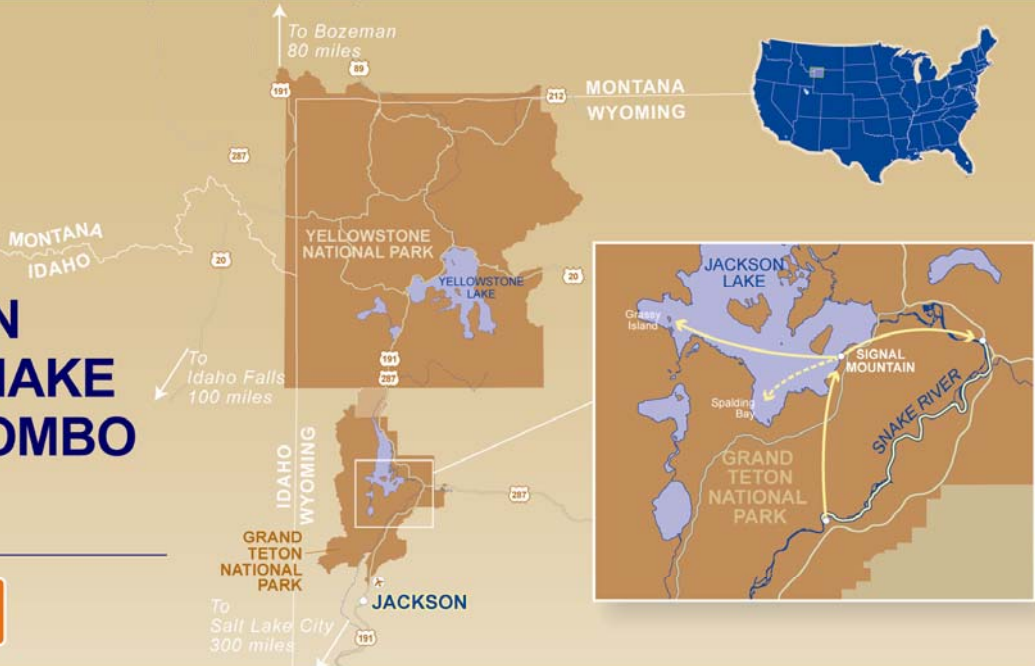




JACKSON LAKE/ SNAKE RIVER COMBO

Itinerary



MEETING PLACE:	Signal Mountain Public Boat Ramp—Grand Teton National Park
MEETING TIME:	11:00 AM (Sunday or Friday start)
RETURN TIME:	Approximately 4:00 PM
AREA COVERED:	Kayaking: Southern end of Jackson Lake Rafting: Snake River (Pacific Creek to Deadman’s Bar – 10.5 river miles)
RIVER RATING:	Class II
AGE LIMIT:	Minimum age is 4
TRIP LENGTH:	3 Days / 2 Nights
BOAT TYPES:	2-person touring kayak, oar raft

Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole are popular vacation destinations for good reason: there’s plenty to do, and Yellowstone National Park lies just an hour to the north. It’s no wonder that thousands come here each year to revel in nature’s majesty, filling the roads throughout the summer months. Join us for an excursion that is off the beaten path, to places where the call of the wild is clearest. We are the only outfitter permitted to run overnight kayaking trips on pristine Jackson Lake, ensuring a distinctive and peaceful experience far away from the everyday crowds of Grand Teton National Park. O.A.R.S. sea kayaking excursions are multi-faceted outdoor adventures in full view of the magnificent Tetons. Paddling your kayak through a morning mist with the sun rising behind you, spotting wildlife in grassy meadows and forest glens, camping at our secluded sites on the lake - where we’re more likely to see a bald eagle or a moose than another human being - and hiking to sparkling waterfalls and rushing creeks... this trip thoroughly captures the wilderness splendor of Wyoming’s pristine backcountry. This is an ideal trip for families with children of all ages.

AWARD-WINNING NATURE-BASED ADVENTURES SINCE 1969

O.A.R.S. has been in business for over 40 years and that is no accident. Great trips on some of the world’s best rivers and coastlines are the recipe for this success. Always focused on our clients and their vacations, it is our genuine belief that river trips and nature-based adventures are extremely valuable life experiences. With that as our foundation, we have committed ourselves over the years to providing the best trips available, always with an eye on improvement.

