

# 2016 SCHEDULE AND RATES



## HUGHES

River Expeditions, Inc.

MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON  
SALMON CANYONS  
WALLOWA-GRANDE RONDE

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## Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.

Raft the rivers of Idaho and eastern Oregon with Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.

These rivers are among the most beautiful and challenging in the West. Flowing through isolated backcountry, they offer striking natural beauty, whitewater, pioneer and Native American history, fishing, hiking, and a diversity of wildlife.



Count on professional guides, excellent equipment, wonderful meals, spectacular rivers and canyons, and attention to detail. Jerry Hughes, Carole Finley, and Colin Hughes operate the company, and 2016 is our 40th year.

Thanks to everyone who has rafted with Hughes River Expeditions through the years. We invite you to gather your extended family and friends for another river run.

The Hughes River Expeditions website is remodeled, and updated with everything you need to plan your trip. Feel welcome to call or email if we can be of help in any manner. We look forward to hearing from you.





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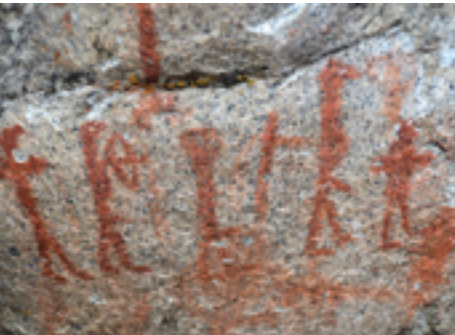




# Middle Fork of the Salmon

## 5 & 6 DAYS ■ JUNE-SEPTEMBER

Idaho’s most famous mountain, wilderness, and whitewater river. Challenging rapids, crystal clear water, Native American cultural sites, pioneer history, “blue ribbon” dry fly fishing for wild Westslope cutthroat trout, natural hot springs. National Wild and Scenic River inside the vast Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness. Headquarters: Stanley, ID.



DATES	LENGTH	ADULT	YOUTH
June 4-8	5 days/4 nights	\$1685	\$1550
June 13-18	6 days/5 nights	\$2140	\$1995
June 22-27	6 days/5 nights	\$2265	\$2150
June 30-July 5	6 days/5 nights	\$2265	\$2150
July 8-13	6 days/5 nights	\$2265	\$2150
July 16-21	6 days/5 nights	\$2265	\$2150
July 24-29	6 days/5 nights	\$2265	\$2150
August 1-6	6 days/5 nights	\$2265	\$2150
August 9-14	6 days/5 nights	\$2140	\$1995
August 17-22	6 days/5 nights	\$2140	\$1995
August 25-29	5 days/4 nights	\$1885	\$1780
Sept. 2-6	5 days/4 nights	\$1885	\$1780
Sept. 11-16	6 days/5 nights	\$2140	\$1995
Sept. 20-25	6 days/5 nights	\$2140	\$1995
Sept. 29-Oct. 4	6 days/5 nights	\$2140	\$1995

Fishing Boats (2 fishermen/boat): Additional \$635/ person on 5 or 6 Day Middle Fork fishing boats.

Recreation Enhancement Act Fee requires collection of \$4/day/person. This fee will be added to your trip cost.

Flight cost from Stanley to the river is about \$125/person when required by road, water, and weather conditions.





**Middle Fork of the Salmon**





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# Salmon River Canyons

## 4 & 5 DAYS ■ JULY-SEPTEMBER

Roller coaster rapids, perfect swimming water, wonderful canyonlands. The Salmon – River of No Return – drifts through quiet pools and surges into churning whitewater. Camping on exotic pure white sand beaches is unforgettable. Baja in Idaho! Largest undammed river in the continental United States. Headquarters: Lewiston, ID.

DATES	LENGTH	ADULT	YOUTH
July 8-12	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550
July 17-21	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550
July 24-28	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550
July 31-Aug. 4	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550
Aug. 7-11	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550
Aug. 14-18	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550
Aug. 21-25	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550
Aug. 28-Sept. 1	5 days/4 nights	\$1710	\$1550

Dates available for groups through September.

Groups can plan 4 days/3 nights trips @\$1430/ adult; \$1300/youth. Check with Hughes office for 4 day trip opportunities.

