

Lewis & Clark River Trip



Highlights

Follow in the path of famous explorers Lewis and Clark as you recreate their journey down the Jefferson, Madison and Yellowstone Rivers in Montana.

Although inhabited for over ten thousand years, Yellowstone was only truly discovered by North American settlers in the last 150 years. Go back in time only a little further and most of the Northern Continent was an unexplored landmass, familiar only to the indigenous peoples who lived there. On the behest of Thomas Jefferson, two pioneers were commissioned to explore the western half of North America following the acquisition of Louisiana from the French in 1803.

Lewis and Clark not only explored and mapped huge swathes of the then-mysterious continent, but they discovered that the Missouri River made a convenient shipping route leading all the way to the Pacific Ocean, securing their place in the history books. In 1806, as they were returning to "the States" and St. Louis, the Corps of Discovery was determined to explore more of present-day Montana. William Clark and his segment of the group, including the Shoshone woman Sacagawea and her young son "Pomp", descended the Jefferson River, ascended the Gallatin River, and crossed a drainage divide to intercept a river that was to be named the Yellowstone River running through the National Park established sixty-six years later.

This day tour will put you in the shoes of Lewis and Clark as you take a boat ride through the pristine countryside of Montana that still looks pretty much like when Lewis & Clark came through on their journey 200 years before you. Learn about mountain men and Indians, read from the Journals and watch the magnificent wildlife such as beaver, river otter, turtles, eagles, cranes, pelicans, deer and moose that was and still is native to this part of the world.

Is it for me?

The tour is very family friendly, with an emphasis on education and learning about the culture and history of the area. You'll learn about the mountain men who have (and still do, to a certain extent) inhabited the region for the last couple of centuries, the mountain fur trade of the 19th century, and of course the Lewis and Clark expedition. Along the way, the expert guides will read from Lewis' journals and you'll get to see artefacts used on the expedition itself.

The tour also caters for anybody with disabilities, and the boat is very stable with comfortable seats.

Accommodation

The tour is a full-day event ending in the early evening, so no accommodation is provided. However, there is always the option of extending the tour. There are the options to camp by the river overnight or stay at the historic Sacajawea Hotel in the little town of Three Forks, Montana. Be sure to mention in your booking if you'd like Tourdust to research an extension tour.

Itinerary

The tour will see you set out early in the boat and cruise the Yellowstone River and Missouri headwaters. There is a wealth of wildlife to see and history to learn about, and the schedule is relaxed enough to cover it all. As mentioned, accommodation can be arranged for you (including extension tours should the one day not satiate

Prices from

213 GBP (1 day) per person

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the exploration bug!) and the tour price includes transport to and from a convenient location of your choosing.

Details

Getting there

This tour does not take place in Yellowstone National Park, but outside, about 30 miles west of Bozeman, on either the Jefferson or the Madison River. You can be picked up from local accommodation.

Price includes

Price quoted is per person for a group of 2. Price decreases with larger group sizes. Price includes guided boat tour, transport to and from start point, wildlife watching equipment (binoculars, spotting scopes), lunch and snacks

Price details

One to Two People: \$650

Three People: \$750

Four People: \$850

Five People: \$950

Six People: \$1050

Seven People: \$1150

Experience required

A reasonable level of fitness and interest is all that is needed