



Life has to be lived. That's all there is to it.  
-Eleanor Roosevelt

## Pre Event Information

So come and live life at the Seventh Annual ACBS International Boat Show and Meeting at beautiful Lake Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

The French trappers exploring the area in the early 19th Century, found the local native peoples to be shrewd traders, thus calling them the "Coeur d' Alene" (pronounced core-da-lane by the locals) or Heart of an Owl, loosely translated as shrewd at the bargain or hard hearted at the trade. Located at the base of the Bitterroot Mountains, the lakefront resort town offers five-star amenities in a beautiful mountain setting. During the day live life playing world class golf in pristine settings, hiking pine-forested trails, biking through natural preserves to enjoying all there is to enjoy on the sparkling waters of Lake Coeur d'Alene. At night, live life by dining in fine restaurants, taking in jazz or sampling local wines and beers at the many area bistros. Come enjoy life in an unspoiled setting, where the best of nature mingles with the best of upscale attractions, Yes, life is definitely lived in Coeur d' Alene!

Should you wish to engage life to its fullest while visiting the area, our host, the Inland Empire Chapter has a full list of activities for you to experience the natural beauty and history of North Idaho and surrounding areas.

The Lake Hopping Tour begins on Sunday, September 14th with a trip to Idaho's most Northern Lake, Priest Lake. A short trip north of Lake Coeur d' Alene, Priest Lake is a rare combination of Alpine beauty in a rustic setting. You will stay at one of two gorgeous rustic resorts on the lake. Dine on Pacific Northwest Salmon the first night at Elkins Resort.

On Monday awake to the beauty of the sun rising over the granite mountains that guard the lake, start your engines and glide north on crystal clear waters, passing through a 3 mile long, forest lined blue-green waterway known as the "thoroughfare." While idling through this natural, undeveloped area, keep a sharp eye out for moose, bald eagles and otters. You finally break out to another body of water known as Upper Priest Lake. Upper Priest is surrounded by wilderness, no cabins, and no roads. White sandy beaches abound and the only sounds are of nature and your smooth running flathead. Yes, life is lived as in the past on this pristine body of water.

Steam South again back through the thoroughfare to Priest Lake, take a heading to Lions Head Point for a catered lunch on a beautiful white sand beach, then it's on to the Werner Cabin, cruising past densely forested shoreline and rustic cabins, for a lake side BBQ to enjoy some of the best ribs and chicken you've ever tasted. Work off the dinner calories with an old fashioned beach bonfire, hoedown and sing-along. On Tuesday begin by touring the lake, circumnavigating beautifully wooded islands complete with historic cabins, then head South to Hills Resort for a scrumptious dockside lunch. With a deep sigh we haul out our boats and head back to Lake Coeur d' Alene. The route south passes through the lake side town of Sandpoint, Idaho, nestled along the shores of Lake Pend Oreille a large 1200 foot deep body of water, also known for its beauty.

Arriving back at Lake Coeur d' Alene for a night's rest before venturing down the lake Wednesday morning to the old Logging town of Harrison, located at the mouth of the Coeur d' Alene River. You'll enjoy a catered lunch in the park, then after lunch a choice has to be made, do I boat up the Coeur d' Alene River? or do we venture further down the lake to the Saint Joe River? In either case,

your choice will be the correct one. Both rivers are pristine, lined with woods and filled with wildlife-enjoy. Should you choose this multi day adventure you have tales to tell, for you lived life those four days and will be enjoying memories that will live on for years to come.

If wild water and deep, deep canyons are your cup of tea, then a visit to Hells Canyon is in order, you can live that life on the Hells Canyon tour, beginning Monday September 15th. Depart the Coeur D Alene Resort and head south to Lewiston Idaho, named after the intrepid explorer Meriwether Lewis who with the men who formed the Lewis and Clark expedition camped in this area on their way to the Pacific.

On Tuesday, well rested from a good night's sleep close to the confluence of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers, you board a modern, spacious and well equipped jet boat for what promises to be a trip of a lifetime into the jaws of the deepest river gorge in North America. Hells Canyon is a vast and remote area with dramatic changes in elevation, terrain, climate and vegetation.

At nearly 8000 feet deep at its deepest, the canyon was carved by the Snake River and the scenic vistas rival any on this continent. In Lewiston, you begin your adventure at 7:00 Tuesday morning after a continental breakfast you board the completely covered boat, piloted by fully certified skippers who will share their expert knowledge of the area. The boat is equipped with bathroom facilities and comfortable seating. A box lunch is provided to be enjoyed while marveling at the sheer canyon walls and cascading waters. On the way you will make frequent stops which will allow you time to explore the area, take in the history and view the artifacts left by the various native peoples who inhabited this area and by the miners and trappers of the 19th century. The adventure builds once you enter the canyon, travel up stream through class 3, 4, and 5 rapids, feel nature's power up close and personal. The excursion up river ends at the Hells Canyon Dam, but the adventure is not over. On the trip downstream, life is definitely lived rolling down stream with the flow. If you thought the trip up was exciting-think again going back! At the end of this 11 hour, 182 mile roundtrip excursion you head back to Coeur d' Alene with memories that will last a lifetime.

