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Paddle the Moisie



Quebec's Moisie River is one rough mother of a paddle, but then, that's why whitewater fans like it. With Tuckamor Trips' eight-day outing you get to tackle 200 kilometres of the river starting from just above the most dramatic section, the Moisie Gorge, until Sept-Iles, where the river empties into the St. Lawrence. This stretch gives you plenty of chances to strut your stuff on class I to III rapids (you'll generally portage around anything tougher). You'll be paddling lightweight aluminum PakCanoes, which are easier to transport—good news for those portages—and very versatile in whitewater. Along with the astounding scenery ("Nahanni of the East"...need we say more?), highlights include the Fish Ladder Falls, where Atlantic salmon migrate upstream using a 25-foot waterfall ladder, and, if there's time, an opportunity to explore the dockyard at Sept-Iles. Needless to say, you've got to have some whitewater canoeing skills and a wilderness tripping background for this one.

DATES: August 8-15
PRICE: \$1,700 **INFO:** tuckamor.ca
TIP: This is no luxury vacation. You will be up at 6:30 a.m. You will eat porridge.

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Canoe the Clearwater



The sense of the past is so strong tripping down Saskatchewan's Clearwater River that you might as well have invented a time-travelling device and gone back thousands of years. This Canadian Heritage River passes through four distinctive geological zones where ancient geophysical processes are obvious—such as at Contact Rapids, where dolomite limestone cliffs from the Devonian era line the river, or below Warner Rapids, where a glacial meltwater spillway was formed 11,000 years ago during the Cenozoic era. There's also the human history: Along the upper Clearwater you see ancient pictographs, evidence of the aboriginal cultures inhabiting the area 5,000 years ago, then zip forward to the 18th century, when the Clearwater served as a major fur trade route. But enough about the past, let's get to the whitewater: the Clearwater boasts rapids up to class IV, but most are in the II to III range (such as the kilometre-long Simonson Rapids). You can portage around the more difficult rapids if necessary, but this 12-day, 255-kilometre trip, which begins 80 kilometres north of La Loche, is best suited to those with previous wilderness whitewater experience.

DATES: June 29-July 10
PRICE: \$2,995 **INFO:** canoeski.com
TIP: CanoeSki will provide dry bags for your sleeping bag and clothes, but it's up to you to make sure that you keep everything else in a waterproof container.

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