

# THOMPSON OKANAGAN



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## Salute to the Sockeye Salmon

Come and view one of the largest sockeye salmon runs in the world!

**When: October 2002**

**Where: 65 kilometers east of Kamloops, B.C., in Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park**

In October 2002, the 12km long Adams River – located 400km inland from the Pacific Ocean - becomes the scene of a natural miracle. The normally quiet river becomes turbulent and visitors will marvel at the spectacle of over two million sockeye salmon pouring into the Adams River to spawn and to die.

Travelling 400 km against raging currents, wild rapids and thousands of obstacles, sockeye salmon face a punishing journey as they fight their way up the Fraser and Thompson rivers before arriving at the Adams River.

The salmon swim at a rate of 29km/day, taking about 18 days to complete their journey from the ocean. They arrive at the Adams River exhausted from their trip, and their skin has taken on a deep red colour, characteristic of spawning sockeye salmon.

Male and female sockeye pair up and spawn along the length of the river – each female laying about 4000 eggs. Eagles, osprey and other birds dive into the river to feed on the dead fish. At night, mink, coyote and black bears can be seen along the banks of the river eating the fish.

The sockeye salmon return every year in the fall, but the migration that occurs every 4th year is the biggest.

*Join us in 2002 to view this marvel of nature.*

We have created some exciting sample packages.

### Tour #1 (Day Tour)

Visit the site of the Adams River Salmon run, where a local naturalist will give an in depth talk about the phenomenon surrounding the Salmon run. There will be plenty of exciting viewing and photo opportunities.

Enjoy a delicious salmon barbecue lunch, cooked outside over an open fire following a traditional native recipe.

A local expert will teach about the importance of fishing for the Shuswap Nation people.

Drying racks built with traditional materials will be set up for participants to learn about the methods and materials used to build these racks, as well as the process for catching and

drying the fish.

There will be opportunity to cut and hang the fish on the drying racks, as well as taste some of the dried fish.

Participants will also enjoy an applied arts and crafts program around the theme of the salmon. This "make and take" project is something that they can take home with them as a reminder of their visit to the Adams River Salmon run.

**\$60.00** Canadian (net)

**Price includes:**

- meals
- activities
- taxes
- services of a local escort



Map is not to scale

## Tour #2 (1 day/1 night)

Visit the site of the Adams River Salmon run, where a local naturalist will give an in depth talk about the phenomenon surrounding the Salmon run. There will be plenty of exciting viewing and photo opportunities.

A local expert will teach about the importance of fishing for the Shuswap Nation people. Drying racks built with traditional materials will be set up for participants to learn about the methods and materials used to build these racks, as well as the process for catching and drying the fish. There will be opportunity to cut and hang the fish on the drying racks, as well as taste some of the dried fish.

Enjoy a delicious salmon barbecue lunch, cooked outside over an open fire following a traditional native recipe.

A resource person from the archeology department will demonstrate the fine art of native stone tool making, related to fishing.

Participants will also enjoy an applied arts and crafts program around the theme of the salmon. This "make and take" project is something that they can take home with them as a reminder of their visit to the Adams River Salmon run.

Overnight at **Quaaout Lodge**. Owned by the Little Shuswap Indian Band, **Quaaout Lodge** features many elements specific to their traditional lifestyle.

Enjoy a delicious dinner at **Quaaout Lodge**.

That evening enjoy a beautiful "pitchlamping" display. Expert fishermen will travel down the river in boats lit by blazing pitch wood torches and demonstrate how to catch the fish as they are drawn to the light.

**\$150.00** Canadian (net)

**Price includes:**

- accommodation
- meals
- activities
- taxes
- services of a local escort

## Tour #3 (2 days/2nights)

### • Day 1

Visit the site of the Adams River Salmon run in the afternoon, where a local naturalist will give an in depth talk about the phenomenon surrounding the Salmon run. There will be plenty of exciting viewing and photo opportunities.

Overnight at **Quaaout Lodge**. Owned by the Little Shuswap Indian Band, **Quaaout Lodge** features many elements specific to their traditional lifestyle.

Enjoy a delicious Salmon dinner at **Quaaout Lodge**. The Salmon will be baked in clay, following a traditional native recipe.

### • Day 2

A local expert will teach about the importance of fishing for the Shuswap Nation people.

Drying racks built with traditional materials will be set up for participants to learn about the methods and materials used to build these racks, as well as the process for catching and drying the fish. There will be opportunity to cut and hang the fish on the drying racks, as well as taste some of the dried fish.

A resource person from the archeology department will demonstrate the fine art of native stone tool making, related to fishing.

Enjoy a delicious salmon barbecue lunch, cooked outside over an open fire following a traditional native recipe.

Participants will also enjoy an applied arts and crafts program around the theme of the salmon. This "make and take" project is something that they can take home with them as a reminder of their visit to the Adams River Salmon run.

Enjoy a second visit to the site of the Adams River Salmon run.

That evening enjoy a beautiful "pitchlamping" display. Expert fishermen will travel down the river in boats lit by blazing pitch wood torches and demonstrate how to catch the fish as they are drawn to the light.

**\$265.00** Canadian (net)

**Price includes:**

- accommodation
- meals
- activities
- taxes
- services of a local escort

## Booking Terms and Conditions

- To book tours please email MLI at [info@mliesl.com](mailto:info@mliesl.com)
- All prices are net in Canadian dollars
- Includes all meals, accommodation, activities and taxes plus the services of a local escort.
- Prices do not include transportation.
- Prices quoted are based on a minimum of 20 passengers.
- All tours can be customized to meet any size group and all individual needs. Please contact us with your requests.
- Tours must be booked a minimum of 48 hours in advance and space is subject to availability.

## Optional Tours

While in the Thompson Okanagan region we invite you to join us on one of our other exciting tours.

- **Golfing** at some of Canada's finest and most scenic golf courses
- **Winery Tours** at some of the countries award winning wineries for a tasting, tour and interpretive walk through the vineyards
- **Nature Tours** to explore the beautiful surrounding countryside and learn about Canada's native mammals, birds and flora.



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