

# Hells Canyon

## 4/6 Day Fly Fishing Trip

This adventure into Hells Canyon, the deepest gorge in North America, has endless opportunities for the Fly Fishing enthusiast. This trip can be catered to your individual fishing passions. Whether you like fishing topwater poppers, stripping muddlers just under the surface or swinging a streamer, Hells Canyon will produce better smallmouth numbers than you've ever seen!

The Snake River in Hells Canyon also offers great Trout fishing in the ripples and faster water, great for swinging! Along with your fishing you will experience a bit of adventure as your expert fishing guide navigates you through the impressive whitewater in the canyon. Grease your reels and tie some flies, these bass are aggressive and ready to fight! They will amaze you as they

come from 5 feet under your popper and explode out of the water, over 80 bass per guest per day is pretty average, but we're never surprised when we have 100+ fish days!

Once you return to camp you will be able to relax in the shade where our deluxe backcountry accommodations will be waiting for you, a full river kitchen, tents set up, drinks on the table, and food ready - Enjoy 5 star dutch oven meals made completely from scratch in the middle of the wilderness!



- ↳ World-Class Bass fishery
- ↳ Great Fresh Food and Deluxe Backcountry Accommodations
- ↳ Float through the Deepest Canyon in North America
- ↳ Experience some of the hardest fighting Smallmouth Bass in the west

### 4 Day 3 Night prices

Mid May-September  
> \$1449/person (min. 2)

### 6 Day 5 Night prices

Mid July - September  
> \$2149/person (min. 2)

## A "Typical" Fishing Trip Itinerary

### Day 1

You will be picked up by our staff where you stayed the night before the trip and be shuttled to Hells Canyon Dam, a primitive boat ramp in the heart of Hells Canyon. When you arrive you will find the boats and guides ready to go!

You and your group will split up in pairs, with two people in each raft, giving you plenty of room to move around comfortably and store your fishing gear and other supplies. After you're loaded up you will be off on the water to fish! On day one you will experience two of the largest whitewater rapids in Idaho - Granite Rapids and Wild Sheep Rapids! Hold on for a wild ride!

We've learned over the years that every guest is different, we frequently get people who just want to fish, and people who want to fish, and experience the side activities like hiking as well, don't be afraid to tell your guide what you want to do, it's your trip! The guides will cater the activities of each boat to the guests they have with them.

After an exciting first day of catching bass, you will arrive at your camp to kick back and relax, fish more, have a drink, enjoy a delicious meal, and rest up for the next day!

### Day 2/3/4

Days 2, 3, and 4 will be more fishing and sightseeing! You will have the chance to stop (if you can handle putting the rod down for a few minutes!) at many different historical sights such as Native American pictographs, a primitive museum, homesteads of the early settlers, and more! You will continue to venture through Hells Canyon, stopping to cast out a line for sturgeon if you feel like seeing one of those prehistoric beasts, and enjoying time spent in one of the worlds most rugged and beautiful places. Hells Canyon is truly one of natures miricales, the deepest river gorge in the U.S. packed with wildlife and featuring some of the most amazing geologic anomolies is truly a sight you have to see for yourself to understand.

At the end of day 4 you will find yourself and the group finishing out at Pittsburg Landing Boat Ramp. Pittsburg Landing is an ancient wintering location for the Nez Perce Indians, packed with geological and social history. As you make that last cast and say goodbye to your guides our crew will be loading up your gear for your short shuttle back to Riggins. Generally our guests are back in Riggins by 5:30pm Mountain Time.



### ★ Testimonial

*"Jeff was an excellent fishing guide, with great knowledge and excellent customer service. We would highly recommend him and your company to anyone."*

*- Mike Sager*



### Pre-Trip Travel Information

There are many travel options to consider in planning your Idaho hunting and fishing vacation. Simply give us a call and we'll discuss your options and help arrange everything for you.

### How to get to Riggins, Idaho

Be sure to arrive in Riggins by 8:00 p.m. the evening prior to the trip departure in order to be at the orientation meeting. Most of our guests find it economical to fly into the Boise airport and rent a car and drive to Riggins, Idaho by using Hwy 95 just 3 hours north of Boise.

### Where and When to Meet

An orientation meeting will be held at the Mountain River Outfitters store at 8:00 pm where you will meet MRO's Trip Leader. This orientation meeting is to answer last-minute questions and where you will also receive your waterproof gear bags.

### Where to Stay

We coordinate lodging before your trip along with all transportation to and from the river.

If you are looking at a multi-sport package with Jet Boat fishing or charter, drift boat fishing, horseback riding or other activities and would like additional nights at the motel our staff we will be glad to assist you with these additional arrangements.

