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Attn.: Ian Wade
C/O Adventure Safety International

Re: Whitewater rafting expedition on the Taseko and Chilko rivers in British Columbia

Dear Ian,

Further to our conversations, Whistler Whitewater, a division of Whistler Extreme Whitewater & Guide Service Ltd. would be honoured to take your group on a remarkable wilderness river journey. Our team of professionals, aside from the whitewater team, would include a naturalist or archeologist. There would also be an emphasis on passing along the information and skills of whitewater rafting. The combination of learning new (for some?) skills and learning of the prehistoric aboriginal lifestyle, the incredible scenery, wildlife and whitewater would make for a rewarding and thrilling experience. First a little information on our company and experience.

Whistler Whitewater is a small, Canadian, family owned and operated whitewater adventure company. We work mainly in Southwestern BC offering both high end and entry level whitewater trips. Our products includes custom whitewater rafting; boogie boarding; inflatable kayaking; kayaking; wilderness expeditions; raft guide schools; rescue clinics; certified swiftwater rescue technician level 1 and 2 courses; contract work as BC Gov't raft guide examiner and site coordinator; movie industry: locations; whitewater safety; and stunt double work..

Extreme whitewater uses new state of the art self-bailing rafts, equipped with foot-cups. Self-bailing rafts do not swamp with water therefore maneuverability and control is maintained in the rapids. The foot-cups add an extra margin of safety by providing a secure foothold to brace oneself in the raft while paddling. We also provide neoprene footwear, wetsuits, and wetsuit jackets which ward off hypothermia in the event of a swim. Whistler Whitewater sets the standard of care for paddle rafting on British Columbia rivers.

The president of the company is Eric Ridington, who has eighteen years guiding, kayaking, and trip leading experience. He is a BC government raft guide examiner, swiftwater rescue technician instructor, senior kayak instructor, and is a class V kayaker and rafter and has done numerous first descents of BC's wild rivers. As a partner in BC's largest paddle rafting company for five years he gained invaluable experience hosting groups of up to three hundred people.

Although we have named our company Whistler Extreme Whitewater & Guide Service, we do everything with safety as the primary concern. Good safety does not come through luck but through experienced guides, sound decision making and quality equipment, thus we greatly lower the chance of an incident. We are proud of our qualifications and experience in the whitewater industry.



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EXPEDITION ITINERARY

Taseko/Chilko

For the past twelve years we have journeyed up to the Chilcotin Plateau, in the interior of British Columbia, to raft and kayak these pristine wilderness rivers. Our knowledge of them is intimate; which brook is sure to offer a catch, and the ideal riverside benches for camping. Let us show you this big country from the rivers perspective.

The world class whitewater of the Taseko and Chilko are teeming with wildlife. There is an extraordinary salmon run which attracts hundreds of bald eagles, and the occasional bear sighting. Big horn sheep and deer frequent the area. Flowing east from the glaciated peaks of the Coast Mountain Range these grade I-IV rivers cut through the cowboy country of the Chilcotin, to join the Mighty Fraser River on its' journey to the Pacific Ocean. Still a frontier land, with few roads and even fewer people, where the wilderness has yet to be tamed.





Short description of our trip:

Here is the six day package with the highlights of each day detailed. The Chilko and Taseko Rivers are best in late August, early September when the water level drops and the rapids become more defined.

Day One:

Arrive Vancouver Airport. Fly by float plane to Taseko Lake over the glaciated Coast Range. Raft to the first night campsite.

Day Two:

Raft down the upper Taseko River. Grade One flat water with a few ripples. Enjoy majestic mountain scenery, and occasional wildlife sightings. Enjoy lunch beside Elkin creek with trout fishing. After lunch we'll run Little Basalt Canyon grade III, then set up camp on a bench above the river.

Day Three:

After a hearty breakfast, the gear is loaded and we prepare for the exciting whitewater downstream, this is the reason you came! Taseko Falls - Big Class IV and big basalt canyon class III+ - IV. Great whitewater. Camp by basalt cliffs in pristine Taseko wilderness.

Day Four

Chilko Lake: Raft one hour to confluence of Chilko/Taseko. Shuttle Bus up to T'sy'los Park - Camp at spectacular Chilko Lake (Hike nearby Tullin Mt. for beautiful panoramic views of Chilko Lake and glaciated Coast Mountain Range, the source of all the great whitewater).