Wednesday September 17th is a day to choose between two events, a biking trip through the Bitterroot Mountains or a tour of the most famous silver mining district in the world. Should you choose to live the life of a cyclist, the "Route of the Hiawatha" is for you. During the heyday of the railroads the route of the Hiawatha was considered one of the most scenic stretches of railroad in the country. The Milwaukee Railroad's electric engines powered passenger cars through this scenic passageway of the spectacular and rugged Bitterroot Mountains on the Montana/Idaho border. Today this same route is one of the crown jewels of the "rail to trail" mountain bicycle trails in the country. The trail winds through nine cavernous tunnels and over seven high trestles, past waterfalls, wildlife and ridge top vistas. The 17 mile adventure begins by passing "under" the Montana/Idaho border through the massive, perfectly straight 1.7 mile long Taft Tunnel. Once through you break out to waterfalls and spectacular mountain views of forested valleys and high peaks. The 17 mile trail descends 1000 feet at a comfortable two-percent grade on a well maintained, compacted gravel trail. Enjoy the vistas' while eating your provided sack lunch. At trails end, a shuttle awaits to take you and your bike back up to the Taft Tunnel. The trailhead is located an easy 25 mile drive east of Coeur d' Alene on Interstate 90. Bring your own equipment or choose to have all necessary equipment provided. Should you choose to live the day as a cyclist, you will be rewarded with memories of one of the most spectacular bike trails in the country.

If you choose to strike it rich, the Silver Valley Tour is a realistic glimpse back into history to the heyday of the silver mines. Your life is lived as if you were searching for that one nugget or rich silver deposit that will end your days of poverty and the hard life of the times. Located 30 miles East of Coeur d' Alene, the Silver Valley is the richest silver mining district in the world. Begin your tour by visiting the Catalo Mission, along the Coeur d Alene River. Built by the Jesuits in 1853, the mission is the oldest structure still standing in Idaho. From there the tour proceeds up the Valley to the historic town of Wallace, the "Silver Capitol of the World" Put your hard hat on and ride the trolley up to the Sierra Mine where you'll descend into the mine, see the veins of silver ore and learn how the miners worked and lived-it is suggested that you bring

a jacket. Upon the conclusion of the tour, lunch is served at the beautifully restored, historic Jameson Hotel. After lunch see where some of the miners spent their new found wealth! At the tour of the Bordello Museum, an actual bordello from the past, you'll see what some believed really made Wallace famous! Time is allowed to visit the silver shops, antique stores and other historic areas of Wallace before returning back to Coeur d' Alene.

Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30, enjoy the social life at the Welcome Aboard Party. This reception is sponsored by the Resort Boat Shop of Post Falls Idaho and hosted by the Inland Empire Chapter. Enjoy cocktails, music, and food while strolling among the restored wooden beauties, tour the shop, and visit with the staff. The Resort Boat Shop specializes in the restoration and repair of antique and classic boats and also constructs wooden boats of their own design. A visit to these modern facilities will be sure to pique the interest of the wooden and classic boat enthusiasts.

Thursday September 18th brings a life to live in the "Age of Elegance" enjoy a guided tour of the rich history, historic homes and attractions of Spokane. Learn about the city as you travel along the Spokane River where the grounds of the 1974 World's Fair are now the beautiful Riverfront Park. The Park is astride the cataracts known as the Spokane Falls, the largest urban waterfalls in the United States. Visit the "South Hill" with views of the city and stunning mansions. Tour the inside of the Riblet Mansion and winery, Riblet was the inventor of the chair lift. Discover Manito Park built in 1903 and designed by the famous Olmsted brothers, designers of New York City's Central Park. While visiting the park, enjoy the sunken gardens, the authentic Japanese gardens, the flower filled Conservatory and the Rose Gardens. You'll visit Browns Addition, home to many of the original Spokane mansions, most constructed in the 19th century. The tour stops for lunch at the historic Davenport Hotel in downtown Spokane. After lunch tour the campus of Gonzaga University and visit the "Crosbyanna Room" filled with memorabilia from Spokane native and Gonzaga Alum, Bing Crosby.

No matter which event you choose, Eleanor would have nodded in approval that you chose to "live Life" while visiting The Pacific Northwest's "Inland Empire."

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