### Pre-Trip Gear from MRO

With MRO you will only need to find yourself in Riggins the night before your launch date at 8:00 PM Mountain Time for a pre-trip orientation. At this orientation you will receive your MRO duffel bag (for your clothing), a personal dry bag and large camp dry bag with sleeping bag and pillow, feel free to bring your own sleeping bag if you prefer that! All of our sleeping bags are freshly laundered. You will be transported to Hells Canyon Dam boat launch where your guides will be waiting for you! After 4 days of family, friends, fishing, and fun, you will be met at Pittsburg Landing Boat Launch by some of our staff. Put up the rod, say your goodbyes, and dream of the next trip to come on your short drive back to Riggins.





## Camping with MRO - The Difference

> **Camp Equipment** - Our tents that we use are top of the line and roomy! Every evening when you show up to camp you will be greeted with a large tent ready for your gear. We place 2 guests per tent with 3" thick sleeping pads to ensure that you are well rested for your long days on the water hunting and fishing. If you require a private tent please let us know before your trip launches!

> **Great Food** - Careful planning and attention to detail allows us a wide variety of menu selections, all of which are unanimous favorites. You'll find our camp cuisine contains a healthy balance of fresh meats, fish, and poultry, as well as fresh fruits, veggies, and hors d'oeuvres, capped off with a delicious dutch-oven dessert. Fine wines (2 glasses per night per adult) accompany these gourmet meals. We offer a flexible menu that varies to reflect our guests' preferences and dietary requirements.

> **Riverside Dining** - Our river kitchen has been custom-designed for preparation of gourmet meals that rival their city counterparts. Dining tables and chairs will be ready to make your meals and unforgettable and comfortable dining experience.

> **Wilderness restroom and shower facilities** - All rivers offer different challenges, many years of guiding on these rivers has led us to our own system. The MRO custom wilderness restroom and shower system with privacy and a view is a priority for us. Our mission is to provide our guests with the maximum degree of comfort and privacy while still preserving some of the most pristine wilderness in the lower 48.

> **Fun and Games** - Don't forget there is much more to do than just relaxing when you get to camp! Beach games like frisbee, bocce, washers, cards, horseshoes, and many more will be available at camp. We also provide a library of books on lore and history

## ★ Testimonial

*"Excellent doesn't quite describe it. Let's go for Outstanding! My family truly enjoyed the experience and appreciated the warm hospitality. Your crew...worked hard and had a truly inviting and warm manner throughout. It was admirable for them to put together such a bountiful meal at day's end. .... Looking forward to our next trip with you!"*

*- Joseph Brodrick*



## How to prepare for your adventure:

All guests are provided a small personal dry bag for all day use on the boats along with a large 16" x 34" waterproof camp bag that will be transported by our gearboat and waiting for you when you arrive at camp. Your camp bag will have your sleeping bag and pillow already inside when you receive it. Please try to limit your items for this bag to 30 lbs. If you require an additional dry-bag please let us know!

## MOUNTAIN RIVER OUTFITTERS PROVIDES:

- ← Roomy all-weather wall tent (private tent upon request)
- ← 20\* sleeping bag with freshly laundered liner
- ← Deluxe self inflating 3" sleeping pad on a cot
- ← Sleeping Pillow
- ← Clean type V life jacket
- ← Dining tables and chairs
- ← Advanced wilderness first aid kits
- ← Plenty of ice for your beverages
- ← All rafting equipment, kitchen, and food for all meals
- ← MRO **WILL NOT** be providing fly fishing gear

## YOU SHOULD BRING

**T-Shirts** - Cotton is great for around camp or on the boat during hot days, but keep in mind that in late summer we tend to see temperature fluctuations from the 100's to low 60's. Make sure your "on the river" clothing doesn't hold in moisture, synthetic recommended. Most of our guides wear long-sleeve synthetic clothing on the water

**Shorts** - Nylon or similar quick-drying materials are lightweight, comfortable, and pack easily. You will wear shorts the most - bring extras!

**Raingear** - Good raingear is mandatory. We experience isolated mountain showers throughout the season, especially in the later parts of summer.

**Fleece jackets and pants** - Wool, polar fleece or similar lightweight quick dry material are preferred for the outdoors. Layering is great for all day comfort

**Shoes and Sandals** - . Make sure these are comfortable and you're willing to wear them most of the day and you won't be uncomfortable if they get wet. Also bring along an extra pair of shoes that you will be comfortable wearing in the evenings at camp!

