



EMBRACING THE Journey

A Salmon River Boating Wedding

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They say life is about the journey, not the destination. Well, adventure-loving couple Beth and Tyler took this credo to the max with their Idaho riverside wedding. The Salmon River had long been a special spot for the couple, who have boated its waters countless times. Getting married on the river was a must. When they found the stunning Mackay Bar Ranch, a perfect venue right along the banks of the Salmon, it was a no-brainer.

One small catch. There are no roads to Mackay Bar. All visitors arrive via an hour-long jet boat or private plane. This dynamic couple embraced the journey and set off early with a handful of those willing and able to leisurely boat the 27 miles upriver over the course of a few days. After sunning, drinking, and laughing their way to the wedding site, the rest of their guests arrived the day of, via an hour long drive down a dirt road and a thrilling jet boat ride tracing Beth and Tyler's steps. One special guest, Grandma, was even flown in by small propeller plane to Mackay's private airstrip.

The location was perfect for a relaxed weekend-long party with volleyball, hammock lounging, and horseback riding. The ceremony took place on the banks of the Salmon, backlit by a glowing red sunset, and was followed





by a gourmet backyard cookout and moonlit revelry around the fire pits.

Beth and Tyler used the river for location and inspiration, drawing on its soft, dusty colors and easy, breezy boho vibe. Incorporating your unique lifestyle into every aspect of the wedding ensures that guests leave with an authentic sense of your love. This Salmon River getdown is a great reminder that your wedding day shouldn't be some pinnacle, idealized version of the life you desire, but instead illuminate the joy and adventure of the life you already live.

Here's to embracing the journey! -WV

