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BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE ADVENTURE

Trip Summary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Camping in the colorful Minnesotan woods of golden aspens and red sugar maples
- Reveling in the peace and quiet of the pristine lakes
- Learning and honing wilderness skills
- Getting to swim and relax in the company of new found friends
- Enjoying hearty camping meals after a wonderful day of canoeing and portaging

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TRIP AT A GLANCE

Location:	Boundary Waters, Minnesota
Activities:	Paddling
Arrive:	Arrive in Duluth, Minnesota on Day 1 by 1pm
Depart:	At the Duluth airport by 12pm on the last day

Trip Overview

After the summer crowds have left, the quiet beauty of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA) rewards paddlers who explore the winding rivers, scenic lakes, and deep woodlands of this protected area. In September the air is crisp and the fall colors are starting. On our autumn canoe journey, we travel through a chain of lakes, picking a route that fits our desire to balance seeing as much as possible with having time to relax. Please join us for a wonderful autumn adventure!

Rating

This trip is great for any woman in basic good health. Beginning canoeists are offered the training they need to build new skills with confidence. More experienced paddlers have ample opportunity to improve their techniques and learn new wilderness living and traveling skills. **Rating:** 1 2 **3** 4 5

What's Included

- 2 experienced AGC guides
- Two nights lodging in a comfortable bunkhouse
- All group gear and equipment (canoes, paddles, life jackets, tents, sleeping bags, pads, cookware, stoves) Participants are welcome to bring their own sleeping bag and pads
- All meals from dinner on day 1 through breakfast on the last day
- Round-trip transportation between Duluth, MN and Ely, MN
- Luggage transport

Not included: Transportation from your home to and from Duluth, MN, alcoholic beverages, guide gratuities and travel insurance.

OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Fly or drive to Duluth and meet the group at 12pm at the airport. We'll do brief introductions before jumping into the vans and heading north 2 hours to the quaint town of Ely, Minnesota. This afternoon and evening we'll get an overview of canoeing, portaging and camping basics and then have a group dinner in town. Overnight: Voyageurs North Bunkhouse. (D)

DAY 2

After we fuel up on breakfast, we will finish getting our gear ready before heading to our put-in point on the water. Though we don't have to pack as light as we would on a backpacking trip, portaging - or carrying - the canoe and gear adds up! Participants can leave their travel clothes and other items in the AGC vans during the trip. Never paddled a canoe before? No problem. We'll teach you everything you need to know. Love canoeing already and feel at home on the water? This is still a great trip for you as we'll explore an incredible wilderness area that beginners and experts alike will enjoy. Overnight: Camping (B, L, D)

DAY 3

Boundary Water Canoe Area permits are unique in that we only need to specify where we'll be starting. Since most campsites are first come first serve, we have flexibility with our day-to-day itinerary. This gives us the freedom to stay more than one night in a gorgeous site or explore further if we feel like it. Each day's mileage and portaging will depend on the AGC guides' recommendations, the weather and how the group is feeling. With 7 participants and 2 guides, we will be in mostly 2 person canoes with one 3-person canoe. The third bench in this larger canoe is a rest spot and can rotate among participants. Overnight: camping (B, L, D)

DAY 4

With over one million acres of protected and pristine forests, lakes and rivers, there is abundant wildlife, diverse fauna and endless places to explore in the Boundary Waters. The best part? We won't be sharing any part of our route with motorized boats. Some call canoeing a 'a silent sport' but we'll be laughing too much. From moose and deer to bald eagles and loons, the photos from your trip will only capture a sliver of the wild beauty you'll encounter. Overnight: camping (B, L, D)

DAY 5

Wake with the sunrise, sleep when the stars come out, rinse, repeat. Each day you'll have time to swim or read a good book, but don't worry! We'll also get a good work out. Portaging the canoes and gear is hard work but will lead us to incredible lakes, farther from the crowds and closer to nature. We will be sleeping in 2-3 person tents with sleeping bags/pads provided by our outfitter. (You are also welcome to bring your own sleeping bag and pad, please check with AGC that it fits the appropriate criteria first) Overnight: camping (B, L, D)

DAY 6

Sadly, today is our last day on these calming waters so we'll be sure to soak up as much as possible. We'll canoe our way to the pre-arranged pick-up point and be driven back to our outfitters. After a hot shower (that feels positively heavenly after a few days in the woods), we'll head into town for a celebratory dinner, toasting all we have seen and accomplished together. Overnight: Voyageurs North Bunkhouse (B, L, D)

DAY 7

After a final hearty breakfast, we'll drive south to Duluth. You can plan your flight home for any time after 12pm. (B)

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Getting There

If you are flying, the closest airport is Duluth International Airport, (DLH). If you are driving you will be able to leave your car at the canoe outfitter's for the duration of the trip in Ely. You can also park at the Duluth airport long term parking and jump in the AGC van for the drive from Duluth to Ely. If you would like assistance with airfare, we recommend contacting our AirDesk Partner, [Exitto Travel](#). Start by submitting this [form](#). Just fill in your dates and destinations, including any additional notes about preferred carriers, class of service, possible stopovers, etc., and an agent will typically respond via email within a few hours. If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655-4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

Please note: Exitto charges a one-time, non-refundable processing fees of \$50 per passenger.

Accommodations

Our first and last night will be spent in a simple but sturdy bunkhouse. There are shared bathrooms. While camping we will utilize 2-4 person tents, provided by our outfitter. Due to the campground sizes restrictions, it is not possible for participants to each bring their own tent.

Travel Insurance

We recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, visit www.travelexinsurance.com or call 1-800-228-9792 and reference location number 06-0331.

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