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## ASHCROFT TO HISTORIC YALE

# Thompson & Fraser River Expedition

The ancient rock walls of Black Canyon tower above as we begin our 160-kilometre adventure. The dry desert climate and the clear blue waters of the Thompson river are the perfect companions on the first day of this expedition.

Challenge the rapids with our paddle rafts or lounge about on our larger power rafts and enjoy a day of whitewater and frequent sightings of osprey, eagles and Big-horn Sheep. You will encounter the power of Devil's Gorge, Cutting Board, the Cauldron, Jaws and more. Choose either paddle or power for over 40 km of fun.

As we change rivers, the blue waters of the Thompson mix with the silt laden waters of the mighty Fraser just above the canyon. With rapids more powerful than the Colorado River we board larger motor rafts called j-rigs for the remainder of the trip. We also move from dry sage-covered hills and white limestone cliffs, to lush conifer forests and moss-covered granite banks carved by the force of this free flowing river.

### Details

We meet at Yale at 8 AM on Day 1, return to Yale by about 4:30 PM on Day 3. All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 3 are included. Dietary restrictions, allergies and special event cakes etc accommodated. Please inquire.

Secure parking, B&B accommodation and camping are available at our base in Yale. There is also motel accommodation in Yale.

Paddle rafting is optional on the Thompson River portion of this trip. We supply all specialized gear such as lifejackets, dry bags and raingear. Tents, sleeping bags and mats are available for rent

2012 Dates: July 31-August 2, August 9 - 11 and August 28 - 30, 2012

Additional dates are available for groups

Meet: Yale base at 8:00 AM on Day 1

Returning by about 4:30 PM on Day 3

Adult Cost: \$495

Youth Cost: \$425 (16 years and younger)

All rates subject to HST 12%

### WHOCAN GO

We can accommodate people of all ages and physical abilities keeping in mind that all trips are not suitable for everyone. Powered rafts are controlled by the guide who steers with an outboard motor at the rear of the raft. People are required to hang on with both hands through the rapids. With the ride not quite as rough at the back of the raft as the front, this trip is suitable for a wide range of people. Minimum age 8 years accompanied by an adult.

Paddle rafting requires people to participate and listen to commands from your guide. These trips can be a little more strenuous and demanding. Our minimum age for paddle rafting is between 12 and 15 years depending on the river, water levels and previous experience. Please inquire at the time of booking for suitability.

### MEALS

All meals are made with healthy, fresh ingredients, expertly prepared by our guides. We are happy to accommodate any food allergies, dietary restrictions and special events. Just give us some advance notice and we will plan accordingly.

#### RESERVATIONS

We recommend reserving your trip well in advance. We work on a first-come first-served basis. A 50% deposit with your reservation is required to confirm your reservation. Balance is due 30 days prior to departure. If you wish to join us on short notice, please call ahead to see when space is available. For reservations and information:

- phone 1 800 363 7238 phone 604-863-2336
- email: info@fraserraft.com

### DIRECTIONS to Historic Yale

The Three Day Ashcroft to Yale expedition meets in the tiny but historic town of Yale, just 15 minutes from the town of Hope.

- · From Vancouver, head east on Highway
- At Hope, take Exit 170, this is where Hwy#1 exits off.
- Follow the signs for Hwy #1 East through the town of Hope and up the Fraser Canyon.
- We are about 23 km from Hope, 1 km west of Yale on the right side of Hwy 1.
- We have signs at each end of our property (Fraser River Raft Expeditions). Look for a big building with a red metal roof and cedar siding.
- · Turn right and come down our driveway

### WHAT YOU NEED

Weather conditions vary along our routes, so we suggest the following to make your trip more comfortable.

#### YOU BRING:

- · shorts, T-shirt avoid heavy cotton
- Polar fleece, acrylic or wool top
- Wind-proof rain jacket and pants
- · Running shoes and wool socks
- · Sun screen (or sun block), brimmed hat and sunglasses
- · Retainer or string for glasses
- Camera
- Complete change of clothes for end of trip

#### OVERNIGHT, ADD:

- Sleeping bag and tent (we have these for rent see below)
- Warm jacket and camping clothes
- Personal toiletries

#### WE PROVIDE:

- Return transportation from rendezvous point
- Life jackets and safety equipment
- On paddle trips: helmets, wetsuits and booties when necessary
- · Waterproof bags
- · All meals, eating utensils and mugs
- · Action photos available

#### RENTALS:

- Two-person tent \$15.00 per day
- Sleeping bag \$10.00 per day (Please reserve ahead of time)

#### LIABILITY

Fraser River Raft Expeditions Ltd. maintains an excellent safety record offering raft trips on some of B.C.'s most challenging rivers. However, due to the nature of this activity, these trips do involve personal risk. Fraser River Raft Expeditions Ltd. assumes no responsibility for personal injury or damage to personal property and we require each rider to sign a liability release and assumption of risk form prior to departure.