BOAT TYPE - see photos at www.oars.com/our_adventures/river_ratings.html

- Sea Kayak—Made for one or two people, these boats offer hands-on activity and the chance to peacefully explore lakeshores and coastlines. These quiet crafts are ideal for close observation of wildlife in even the shallowest inlets, and are highly responsive and easily maneuverable.
- A motorized raft is used as a support boat on the lake.
- Children as young as 4 may accompany the trip. Due to kayak design and the pace of our trips we must restrict requests for single kayaks to those with a height of 4'11" or taller, and 14 years or older. Previous paddling experience is also suggested. **Smaller children must be in a double kayak with an adult or older sibling.**

Sample Itinerary

We pride ourselves in running a relaxed and flexible schedule. Every trip is different depending upon the group, other trips on the water and sometimes the weather. The following is a sample of what your trip might be like.

Days 1 - 2

- On the morning your trip begins, we gather at the Signal Mountain Public Boat Ramp, located inside Grand Teton National Park. Here you meet your guides and the others on your trip - all sharing in excited expectation of what's to come. You will also be given your waterproof bags, where you will then pack your gear.
- After your guide presents a thorough demonstration on kayaking techniques, and safety procedures, we are on our way. Our personal gear will be safely stowed in a motorized snout rig. Depending on water and weather conditions, we will board sleek one- or two-person touring kayaks en route to our base camp. The motorized craft will act as a support boat - supplying lunch and carrying our gear and equipment. As we move across the lake we stop periodically to relax, have a bite to eat and revel beneath the towering peaks of the Teton Range. It is seven miles to our secluded campsite on Grassy Island, or to Spalding Bay, a perfect jumping off point for the adventures ahead.
- Spend the afternoon however you choose: finish your novel, paint a sunset or pull in a cutthroat trout worthy of tall tales. A guide will lead short paddles on the lake and perhaps to the Moran Canyon area on shore. Here we may hike up a rushing creek to spectacular waterfalls and overlooks of the lake, all in the shadow of majestic Mt. Moran.
- You'll probably find that paddling can inspire quite an appetite - and dinnertime comes none too soon. Your tastes may be less discriminating when eating in a wilderness setting, but ours are not. The menus we serve will surprise you with their diversity, quality and presentation.
- Our evenings in camp are as magical as our days, and after dinner we might enjoy a moonlight paddle, or perhaps a bright and cheery campfire where we'll gather for conversation, stories and laughter. Fall asleep under the stars of the wide Wyoming sky, content in the knowledge that it's a rest well earned.
- We're sure you'll agree that the more time you spend on Jackson Lake, the more comprehensive your experience will be. Three days will give you time to sample all the activities that this tranquil and rich wilderness area has to offer. Countless quiet inlets and miles of shoreline beg to be explored; perhaps we'll encounter a moose drinking from the shallows, an eagle perched in a nearby aspen, or a family of deer quietly foraging in the woods as we glide past the shore in our silent kayaks. There are hiking trails to explore, and the beautiful lake constantly beckons us to swim or fish in its sapphire waters.

Day 3

- After a scrumptious breakfast, we'll load up early for our return trip to Signal Mountain. Leaving kayaks and Jackson Lake behind, we take a 20-minute shuttle ride around the dam to access the river portion of our journey. We put in at Pacific Creek aboard sturdy rafts, expertly maneuvered through the maze of the Snake River's braided channels.
- Wildlife is abundant and the sightings are many as we meander across the valley floor. Bear and bison, moose and muskrat, beaver and bald eagle all frequent this area with amazing regularity.
- Stunning views of the Tetons, the most jagged range in the Rocky Mountains, develop and change as we follow the twists and turns of the river's passage - each bend a new excuse to snap a few photos.
- We stop for lunch on the river bank, relaxing in the most picturesque of settings: the river rambles past, the Tetons loom majestically in a bright blue sky, cottonwoods, aspen stands and lodge pole pines burst in all shades of green.
- All told, we will have covered 10.5 river miles, ending our journey at Deadman's Bar near the southern end of the park. Your car will be waiting for you here, having been shuttled from Signal Mountain.