Day Five

Upper Chilko Raft upper Chilko: Class II mountain river winding down through high plateau, plentiful wildlife, and super fishing.

Day Six

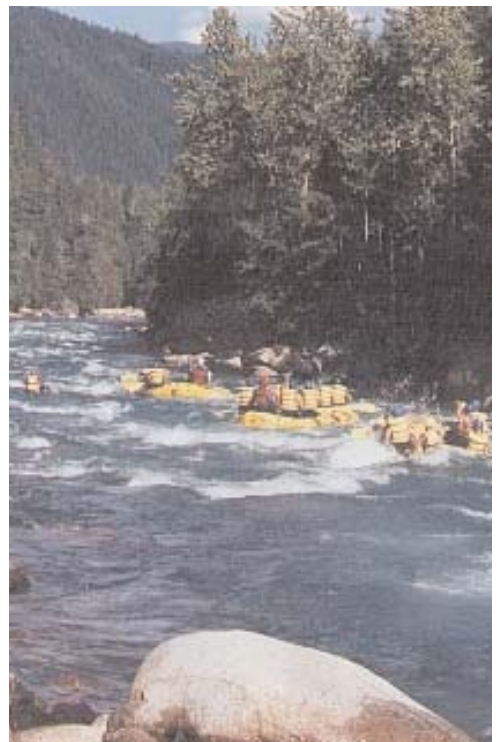
Lava Canyon: Raft Lava Canyon of the Chilko: Class III + - IV. One of the best whitewater runs in North America. The continuous rapids and amazing setting is unequalled. From the Chilko Taseko confluence shuttle to Chilko Lake Lodge for celebratory dinner and hot showers. Overnight accommodation at the spectacular Lodge.

Day Seven:

Breakfast and Fly to Vancouver at first light to connect with flights home.

***Note:** For Whitewater enthusiasts, Lava Canyon of the Chilko could be run on two subsequent days by substituting the hiking day trip at Chilko Lake.

***Highlights:** Two complimentary rivers with the best whitewater, wilderness, and scenery.





We provide:

- Over twelve years of experience on Taseko and Chilko Rivers.
- Wetsuits, neoprene jackets and booties, helmets, and lifejackets.
- State of the art fifteen foot long self bailing paddle rafts with footcups.
The rafts can be rowed by request if guests do not want as active an adventure.
- Note: We do not carry the camping gear in the same rafts, which maintains superior maneuverability.
- Safety kayaker. Note: Our competitors do not provide a safety kayaker on these rivers.
- Waterproof gear bags for your camping necessities carried with trip on a gear-only oar boat.
- All group camping and cooking gear, including camp chairs, and group awning/shelter.
- All meals: Wholesome and hearty food tastefully prepared, starting with lunch on day one to lunch on the last day.
- Extreme Whitewater will ensure you receive exceptional service, safety, quality, value and excitement.

You provide:

- Tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad. Note: Rental packages of high quality gear can be arranged if needed at a cost of \$25.00 per day per person.
- Warm clothes using layering principle (fleece, poly propylene long underwear, toque, rain gear, sturdy footwear).
- Toiletries (sunscreen, sunglasses, bug repellent).
- Personal effects (clothing, camera, books etc.).

Shuttle options:

- Suggested travel option from Vancouver to day one of your trip, is via twin otter plane, with Harbour Air, from Vancouver International Airport to Taseko Lake. This plane will seat twelve at a cost of \$3556.00
- Return from Chilko Lake to Vancouver International Airport by chartered aircraft at a cost of \$350.00 pp.
- Bus transportation return from Vancouver can be arranged for \$99.00 per person, which will reduce the cost by about \$650.00 per person and add two days to the trip.

Price:

- Seven day expedition: \$2200.00 Canadian +7% gst. Prices are all inclusive Vancouver return based on a group of ten. Gratuities and camping gear rental are not included.

To book:

- To confirm your trip date we require a 25% deposit.
Please make cheques payable to Whistler Whitewater.

Whistler Whitewater values your inquiry and looks forward to providing you with the highest quality whitewater and wilderness experience possible. Please let us know if we can customize your trip itinerary in any way.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Eric Ridington
President Whistler Whitewater