**Sun Screen** - It will be out most of the day! Don't let a trip get ruined by a sunburn.

**Sunglasses** - Expensive sunglasses are great but have a tendency to go in the bottom of the river, get something to secure them if you plan on bringing them! We offer cheaper alternatives in our store where you will be meeting your guides.

**Extra Socks** - A happy trip starts with happy feet!

**Towel** - If you plan on showering and washing up around camp, a towel in your overnight bag never hurts.

**Flashlight** - Or headlamp for nights and early mornings at camp.

**Water Bottle** - Refillable water bottles like Nalgene's. We will provide you with a river mug for cocktails and coffee at camp!

**Toiletry Items** - Feel free to bring your favorite products and soap you use at home. Our guides will instruct you on where to use them so not to pollute the pristine waters we recreate on. We will have biodegradable hand soap available and a hand-washing system for use on the river.

**Camera** - Who's going to believe you caught a monster without photo evidence! A phone camera works nicely packed in your day-bag you will receive at orientation.

**Fishing Gear and tackle** - Mountain river Outfitters does not supply fly fishing equipment - so please plan on bringing your own gear, below we have a list of suggested flies and gear to bring - these have proven effective for us over our many years of fly fishing in Hells Canyon! Our guides will come prepared with gear for sturgeon, so don't worry about that!

### Suggested Gear and Flies:

Mold your gear to cover topwater poppers to heavy sinking streamers, and everything inbetween.

#### Rods:

Fast Action 5 to 7 weight range rod. You can use up to 9 or 10 but that gets to be a little overkill. 7'11" - 9" category.

#### Leaders and Tippetts and Line:

9" Leaders for dries and 6" for Streamers - 2x-4x Mono for topwater, 8lb-12lb fluorocarbon for below the surface. Tippetts can range from 6-12lb. Bass are not leader shy.

Sink Tip and Floating Line

#### Flies:

**Topwater:** Stimulators, Poppers **Under the Surface:** muddler minnows, wooley buggers, mickey finns, etc.

**Gratuity** - MRO prides itself on our outstanding crews and staff. If you feel their service they provide has been outstanding you may want to leave a tip. The customary gratuity is 10-15% of trip price and can be left in cash with



## Beer and Wine Pre-Order

To prepare for the trip we ask that you preorder your alcoholic beverages. We will have your beverages waiting for you when you get to the boats. Please email Lisa at [lisa@idahoriver.com](mailto:lisa@idahoriver.com) your order at least 2 weeks prior to your trip. You're welcome to bring your own hard alcohol and drinks, just please let us know how much room to allow. No glass beer bottles are allowed, glass wine and hard alcohol is okay.

### Wine List

#### Sawtooth (Idaho Winery)

- ⇒ Riesling \$11.95
- ⇒ Pinot Gris \$11.95
- ⇒ Chardonnay \$11.95
- ⇒ Skyline Red \$11.95

#### Canoe Ridge (Washington Winery)

- ⇒ Horse Heaven Cabernet \$14.99

#### Hogue (Columbia Valley Winery)

- ⇒ Merlot \$7.99
- ⇒ Chardonnay \$6.70
- ⇒ Pinot Grigio \$6.70
- ⇒ Cabernet \$7.99

#### Septima

- ⇒ Malbec \$10.99

### Beer List

- ⇒ Leinenkugel 12 pack \$16.86
- ⇒ Sockeye IPA 12 pack \$17.75
- ⇒ Coors Light 12 pack \$12.00
- ⇒ Coors Original 12 pack \$12.00
- ⇒ PBR 12 pack \$10.50
- ⇒ Busch Light 12 pack \$12.00
- ⇒ Angry Orchard 4 pack \$10.50
- ⇒ White Claw Variety 12 pack \$18.00

## Cancellation Policy

**Cancellation Policy** - Mountain River Outfitters, LLC is under federal management plans that limit trip size in Hells Canyon and the Salmon River. Because of the limited number of seats available and the logistical planning involved, we adhere strictly to the following reservation and cancellation policies.

**RESERVATIONS** - To reserve your seat, a 50% deposit is required. All deposits are NON refundable.

**FINAL PAYMENT** - Your final payment is due 60 days prior to trip launch for all overnight trips. Guests can have their final payments automatically charged to their credit card on file or a check prior to the due date.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS** - Deposits and final payments are nonrefundable. however, Mountain River Outfitters, LLC. does provide for the transfer of payments to an alternate guest, provided we receive a notice within 21 days before the trip date.

**TRIP INSURANCE** - We recommend Tour Protection Insurance to help protect you and your trip investment. Travel Protection Policies offered by most major travel insurance providers include benefits such as Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. (Restrictions Apply)