What's Included?

- Skilled professional guide service
- All meals from lunch on day 1 through lunch on day 3
- Expedition equipment, including 2-person shared tent, splash jacket and dry bags
- High quality inflatable rafts and kayaks and related river equipment including paddle and personal flotation device
- Car shuttle from Signal Mountain Boat Launch Ramp to the take-out at Deadman's Bar

What's Not Included?

- Transportation to and from Grand Teton National Park
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations and meals
- Meals not covered in the itinerary
- Sleeping bags & pads (these items may be rented from O.A.R.S.)
- Insurance of any kind, including travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Items of a personal nature (an equipment list will be provided)
- Gratuities

Something Voluntary

- In reviewing your statement, you'll note a \$1/person/day donation to Waterkeeper Alliance, a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to fishable, swimmable and drinkable waterways worldwide. One-hundred percent of these funds go directly to worldwide watershed protection and your contribution is tax-deductible. This donation is voluntary and may be removed from your invoice if you choose not to participate. Please notify our office if you would prefer to delete the donation from your balance.
- The O.A.R.S. Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization with the express goal of providing opportunities for young people to experience the magic of a river trip. Visit www.oarsfoundation.org to learn more about how your tax deductible donation can change young lives for the better.

Terms & Conditions

Reservations & Deposits

- A \$125/person deposit is required at the time of reservation. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations, Transfers & Refunds

- If you find it necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us as soon as possible. The cancellation fee after you've made your deposit can range up to the entire trip cost, based upon the number of days prior to your trip that we receive your cancellation notice. We regret we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. For this reason, **we strongly urge you to investigate trip insurance** (see Insurance).
- Cancellations 60 days or more prior to the trip earn a full refund less \$100 person. Cancellations 59 days or less, prior to your trip are not refundable.
- If you transfer from one trip to another, there is a \$50/person charge up until 60 days before the trip. Transfers made after this time will be treated as cancellations.

Medical

- Under most circumstances, if you are of an adventurous spirit and in reasonably good health, you should have no problem enjoying an O.A.R.S. trip. People with medical conditions, including pregnancy, should have a physician's approval before taking an adventure travel trip.

Insurance

- Although every effort is made to insure a safe trip for all, we strongly recommend that you protect yourself, your belongings, and your vacation through the purchase of a short-term traveler's policy. A trip cancellation policy covers your non-refundable payments in most cases, should you have to cancel your trip at the last minute due to illness or injury. Trip participants should realize that in the event of illness or injury on a river trip, evacuation can be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Personal belongings and cameras are carried entirely at the owner's risk, and O.A.R.S. accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged, delayed or stolen property.

Acknowledgement of Risk

- Everyone is required to sign a standard Acknowledgement of Risk form before the trip, acknowledging awareness that some risks are associated with the trip. Safety is of the utmost concern on our trips. However, due to the nature of the activities, a condition of your participation is that you will sign this form and return it to our office before the trip begins. Anyone who refuses to sign the form will not be allowed to participate, and consistent with O.A.R.S. cancellation policy, there will be no refund of the trip fees at that time.

Responsibility – An Important Notice

- O.A.R.S. West, Inc. and cooperating agencies act only in the capacity of agent for the participants in all matters relating to transportation and/or all other related travel services, and assume no responsibility however caused for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service, including but not limited to that resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of the participants, including cancellation due to water fluctuation, insufficient bookings (this trip requires a minimum of 4 guests), and other factors. There is risk in sea kayaking and whitewater rafting, particularly during high-water conditions. Rafts, dories and kayaks do capsize. You could be swept overboard. The water can be very cold. Your guide will make every attempt to assist, but you must be strong and agile enough to "self-help" and "float-it-out" without further endangering yourself or others. We reserve the right not to accept passengers weighing more than 260 pounds or with a waist/chest size exceeding 56 inches. We may decide at any time, to exclude and person or group for any reason we feel is related to the safety of our trips. We are experienced at accommodating people with various disabilities. Please give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome. We need to discuss any special requirements ahead of time. We may decide, at any time, to exclude any person or group for any reason we feel is related to the safety of our trips. On advancement of deposit the depositor agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions. Prices are subject to change without notice.

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