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RIVER TRIPS

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Say goodbye to life as you know it.

A group of people are gathered around a campfire at night in a desert canyon. The scene is illuminated by the warm glow of the fire, contrasting with the deep blue twilight sky. The people are sitting on the ground, some looking towards the fire, others talking. The background shows the rugged, layered rock formations of the canyon under a darkening sky.

Say hello to life on the river.

Where you can wear less and live more.

Where you can lose track and find perspective.

Where you can talk instead of text; touch instead of tweet.

Where you are smarter without your phone and younger without your watch.

Where you forget what day it is, then remember each day for the rest of your life.

Where you feel like yourself again.

Say goodbye to gray.

Say goodbye to humdrum.

Say goodbye to ordinary.

Say hello to fresh.

Say hello to amazing.

Say hello to ARTA.

W E L C O M E

WE ARE A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION; no owners, no shareholders, no investors. Our mission is to help you find and appreciate your place in the natural world and to inspire you to respect and care for the environment. Our approach is simple: We float downstream, taking as much inspiration, leaving as little impact and having as much fun as we can. When it's over, we've gained a new sense of ourselves and the river has gained a few new friends. To balance the scales, we donate all of our surplus revenues to environmental organizations who are working to protect our nation's precious rivers and canyons.

STYLE—Think informal and spontaneous. Think friendly and fun. Think family. You will be invited to paddle, hike, explore, and dream; to tell stories, swim rapids, cut vegetables, or just sit back and relax. Think unforgettable adventure in the home of a good friend.

STAFF—The reason we have been in business since 1963 is because we have incredible people working for us. Warm and gracious, diverse and interesting, our guides strive to fill every trip with discovery, camaraderie and laughter. Our past guests talk more about their guides than about the food, the scenery or the rapids, (and our food is good!)



GUESTS—The other reason we have been in business since 1963 is because we have very loyal guests who enjoy our informal manner and share our environmental commitment. There are some minimum ages and certain fitness requirements, but almost anyone can go. We offer trips on a lot of rivers and we can usually find a suitable trip; call us if you want a recommendation or advice.

PRICING—We work really hard to keep our trips affordable, (as low as possible and still serve good coffee). Our prices reflect our years of experience, our broad scope of operations, and our non-profit philosophy. While our trips are generally priced lower than most other outfitters' trips, this is a reflection of our philosophy, not a reflection of our quality.

DISCOUNTS—We offer discounts of at least 10% for groups of 10 or more on all of our trips and discounts of up to 20% for families and newcomers on specific launches throughout the season. Visit our website for more information.

PERMITS—We are proud to be recreation service partners with the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. We operate under Special Use Permits granted to us by the Stanislaus, Klamath, Siskiyou, Bitterroot, Salmon and Challis National Forests, the Folsom, Medford, and Moab Recreation Districts, and under a concessions contract at Dinosaur National Monument. All trips are operated on a nondiscriminatory basis.

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**COVER: PASS THE MARSHMALLOWS;
GETTING S'MORE OF THE YAMPA**

**LEFT: THE CREW'S CRUISE;
2011 FALL STAFF MEETING, TOMALES BAY, CA**



Oar Raft



Paddle Raft



Oar/Paddle Combination Raft



Inflatable Kayak

SOUTH FORK AMERICAN 1 or 2 days

■ *The best trip for groups and first-time rafters; everyone has a good time.*

The South Fork is a wonderful, playful river with numerous lively Class III rapids in a rolling foothill canyon. The river provides first-timers with an exciting introduction to whitewater, offers veterans a convenient chance to re-connect with the river, and gives groups a great excuse to do something memorable together. We simply add great guides and a variety of trip options to create a delightful experience.

TUOLUMNE 1, 2 or 3 days

■ *The toughest rapids and best wilderness whitewater trip in California.*

The Tuolumne canyon is the setting for one of the greatest river trips ever offered as well as the backdrop for most of the greatest river stories ever told. It is a rare combination of world-class scenery, classic campsites, and Class IV and V whitewater. Early season trips are full of energy and excitement, late season trips offer a chance to escape and revitalize. The rapids will capture your attention, but the canyon will capture your heart.

MERCED 1 day

■ *At high-water, the most thrilling, kick-in-the-pants, one-day trip we offer.*

It takes a powerful river to carve out Yosemite Valley and during the peak spring and early summer flows you can experience some of this power first-hand. undaunted by dams, the Merced tumbles out of the central Sierra in a rare display of natural vigor and beauty. Big waves and small paddle rafts insure plenty of action.



