the spectacular scenery as the valley broadens. As the river expands, lose track of its flow and take in its colour caused by the presence of glacial sediment. After meeting the confluence with the Alsek River, set camp at Reynolds Creek and recover from SOS (Scenic Overdose Syndrome).

## *Days Seven & Eight*

Slowly travel down the Alsek to reach Walker Glacier where you will settle for lunch before hiking the glacier to marvel at its seracs and crevasses. Come morning, cut through the Barbazon Range, pass by the massive Novatak Glacier, and take in views of Mount Fairweather.

## *Days Nine & Ten*

Enter the ice age on the breathtaking Alsek Lake filled with floating icebergs. Row through the lake in a once-in-a-lifetime experience before camping a final time. Float down to Dry Bay, Alaska on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, then hop on a scenic flight back to Whitehorse where the group will gather a final time for a dinner among friends, old and new.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## *What skills do I need to participate?*

We accommodate all skill levels on our Tatshenshini Expedition, from first-time beginners to frequent rafters. From six to mid-eighties, with an average in the mid-fifties, people of all ages participate on the Tatshenshini Expedition. If you can walk over rocky uneven ground, if your sore back is manageable, and if your doctor agrees that you should embark on the journey of a lifetime, then you likely have all the skills necessary to enjoy yourself. If you have any doubts, please contact us to discuss any concerns.

## *Is there time for other activities?*

Yes, on the Tatshenshini Expedition we spend around 3-4 hours on the river per day and have two layover days, leaving time for group hikes, photography, relaxing, etc. However, note that fishing isn't optimal on the trip due to the amount of sediment in the waters.

## *What's on the menu?*

On our expeditions, we set a high standard when it comes to meal planning and preparation to deliver multi-course gourmet meals three times a day, every day. We don't just accommodate special dietary requirements or allergies, we go above and beyond to customize meals, snacks and beverages to everyone's preferences and personal favourites.

## *Where do we stay and sleep?*

All our expeditions are camping adventures. On the Tatshenshini Expedition, we provide you with a top quality free standing expedition tent, sleeping mattress, sleeping bag and pillow. Our tents are based on double occupancy, but if you would like a tent to yourself, let us know!

## *What about a toilet?*

We setup a toilet and sanitation station at every campsite in a very discreet and private location, well away from the camp and always with a stunning view.

## *Will we see any wildlife?*

On the Tatshenshini Expedition we often see grizzly bear, black bear, bald eagle, golden eagle, hawk, flacon, goose, salmon, moose, Dall's sheep, mountain goat and wolf. Indigenous species also include coyote, lynx, marten and red fox. Each expedition abides with wildlife and "bear aware" practices, has a bear safety kit with bear spray and bangers, and camp is setup with guides camping between the kitchen and expeditioner tents. Bears of the area are not habituated and don't associate us with food.

## *What are the bugs like?*

The unique glacial environment on the Tatshenshini Expedition provides poor breeding grounds for bugs. We generally see few or no pesky creatures, trip leaders have gone without seeing them for the past three years, however there may be odd visitors at times.

## *What are the weather conditions like?*

Our Tatshenshini Expedition takes place in July and August, the driest times of year with the north's incredible long hours of daylight in July, so be prepared for the best weather the region has to offer. However, there's no guarantee against a few days of overcast weather or rain. The mountain weather environment is best described as highly variable.

## *What do I need to bring?*

When you reserve your seat on the tour, we send you a comprehensive trip planner which contains a detailed packing list. But in short, all you need to provide is your personal gear, and we provide the rest: camping gear, river gear, safety gear, food and beverages, kitchen and sanitation equipment.

## *What about insurance?*

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation, medical and evacuation insurance. We recommend you ensure the insurance covers you both in Canada and the USA for the Tatshenshini Expedition as the journey takes you through both countries.