Salmon River boating season runs from early July through fall. Many trips we outfit on Salmon River are planned for charter groups. We are happy to move trip dates when possible. Check with Hughes office.

Trip cost "includes" chartered jet boat at the end of the trip from near Confluence of Salmon and Snake Rivers to Hells Gate Marina in Lewiston, Idaho.



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## Salmon River Canyons





# Wallowa—Grande Ronde

## 3 & 4 DAYS ■ MAY TO MID-JULY

Two of Oregon's most pristine backcountry rivers. Basalt canyons rise 4,000 feet above river level. Dense forest alternates with lush grasslands. Camps are shaded with towering ponderosa pines and douglas fir. Swift current with medium difficulty rapids are great fun. Grande Ronde is a National Wild and Scenic River. Headquarters: Lewiston, ID, or Minam, OR.

**TRIP DATES:** Groups can schedule trips on dates of your choice May, June, and early July.

4 days/3 nights – \$1350/adult; \$1225/youth  
3 days/2 nights – \$1060/adult; \$960/youth

Wallowa-Grande Ronde trips are normally planned for 4 days/3 nights.

### DATES

June 13-16  
June 19-22  
June 25-28

### LENGTH

4 days/3 nights  
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### FALL RAINBOW TROUT AND STEELHEAD FLY FISHING TRIPS

Fishing rafts with 2 fishermen/guide and raft

### DATES

Sept. 27-Oct. 1  
Oct. 5-9

### LENGTH

5 days/4 nights  
5 days/4 nights

### ADULT

\$2350/person  
\$2350/person





**Wallowa-Grande Ronde**



# Owyhee Canyonlands

## 4 & 5 DAYS ▪ LATE APRIL TO MID-MAY

Great spring rafting through remote backcountry. Beautiful basalt-rhyolite canyons tower over the rafts. Exhilarating rapids, fabulous scenery, natural hot springs, desert bighorn sheep, waterfowl, birds of prey, homesteader history. Native American petroglyphs, and fields of wild flowers. The Owyhee is a National Wild and Scenic River. Headquarters is Boise, ID, or Jordan Valley, OR.



### OWYHEE CANYONLANDS:

Rome to Birch Creek or Leslie Gulch.  
5 days/4 nights – \$1550/adult; \$1400/youth

MONTH	LAUNCH DATES
April	26
May	3

### MIDDLE OWYHEE CANYON:

Three Forks to Rome.  
4 Days/3 Nights – \$1700/person  
Charter trips for parties of 8-10 guests.

Deposit to confirm:  
Owyhee Canyonlands – \$550/person  
Middle Owyhee Canyon – \$700/person

The Owyhee flows through a vast desert region. Water conditions vary year to year. Check with our office. We offer back up trips on the Wallowa-Grande Ronde if Owyhee conditions don't cooperate.







Owyhee Canyonlands





Check our website for  
information on...

**Middle Fork “blue ribbon” fly fishing**

**trips:** Wild Westslope cutthroat. Two guests  
per boat and guide.

**2016 Annual Jazz Trip**

Middle Fork of the Salmon, August 17-22,  
2016 (6 days/5 nights).

**Wallowa-Grande Ronde fall fly fishing**

**trips** for rainbow trout and ocean-run  
steelhead (September 27-October 1, and  
October 5-9 (5 days/4 nights).

**Deposits to Confirm Reservations**

(Personal Check, VISA, MasterCard,  
or Discover Card)

3 Days – \$400/person	5 Days – \$550/person
4 Days – \$450/person	6 Days – \$700/person

**Youth rates** apply to kids, teens, and college  
students.

**Final payment due 60 days prior to  
launch.** Please make final payments by  
personal check.

**RESERVATIONS**

- 800-262-1882
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- [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com) – secure online  
reservation page

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for complete trip and  
reservations information.**

## About Hughes River Expeditions

**WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE TRIP?**

Meals from lunch the first day through lunch the  
last day. All utensils. Unlimited potable water,  
limited complimentary beverage supply, and  
plenty of ice. Hughes Crew does the cooking,  
clean up, camp set up and take-down.