THE FUTURE OF GUIDING; PASSING THE SPATULA TO THE NEXT GENERATION



NATURALLY SEASONED; SPICING IT UP ALONG THE TUOLUMNE.

JESSICA PERRY—*When she walks, she skips. Bluebirds build houses for her. The twinkle in her eye is visible from outer space—during the day. Puppies come to her for therapy. She is the most cheerful person in the world. And she's also interesting: she knows where Tierra Del Fuego is (BA in Geography from the University of Denver and she's been there); she can order gluten-free cupcakes in Spanish (six months of study abroad in Chile and she's done it); she can simultaneously provide vocabulary and hope (two Christmases as a translator at an orphanage in Tijuana), and she can introduce you to Harry Potter, help you find Your Best Life Now, show you The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, and bring you Green Eggs and Ham; (she works in a bookstore). "I don't always smile, but when I do, sunflowers turn. Stay happy, my friends."*



"I love ARTA.
Keep up the good work!"
—John Moxon,
South Fork American



T MINUS 5 SECONDS AND COUNTING;
CLAVEY FALLS, TUOLUMNE RIVER



FRESH AIR, CLEAN WATER, MOTHER EARTH; ELEMENTAL JOURNEY ON THE ILLINOIS

ROGUE 3, 4 or 5 days

■ *The best place to introduce your kids to camping, nature, whitewater, and their parents.*

Sometimes being on the Rogue River is like being in the middle of a Walt Disney movie. Crystal clear sidestreams cascade down natural rock slides into deep pools; otter, deer, bear, heron and osprey can be spotted from the rafts; spawning salmon are seen leaping and rolling their way upriver; warm water, ideal for swimming, erupts into exciting rapids. Our modest contributions to this wonderful world are inflatable kayaks and paddle rafts, making it a trip for everyone to enjoy.

ILLINOIS 4 days

■ *The most remote, difficult and jaw-droppingly gorgeous river trip anywhere.*

Take the Rogue River canyon, tilt it a few degrees, throw in a few more obstacles like the Green Wall and Submarine Hole, add over twenty other major rapids and countless minor ones, and you'll end up with the Illinois River. This is a rarely run, beautiful river with whitewater similar to the Tuolumne and Selway; (many say it's more difficult!)

MIKEY JOHNSON—Mikey walks his own path (and it isn't always predictable). He grew up in the heart of metropolitan San Jose but found his heart in the mountains of the west. He asked his fourth-grade teacher to start calling him "Mike" (instead of "Mikey"), then forgot to respond when she called on him, (so he's been Mikey ever since). He enrolled at San Francisco State as a photography major and passed a lot of students heading in the other direction as he transferred through the Recreation Department on his way to graduating with a Degree in Civil Engineering. Last year he ran the biggest rapids he could find, flipped four times and came back to tell us how beautiful the Illinois was and how remote the Selway was. He thinks of himself as simple, but he is one of the most intriguing people we know.

"The kids gave the trip an A+ which had little to do with the scenery or whitewater and all to do with the jokes, games and companionship of the guides. We wear our ARTA shirts and drink from our ARTA mugs with pride." —Sharon Buccino, Rogue



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ABSORB, TRANSMIT, REFLECT; LIGHT CHOICES ON THE ROGUE



RIVERBED-HEAD

MAIN SALMON 5 or 6 days

■ Like a year of chamomile tea and lavender candles.

Some rivers are renowned for their rapids and some are well-known for their scenery. The Main Salmon is most famous for its personality. Everyone who travels down this magnificent river falls in love with it; with the grand scenery, the fascinating history, the big waves, the hot springs, the hikes, the diverse wildlife, and the giant sandy beaches. It is a place to relax and reflect, to paddle an inflatable kayak and kick back in an oar boat, to watch your kids grow and your parents laugh, to fall in the river and fall in love.



MIDDLE FORK SALMON 6 days

■ The best all-around river trip in the west.

The Middle Fork is proof that people were meant to take river trips. 100 miles of pristine river blessed with clear water, hot springs, tumbling sidestreams, fine fishing, and excellent rapids make the Middle Fork the classic mountain river. Starting out as a creek-like stream in a heavily forested canyon, the Middle Fork grows into a full-fledged river as it pounds its way through the sheer, rock-walled Impassable Canyon. A river experience which seems too short but which lasts a lifetime.