# 6-DAY BABINE RIVER EXPEDITION

## *Journey on British Columbia's pristine River of Grizzlies*

The Babine River Rafting Expedition will take you deep into the wilderness of Northern British Columbia; one of the few remaining pristine and untouched areas of the world. Over 6 days, experience the thrill of class IV white-water rafting, encounter wildlife in the most natural setting, and rejuvenate yourself in a sacred headwaters river integral to the area's native heritage.

Under the friendly and experienced care of your guides, you will be surrounded by the abundant wildlife drawn to the area by the salmon and steelhead trout that have established the river as their spawning grounds. Grizzly bears, black bears, bald and golden eagles, and a variety of wildlife are sure to appear throughout the trip.

Everyday, relish in sumptuous multi-course gourmet meals and luxury camping in some of the most spectacular locations in the world. And along the way, discover the historic Gitksan village of Hazelton with its remarkable totem poles and stunning views of the Babine Mountain Range.

Combining the beautiful narrow canyon rapids of the Babine River, the massive exhilarating waves of the Skeena River, the amazing scenery of the Coast Mountain Range, and more wildlife than you can count, this 6-day rafting trip is the best adventure expedition in all of British Columbia.

On this adventure of a lifetime, make memories that will outlast the best of them with stories that will be the envy of all your friends!





# TRIP DETAILS

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TRIP DURATION: 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

DEPARTURE DATES: AUGUST 14 & 23, SEPTEMBER 1

CUSTOM DEPARTURE DATES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

DEPARTURES CITY: SMITHERS, BC, CANADA

(FLIGHTS TO/FROM AND ACCOMMODATION IN SMITHERS, BC NOT INCLUDED)

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DAILY RAFTING TIME: 3-4 HOURS

TOTAL RAFTING DISTANCE: 129 KM (80 MILES)

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MINIMUM AGE: 13 YRS OLD

MINIMUM WEIGHT: 90 LBS (41 KG)

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## *What's Included*

- Complete state-of-the-art rafting and camping gear
- Multi-course meals: 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners, plus snacks
- A limited selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Instruction & leadership from expert guides
- All necessary park entrance permits
- All transfers between Smithers, BC and the River



# ITINERARY

## *Day One*

Meet with your group and crew and begin your journey to the river. After a riverside lunch, raft to your first camp where you'll enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as camp is set, followed by the first of a series of sumptuous multi-course gourmet dinners.

## *Days Two & Three*

Wake to the sound of the river, the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and a delicious breakfast. After breaking camp, get back aboard the rafts to continue your trip downstream through deep canyons and exciting rapids, and take in the backdrop of thick forest, mountains and glaciers of the Sicontine Range. As the river's pace picks up, raft through a sustained stretch of class 3 rapids highlighted by the "Pinball Alley" section before setting camp deep in the Babine Canyon adjacent to a waterfall.

## *Days Four & Five*

Visit the famous class 4 "Grizzly Drop" rapids section to catch a glimpse of fishing grizzly bears. As the river valley opens, admire the vistas of Mount Thomlinson and the show put on by the narrow Babine River pouring into the wide Skeena River. Journey through large splashy rapids of sinuous waters surrounded by rock-lined canyons and coastal cedars before making camp in the wilderness one final time.

## *Day Six*

Notice signs of civilization along the shores as you pass the native village of Kispiox, where giant totem poles pay silent tributes to generations past. Return to shore in Hazelton, BC, the historic terminus of the steam powered river boats, before returning to Smithers to gather together for a final diner with friends, old and new.







# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## *What skills do I need to participate?*

We accommodate all skill levels on our Babine Expedition, from first-time beginners to frequent rafters. From thirteen to mid-eighties, people of all ages participate on the Babine Expedition. If you have a keen sense of adventure, can paddle through some rapids sections, consider yourself physically fit, and if your doctor agrees that you should embark on the journey of a lifetime, then you likely have all the skills necessary to enjoy yourself. If you have any doubts, please contact us to discuss any concerns.

## *Is there time for other activities?*

Yes, on the Babine Expedition we spend around 3-4 hours on the river per day, leaving time for short group hikes, photography, fishing, relaxing, etc. Note that fishing can only be done from camp.

