

Double the Adventure

Two days are better than one on West Virginia's New River

Over the river and through the rapids, on one heck of a ride you'll go! It's Ambassador's new two-day rafting trip Aug 24-25: This is the first time that Ambassador stretches its signature Day Trip with an overnight. Instead of just one day of aquatic adventure, it's a weekend of wild-water fun.



"River rafting is such a rush! You'll be itching to do it again as soon as you get off the river, so getting to do a second run in the same weekend is ideal," says Laurie Martin, Ambassador Tour Coordinator. "Add a warm shower and a good night's sleep in between trips, and it's the perfect adventure—all the fun without much 'roughing it.'"

Paddling on the New River, the tamer of West Virginia's whitewater venues, you'll gain a new respect for what Meryl Streep goes through to make movies. (For a wilder ride, try our Day Trip to the raging rapids of the Gauley River on a September Sunday.) Setting out from Beckley, West Virginia, you'll experience a portion of the 330-mile sweep of the New, whose circa 65-million-year-old current tickles the hypothalami of more than 1,000 rafters each year. So beloved is the waterway that in 1998, President Clinton named it one of 14 American heritage rivers.

You'll discover your own inner strength, physical endurance, and a sense of adventure you never realized you had. And you'll get wet. Very wet.

Then, you'll come back the next day with a little less fear and a little more river savvy. If your stomach curdled the first time you went over a hydraulic, today you'll be "pitching holes" like a pro and bearing your teeth at eddies, cheering "More, more!" Bouncing over boulders and careening through churning foam can be addicting!

Class VI River Runners will coach you through it all, from suiting up with rubber helmet and life vest to learning to paddle to braving your first souce hole. Drink in the lovely West Virginia scenery (and, we hope, minimal river water), bond with family and friends, and have a rip-roarin' good time on this two-day hydro-adventure. ■

Two-day rafting adventure. Read all about it on page 118, May/June Journey.

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