SELWAY 5 days

■ The ultimate trip for solitude and wilderness experience.

The Selway River canyon is one of the last pieces of unspoiled America and it presents one of the greatest wilderness river experiences available. It has the perfect blend of challenging whitewater, exquisite scenery, superb fishing, and wonderful campsites. And, with only one group allowed to launch per day, we are allowed the rare and privileged feeling of having this place all to ourselves.

THAD STAVN—Thad is from Minot, North Dakota; ask him something about the weather and he'll tell you about frozen lakes, 80 mph winds and 50 below zero. He is a lifelong outdoorsman; ask him something about his favorite place and he'll go on and on about peaks and valleys, rivers and canyons, creeks and chasms. He is an expert climber; ask him about mountains and he'll mesmerize you with tales of the Tetons and briefs from the Beartooths. He loves to ski; ask him about snow and he'll enthrall you with stories of Alaska and airplanes and avalanches. He is an obsessive angler; ask him something about fish and he'll toss you a beer and lie to you for hours about hatches and patterns, spring creeks and secret waters, 24-inch cut-bows and two-pound browns. He is blond-haired, blue-eyed and 100 percent Scandinavian; ask him something about himself and he'll stare at his shoes.



"The wonderful work of the guides made this trip what it was; they were simply superb. Polite, hard-working, knowledgeable, and above all else, excellent small-boat handlers. What a great bunch of young people! Frankly, it was inspiring, to say the least."

—Joe Albrecht, Middle Fork Salmon

OUR OWN PRIVATE IDAHO;
FREE AND CLEAR ON THE SELWAY



FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, MAIN SALMON

YAMPA 5 days

■ *The best hiking, most unique campsites and highest rated trip for customer satisfaction every year.*

The river is undammed, the rapids are friendly, the campsites are sublime, and the scenery is so majestic and surreal your neck and jaw will be sore. Hidden within the massive white sandstone walls of the Yampa canyon are fossils, caves, granaries, amphitheaters, pictographs, and places unchanged by anything but wind, water, and time. Enough to keep us exploring, surprised, and astonished for five days and the rest of our lives.

GREEN/LODORE 4 days

■ *The most dramatic scenery and the best introduction to an extended whitewater rafting trip.*

Within Dinosaur National Monument, the Green River winds its way through three distinct canyons: Lodore, with its red rock walls and famous trio of rapids, Whirlpool which features Jones Hole Creek and echoing cliffs, and Split Mountain which contains geological curiosities and exciting whitewater. First traversed by Major John Wesley Powell in 1869, the Green is still a wonderful introduction to the special world of desert rivers.

GREEN/DESOLATION 7 days

■ *The best place to lose your senses, (sense of time, sense of scale, sense of importance.)*

Desolation Canyon is appropriately named. It is remote, untouched, and splendid in its austerity. It is immense country that inspires, intrigues, and intimidates. The Green River winds through it, granting easy access to wild and forgotten places. Our trips are either seven days of drifting, paddling, swimming, hiking, exploring, laughing, relaxing, and star-gazing, or a week of wondering about nature, balance, possibilities, and life. Sometimes they're both. It's your choice.

"All of the guides were amazing. They were professional, personable and fun all rolled into one. If the rest of your guide teams are like this one, you have a genius hiring staff. These folks have to be some of the best of their generation."

—Michael Palandro, Yampa



PROFESSIONAL GUIDE TRAINING 9 or 10 days

■ *The express lane to becoming a commercial guide.*

These courses are designed for active, motivated individuals who want to spend their summers working on the river. You will get wet, you will get tired; you will be challenged, you will be rewarded. You might be hired. In-depth instruction in rowing, paddle captaining, swiftwater rescue and leadership is provided, preparing you to be a commercial river guide (and lots of other things).

IDAHO ROWING SCHOOL 8 days

■ *The week of a lifetime crammed into 8 days.*

This is a great way to learn how to row a raft through Class III whitewater and to experience one of the great wild rivers of the west. We'll spend 8 days on Idaho's majestic Main Salmon River; learning how to conduct an extended wilderness raft trip—everything from rigging to repair, flips to ferries. When you're done, you'll have a few blisters, a bunch of stories, and a lot of confidence—what you do with them is up to you.