## *What's on the menu?*

On our expeditions, we set a high standard when it comes to meal planning and preparation to deliver multi-course gourmet meals three times a day, every day. We don't just accommodate special dietary requirements or allergies, we go above and beyond to customize meals, snacks and beverages to everyone's preferences and personal favourites.

## *Where do we stay and sleep?*

All our expeditions are camping adventures. On the Babine Expedition, we provide you with a top quality free standing expedition tent, sleeping mattress, sleeping bag and pillow. Our tents are based on double occupancy, but if you would like a tent to yourself, let us know!

## *What about a toilet?*

We setup a toilet and sanitation station at every campsite in a very discreet and private location, well away from the camp and always with a stunning view.

## *Will we see any wildlife?*

The Babine River is famous for its abundance of Steelhead trout and all five species of Pacific salmon. The fish attract both black and grizzly bears, along with a diverse range of migratory wildlife. We often see bald and golden eagle, hawk, falcon, merganser, goose, etc. Indigenous species also include wolf, wolverine, lynx, marten, mink and moose. Each expedition abides with wildlife and "bear aware" practices, has a bear safety kit with bear spray and bangers, and camp is setup with guides camping between the kitchen and expeditioner tents. Bears of the area are not habituated and don't associate us with food.

## *What are the bugs like?*

The mosquito population on the Babine Expedition varies according to temperature, rainfall, and wind. We generally see few pesky creatures on our late summer departures; however, we may be unable to avoid them, bug repellent is recommended at times.

## *What are the weather conditions like?*

Our Babine Expedition takes place in August and early September, which offer some of the best weather of the year. Later summer and early autumn are normally the driest times of the year, however there's no guarantee against a few days of overcast weather or rain. The mountain weather environment is best described as highly variable.

## *What do I need to bring?*

When you reserve your seat on the tour, we send you a comprehensive trip planner which contains a detailed packing list. But in short, all you need to provide is your personal gear, and we provide the rest: camping gear, river gear, safety gear, food and beverages, kitchen and sanitation equipment.

## *What about insurance?*

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation, medical and evacuation insurance due to the remote nature of the expedition location.



# 2-DAY ELAHO-SQUAMISH RIVER EXPEDITION

## *Journey in British Columbia's world-famous backcountry*

This journey is the perfect introduction to the wonderful world of multi-day rafting expeditions without the rigorousness of wilderness hiking. Along with some of North America's most exhilarating class III-IV rapids, the Elaho-Squamish River Expedition will take you through some of British Columbia's most inspiring wilderness.

Over two days, experience luxury camping on a sandy island surrounded by the extraordinary views of the Tantalus Mountain Range with its glaciers, spectacular waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. Sit back, relax, and let our team take care of your every need. Indulge in scrumptious meals and nighttime entertainment in our extensive and luxurious camp site, let go of your daily troubles, and reconnect with nature.

On this exclusive and unique adventure, take time to appreciate your surroundings and enjoy the world-class scenery including old growth forests, towering glaciers, and stunning waterfalls that cascade hundreds of feet toward the river. Experience the beauty of this trip by being completely immersed in the wilderness while only being a few hours from the city of Vancouver, BC.





# TRIP DETAILS

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TRIP DURATION: 2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT

DEPARTURE DATES: JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

CUSTOM DEPARTURE DATES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

DEPARTURES CITY: SQUAMISH, BC, CANADA

(TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM SQUAMISH, BC NOT INCLUDED)

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DAILY RAFTING TIME: 2.5-3 HOURS

TOTAL RAFTING DISTANCE: 32 KM (20 MILES)