Trip gear: tents, sleeping pads, freshly laundered  
sleeping bags and camp pillows, chairs, dining  
tables, waterproof duffels, day bags, camera  
boxes, life jackets, Farmer John wetsuits (spring  
and high water), helmets for paddle teams and  
inflatable kayaks.

**EXPERIENCE:** Experience counts, and we  
have plenty. 2016 is the 40th year Jerry and  
Carole have owned and operated Hughes River  
Expeditions, Inc. as a family business. 2015 is the  
51st year Jerry has worked as a professional river  
guide. Go to “History” [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com).

**REFERENCES:** National Geographic Society  
(5 trips), The Nature Conservancy (5 trips), Sir  
Edmund Hillary (3 trips), Edsel Ford, Frank Wells,  
Charles Knight, Peter Ueberroth, Jon Lovelace,  
Bob Kirby, Jim Rothenberg, Kevin Clifford, Tim  
Armour, Tim Kilgallon, Jim and Heather Murren,  
Robert Johnson, Grant Cambridge, Joyce Gorden.  
See a more complete list at “About Hughes”  
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**MEDIA DESCRIBING OUR TRIPS:** America's Majestic Canyons, National Geographic Society; Conde Nast Traveler; Reader's Digest Video Series, "America's Wilderness"; National Geographic Sourcebook; Idaho Public TV, Outdoor Idaho "A Middle Fork Journey." See a complete list at "About Hughes" [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com).

**PERMITS:** This institution is operated under special use permits with Salmon-Challis National Forest, Umatilla National Forest, Cottonwood Field Office, BLM, Baker Field Office BLM, Vale District, BLM.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Should you have to cancel your trip, deposits and final payments are non-refundable, unless we can replace your reservations. If we replace your canceled space(s) a \$200/person cancellation fee is charged. Alternate guests you provide are welcome with no cancellation fee. We cannot insure your investment in river trip reservations, and recommend the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

**USDA/FS POLICY:** In accordance with Federal Law and US Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202)-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity service provider and employer.

### **WATER, WEATHER, WILD FIRE, LOG JAMS**

**AND OTHER CONDITIONS:** Extremely unfavorable water and weather conditions, insufficient bookings, and other conditions and events, can be cause for a trip cancellation. HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc. will not be held responsible for any cancellation, or for expenses incurred as a result of such cancellation. Hughes River Expeditions, Inc. has the right to make changes to "alternate rivers" when necessary due to high water, low water, forest fires, log jams, debris flows, and other events. When you book a trip with Hughes River Expeditions you agree to make such schedule changes when required by events beyond our control.

### **HUGHES on Public TV!**

A Middle Fork Journey on Outdoor Idaho. DVD available on [www.idahoptv.org](http://www.idahoptv.org) or call our office.

**LIABILITY:** HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc. spares nothing to assure that all trips we operate are the safest and best outfitted expeditions available. Our safety record is excellent. However, river running is not without some risk, and you as a potential river runner, must be willing to assume this risk. HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc. assumes no responsibility whatsoever for your personal safety or for damage or loss of your equipment. We recommend the purchase of trip insurance. You will be required to sign an "assumption of risk agreement" in order to join a trip with HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc.

## **About Hughes River Expeditions**





## Why Go with Hughes?

- Hughes River Expeditions, Inc. is a small, owner/operator family business.
- Hughes Crew is a wonderful mix of personalities and backgrounds (Hughes Guides – [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com))
- Experience counts. 2016 is our 40th season. (History – [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com))
- Excellent equipment. Self-bailing oar rafts, paddle rafts, inflatable kayaks.
- Large custom-designed supply pontoons float ahead each day to organize the evening's camp. Hughes River Expeditions was among the first outfits to run large sweep and oar controlled gear rafts on the Idaho and eastern Oregon rivers.
- Fabulous meals (River Menu – [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com))
- All camping gear provided – no rental fees. Tents, freshly laundered sleeping bags & pillows, deluxe sleeping pads, waterproof duffels & day bags, camera boxes, chairs, dining tables.
- Hughes Crew does the camp set-up, take-down, cooking, cleanup. Full service trips.
- Safety First on all Hughes River Expeditions trips.











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