JUNIOR WHITEWATER SCHOOL 6 or 7 days

■ *If only all schools were like this!*

1st Period: Pancake Flipping
 2nd Period: Environmental Ethics
 3rd Period: Rowing 101
 4th Period: Honors Hiking
 Lunch
 5th Period: Paddle Captaining for Nonconformists

6th Period: Swimming Lab
 7th Period: Rubber Shop
 8th Period: Introduction to Vegetable Cutting
 9th Period: Show and Tell
 10th Period: Astronomy (optional)



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COOPERATIVE TRIPS 1 or 2 days

■ *The least expensive and most unpredictable trips we offer.*

Got some energetic bodies, adventurous souls, and a killer recipe for potato salad? Try a Cooperative Trip. Your group will purchase and prepare their own meals, (with a little help from our staff), actively paddle down the river, get a chance to "captain" the raft, and save some money. We offer Co-op trips for groups of 8 to 80 people on the South Fork of the American and Merced; ideal outings for scout troops, school groups, church assemblies, sports teams, businesses, and friendly neighborhoods.

"Keep up the good work of educating people about the health & care of our precious rivers. It's groups like yours that help keep the world real & sane. Thanks!!!"
 —June Ritzman, Rogue

GIRLS GONE 'WILD AND SCENIC'; ROGUE RIVER BEACH PARTY



TRIP	# DAYS	DEPARTURE DATES	ADULT (base)	YOUTH (under 17)	GROUP (10 or more)	DIFFICULTY	TYPES OF RAFTS	WILDERNESS
SIERRA-CALIFORNIA (prices include all taxes and government access fees)								
South Fork American	1	Every Weekday, April-October	\$124	\$99	\$109	III+	Paddle rafts	Fair
	1	Every Sunday, April-October	\$134	\$109	\$119			
1 Day Upgrade	1	Every Saturday, April-October	\$144	\$119	\$129			
	1	Full River—twice as many rapids	+\$30	+\$30	+\$30			
	2	Every Monday-Thursday ^f , April-October	\$248	\$199	\$219			
	2	Fridays and Sundays, April-October	\$268	\$209	\$239			
2 Day Upgrade	2	Every Saturday, April-October	\$288	\$219	\$259			
	2	Wilderness camp—increased solitude, no cars	+\$30	+\$30	+\$30			
Middle Fork American	1	Weekdays and select weekends, June-August	\$207	\$207	\$184	III-IV	Paddle rafts	Good
	2	Weekdays and select Saturdays, June-August	\$368	\$368	\$334			
Tuolumne	1	April 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 14, 17, 23, 26, 30, May 2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 18, 23, 25, 30	\$207	\$207	\$184	IV-V	Paddle and Combination	Excellent
	1	June 6 ⁿ , 11, 13, 18, 21, 25, 28, July 5, 9 ⁿ , 11, 20, 26, Aug 9, 13 ⁿ , 16, 21, 24, 28, 30	\$229	\$229	\$204			
	1	September 3, 6, 8	\$207	\$207	\$184			
	2	April 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 14, 17, 23, 26, 30, May 2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 18, 23, 25, 30	\$364	\$364	\$324			
	2	June 2, 6 ⁿ , 9, 11, 13, 18, 21, 25, 28, July 1, 5, 9 ⁿ , 11, 15, 20, 26, 29 August 5, 9, 13 ⁿ , 16, 21, 24, 28, 30, September 3, 6, 8	\$434	\$434	\$384			
	3	July 1, 5, 9 ⁿ , 11, 15, 20, 26, 29, August 1, 5, 9, 13 ⁿ , 16, 21, 24, 30	\$569	\$569	\$498			
Merced	1	Weekdays, April-July	\$147	\$99	\$127	IV	Paddle rafts	Fair
	1	April 21, 22, 28, 29, May 13, 20, 27, 28, June 16, 17, 24	\$157	\$119	\$137			

CASCADES-OREGON (prices include all taxes and government access fees)								
Rogue Camp	4	May 21, 28 ^a June 4, 18 ⁿ , 25 ^f , July 1, 9, 16, 20 ^f , 24, 27 ⁿ , 30, 31 August 6, 10 ^f , 13, 14, 17 ⁿ , 20, 27, September 2, 7, 12	\$839	\$699	\$739	III+	Oar, Paddle & Inflatable kayaks	Excellent
	5	June 11, July 2, August 7, 21 ^f (plus others by request)	\$939	\$799	\$839			
Rogue Camp/Lodge Illinois	3	May 18, June 8, 29, July 20, 27, August 10, 17, September 2, 7	\$799	\$749	\$699	III+	Combination	Excellent
	4	April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10	\$899	\$899	\$799			