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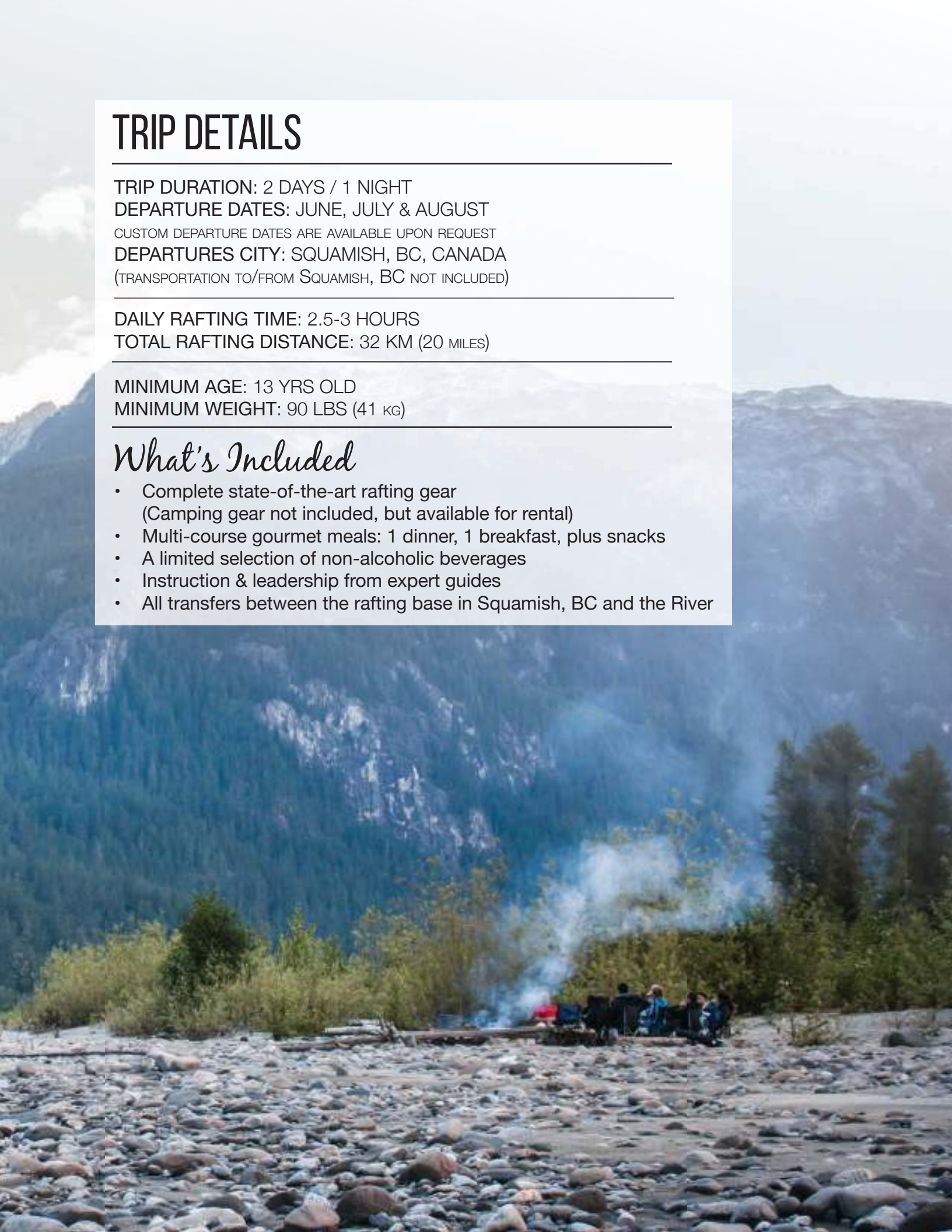
MINIMUM AGE: 13 YRS OLD

MINIMUM WEIGHT: 90 LBS (41 KG)

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## *What's Included*

- Complete state-of-the-art rafting gear  
(Camping gear not included, but available for rental)
- Multi-course gourmet meals: 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, plus snacks
- A limited selection of non-alcoholic beverages
- Instruction & leadership from expert guides
- All transfers between the rafting base in Squamish, BC and the River







# ITINERARY

## *Day One*

Challenge the exhilarating rapids of the Elaho River where your courage will be tested as you travel through the infamous “Devil’s Elbow” section, followed by the mighty Cheeseball rapids. Showcase your sense of balance in some amusing challenges and games before facing the crashing waves of the Steamroller and a one-two punch combination from the Mike Tyson rapids.

