



# SAINT CROIX RIVER

~ A CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER ~

ON THE EASTERN MAINE ~ CANADIAN BORDER

OUR "HOME RIVER" - FOR OVER 40 YEARS



One of Maine's true gems, the classically beautiful Saint Croix rises in an extensive chain of wilderness lakes, and flows through exceptionally beautiful woodlands and vast natural meadows along the Canadian border. The river features an abundance of easy to moderate whitewater (I-II), scenic secluded campsites, an easy pace, and excellent cuisine. It's ideal for novices wishing to perfect technique - especially solo or poling, or for those simply seeking a relaxed and tranquil river sojourn.

Once used for driving logs - through the remote forested reaches of eastern-most Maine and the Canadian province of New Brunswick, the Saint Croix now has protected status as a *Canadian Heritage River*. Noted as one of the few principal nesting areas for the American Bald Eagle, it also has a significant moose population, and boasts superb smallmouth bass and salmon fishing.



THE 4-DAY ITINERARY permits a relaxed river trip; the 6-DAY VERSION allows for paddling the headwater lakes and dramatic island camping (*schedule following page.*) Runnable May - October, the river is at its finest in the autumn when its lush and varied forestation gives rise to spectacular *fall foliage*.

Our Home River for over 30 years, parties are typically small, (under 10 people). **Private groups, families, corporate parties, scout groups** - all can be accommodated with customized trips and scheduling, (3-7 days), and priced accordingly. Trips meet either at our lakeside Eastern Maine Base, or in historic Bangor, Maine - evening prior to departure.



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The outstanding natural values of the Saint Croix waterway, over 100 miles in length, has been recognized by Maine with a designation of "Gem Status." **The headwater lakes**, East Grand and Spednick, permit several days of wilderness travel. **The river itself** is comprised of numerous, small rapids and fastwater, winding its way along the wild Maine/Canadian border.

**As regards level of difficulty**, the St. Croix could be considered almost continuous Class I - II+. Lively but not intimidating; it can be enjoyed by a wide range of canoeists, from beginner to expert. It is ideal for teaching technique - especially solo paddling and poling, our specialty. The river is runnable throughout the entire season, May - October.

**Camping** is at primitive sites along the river - on both the Canadian and U.S. sides. Aside from fire rings (and occasional pit toilet & picnic table), there are no developed facilities. Many of the river camp sites were established by Sunrise guides over the past 30 years, and various maps of the region (including Canadian topos) bear some of the names which we bestowed on these river features. We pride ourselves on our meals. **Fine food**, and company, complement beautiful riverside settings. Dinner is accompanied by fresh baked goods, salads, and wine. Special dietary needs can usually be accommodated.

**As the primary outfitter most closely associated with the Saint Croix for three decades**, we consider the Croix to be our "trademark" classic Maine canoe trip. Sunrise's historic commitment to the river and our guiding longevity is reflected in the fact that we have served in an advisory capacity to the International Joint Commission on the Saint Croix River.



*The Saint Croix is perhaps Maine's best, if not only, choice for an extended canoe trip, with whitewater, in the middle of the summer season and into the fall.*



## TRIP OPTIONS:

- **4 DAY - RIVER ONLY: WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY;** arriving either at or our Eastern Maine Base on Cathance Lake, or in Bangor, ME on Tuesday evening. Initial instruction on Cathance Lake Wednesday morning, arriving at the put-in mid-day for our venerable "river-talk." Three nights are spent on river; spending approx. 6-7 hours per day on the water. The final few miles of flat water we paddle Saturday morning providing the perfect opportunity for our traditional "early morning/predawn" paddle; a beautiful and dramatic way to end the trip, (occasionally we opt for a moonlight paddle on Friday night in lieu of the early morning routine.) Participants can expect to be back at base camp by early-mid afternoon Saturday. (Earlier & later pick-ups can also be arranged, especially for private parties.)
- **6 DAY - RIVER AND LAKES: MONDAY -SATURDAY;** Our classic combination, whereby the four day portion above is preceded by two days lake travel and island camping on the spectacular headwater lakes. Six day participants meet on *Sunday* evening, and join up with the river portion mid-day on Wednesday. The balance of the trip is the same as the 4-Day.
- **PRIVATE GROUP, FAMILY, & CORPORATE TRIPS:** Can be accommodated with flexible scheduling starting and ending on *any* day of the week; 3-7 days in duration. Extras available include: airport shuttles, welcome dinner at base, special cuisine, custom beverage selections, and more. Inquire for pricing and scheduling options.



### ☆ 2012 WEEKLY TRIPS: Late MAY - Mid-OCTOBER ☆

4 DAYS (RIVER ONLY) WED-SAT  
6 DAYS (RIVER & LAKES) MON-SAT  
BASE CAMP ACCOM.  
(incl. Breakfast): \$50-75 p.p.

• PRICES BASED ON APPROX. \$220/DAY P.P.  
• INQUIRE FOR DISCOUNTED FAMILY RATES & CUSTOM, PRIVATE TRIP OPTIONS & PRICING



### FALL FOLIAGE DATES

Mon./Wed. - Saturday  
Sept 17 or 19 - Sept 22  
Sept 24 or 26 - Sept 29  
\*Oct 3 - Oct 6