ROCKIES-IDAHO (prices include all taxes and government access fees)								
Main Salmon	5	June 14, 22 ^a , 30 ^f	\$1189	\$899	\$999	III+	Oar, Paddle & Inflatable kayaks	Excellent
	6	July 8 ⁿ , 16, 24, August 1, 9 ^f , 25 ⁿ , September 2	\$1289	\$999	\$1099			
Middle Fork Salmon	6	June 15 ^a , 24, July 2, 10, 18, 26	\$1849	\$1399	\$1649	IV	Oar, Paddle & Inflatable kayaks	Excellent
	6	August 3 ^f , 11 ⁿ , 19, 27, September 4, 12	\$1749	\$1299	\$1549			
Middle-Main Combination	6	May 28, June 6 ⁿ , (highwater express; 184 miles in 6 days!)	\$1849	\$1399	\$1649	IV	Oar, Paddle & Inflatable kayaks	Excellent
	12	July 2, 10, 18, 26, August 3 ^f , 19	\$2719	\$1999	\$2399			
Selway	5	June 22, 30, July 8, 16	\$1999	\$1999	\$1799	IV+	Oar & Paddle	Unsurpassed

CANYONS-UTAH & COLORADO (prices include all taxes and government access fees)								
Yampa	5	June 6 ^a , 12, 17, 24, July 1, 6 ^f , 10 ⁿ	\$889	\$699	\$789	III+	Oar, Paddle & I.K.	Excellent
Green/Lodore Canyon	4	June 1 ^a , July 11, 23, 30 ^f , 31 ⁿ , August 5, 13, 20 ^f , 25 ⁿ	\$789	\$599	\$689	III+	Oar, Paddle & I.K.	Excellent
Green/Desolation Canyon	7	June 27 ⁿ , July 15 ^f , 21	\$1099	\$899	\$949	III+	Oar & Infl. kayaks	Excellent

EDUCATIONAL-SCHOOLS (prices include all taxes and government access fees)								
Pro Guide Training (OR)	10	June 2-11 Scholarships available	\$999			IV	Oar & Paddle	Fair
Pro Guide Training (CA)	9	June 21-29 Scholarships available	\$899			IV-V	Oar & Paddle	Fair
Rowing School (ID)	8	August 17-24	\$949			III	Oar	Excellent
Junior School (UT)	7	June 17-23 (14-17 year-olds) Fly into Salt Lake City on 6/16		\$799		III	Oar & Paddle	Excellent
Junior School (OR)	6	July 23-28 (14-17 year-olds) (Drop off at Camp Lotus on 7/22)		\$799		III	Oar & Paddle	Excellent

COOPERATIVE TRIPS (priced on a per raft basis with 6 people per raft)		Number of rafts at 6 people per raft:					
		2	3	4	5	6	
South Fork American	1	Every day, before May 26 and after Sept 3	\$792	\$1,134	\$1,440	\$1,740	\$2,052
	1	Sun-Fri, after May 26 and before Sept 3	\$972	\$1,386	\$1,776	\$2,130	\$2,520
	1	Saturdays, after May 25 and before Sept 2	\$1,032	\$1,476	\$1,896	\$2,280	\$2,700
	2	Every day, before May 26 and after Sept 3	\$1,560	\$2,232	\$2,832	\$3,420	\$4,032
	2	Sun-Fri, after May 25 and before Sept 2	\$1,920	\$2,736	\$3,504	\$4,200	\$4,968
Merced	1	Weekly launches, April-July, call for dates	\$792	\$1,134	\$1,440	\$1,740	\$2,052

^f Family Trip: Special discounts (12%-20%) on specified launches for each youth accompanied by an adult. Call or see website for specific prices.

ⁿ Newcomer Trip: Special discounts (12%-20%) on specified launches for each adult who brings another adult on their first ARTA trip, AND for all adults on their first ARTA trip. Call or see website for specific prices.

^a ADVENTURE/HIKING TRIP: Less time in camp, more options for hiking and exploring the wilderness. For those who fear being idle.