Continue your journey down river to reach our remote wilderness camp area with all your supplies for the overnigher packed tightly on our rafts. Feel the magic as you step off the raft onto a sandy beach and take in the majestic setting where hors d’oeuvres and refreshments await. Change into your camp attire while your guides prepare a delicious three course gourmet meal. Then relax by the fire and absorb the stunning views of the region. As the night ends, the expression “getting away from it all” will come to mind as millions of stars light up the sky!

## *Day Two*

Awake to the sound of the river, the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and a delicious breakfast. Your second river day will be spent floating down the calm waters of the Squamish River, a much more gentle and serene river. Enjoy the spectacular sights this river valley has to offer with old growth forests, glaciers, dormant volcanoes, waterfalls, and a wide variety of wildlife; scenery that you’ll see in very few other regions. Depending on water levels, swim through rapids and showcase your sense of balance in some of your guide’s amusing challenges.

Make shore and return to our fully-equipped rafting base at the Executive Suites Hotel & Resort to change back into your clothes and enjoy the facilities at the resort including a full-service restaurant and superb fully-licensed outdoor patio area.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## *What skills do I need to participate?*

We accommodate all skill levels on our Elaho-Squamish Expedition, from first-time beginners to frequent rafters. From thirteen to mid-eighties, people of all ages participate on the Elaho-Squamish Expedition. If you have a keen sense of adventure, can paddle through rapids sections, walk over rocky uneven ground, if your sore back is manageable, and if your doctor gives the go-ahead, then you likely have all the skills necessary to enjoy yourself. If you have any doubts, please contact us to discuss any concerns.

## *Is there time for other activities?*

On the Elaho-Squamish Expedition we spend the majority of our time on the river both on the first and second day. However, there is some time for short walks, photography and relaxing from camp.

## *What's on the menu?*

On our Elaho-Squamish expedition, we set a high standard when it comes to meal planning and preparation to deliver a multi-course gourmet dinner after an exhilarating rafting journey and a scrumptious breakfast the next morning. If you have special dietary requirements or allergies, just let us know and we will make sure to plan accordingly.

## *Where do we stay and sleep?*

All our expeditions are camping adventures. On the Elaho-Squamish Expedition, camping gear is not provided. We suggest you bring a tent, sleeping mattress and sleeping bag. If you don't have your own, we have camping gear available for rental based on availability.

## *What about a toilet?*

We setup a toilet and sanitation station in a very discreet and private location, well away from the camp and with a stunning view.

## *Will we see any wildlife?*

On the Elaho-Squamish Expedition wildlife sightings vary along with the time of year. Indigenous species in the area include black bear, eagle, deer, beaver, seal and more. Each expedition abides with wildlife and "bear aware" practices, and is equipped with bear bangers, however bears of the area are not habituated and don't associate us with food.

## *What are the bugs like?*

The mosquito population on the Elaho-Squamish River varies according to temperature, rainfall, and wind. We generally see few pesky creatures; however, we may be unable to avoid them and bug repellent is recommended at times.

## *What are the weather conditions like?*

Our Elaho-Squamish Expedition takes place in June, July and August, which are generally the warmest times of the year, so be prepared for the best weather the region has to offer. However, there's no guarantee against overcast weather or rain. The mountain weather environment is best described as highly variable.

## *What do I need to bring?*

When you reserve your seat on the tour, we send you a confirmation message which contains a detailed packing list. But in short, all you need to provide is your camping and personal gear, alcoholic beverages depending on your personal preferences, and we provide the rest: river gear, safety gear, food and non-alcoholic beverages, kitchen and sanitation equipment.

## *What about insurance?*

We recommend that you consider purchasing trip cancellation, medical and evacuation insurance, especially if travelling from outside of Canada.





*Book your expedition*



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