

ARTA GROUP AND PRIVATE CHARTER TRIP POLICIES

	GROUPS	PRIVATE CHARTERS
DEFINITION	A group consists of 10 or more people reserving and paying for a trip together. Your group will join other trip members that ARTA has booked on that trip and date.	A private charter trip will reserve all of the spaces on a particular trip for your group alone. The maximum and minimum group sizes for private charter trips for each specific river is listed on the reverse.
DISCOUNTS	Groups receive a 10% discount off of the regular adult fare. Youth fares are not discounted but youths DO count towards the group size.	Private charter groups receive a 10% discount off of the regular adult fare PLUS one free adult trip, (except for the Selway and Illinois which receive a 10% discount plus one adult trip at half price). Youth fares are not discounted but youths DO count towards the minimum group size.
DEPOSIT	We require a \$50 per person deposit for all American and Merced trips, a \$100 per person deposit for all Tuolumne, Rogue, Green, and Yampa trips, and a \$200 per person deposit for all Main Salmon, Middle Fork Salmon and Selway trips.	The deposit amount for private charter trips vary by river and are listed on the next page. Deposits are due within 10 days of making the initial reservation.
FINAL PAYMENT	Final payment for your group is due 90 days prior to the departure date for all Main Salmon, Middle Fork Salmon and Selway trips and 60 days prior to departure date for all other trips.	Final payment for all private charter trips is due 90 days prior to the departure date for all trips.
SPECIAL	We have some specific trips and launch dates on the Rogue and Green which have a maximum group size of 10; it is possible to have a private charter on these departures with a group of only 10 people. Call for details.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you prefer, we can distribute your free adult passage across your entire group resulting in roughly a 15% discount for everyone. • If you want a private charter trip but you don't have the required minimum group size, we will sell you the surplus spaces for 75% of the regular adult fare and reserve the entire trip for your group.
CANCELLATIONS	<p>We are reserving all or a large portion of a trip for your group and we are not able to offer it to others. If you or members of your group cancel, we may not be able to refill those cancelled spaces; therefore we must enforce the following cancellation policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cancellations of group or private charter reservations are subject to a cancellation fee equal to one half of the deposit amount. • The balance of the deposit or full-fare is refundable, provided written notification of the cancellation is received by ARTA prior to the final payment deadlines detailed above. • After the final payment deadlines, refunds will be made only if ARTA is able to refill the cancelled spaces. 	
RESPONSIBILITIES	<p>In exchange for the discounted trip, we ask that the group organizer handle the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the initial deposit to confirm the reservation. Payment should be in one check, payable to ARTA. • Distribute trip information to and collect Guest Information Sheets from all group members. • Submit final payment and signed Guest Information Sheets as outlined above. 	

ARTA PRIVATE CHARTER TRIP SIZES AND DEPOSITS

You can arrange a private charter trip on any river that we run by organizing the minimum group size outlined below.

We can then customize the trip to meet your specific desires for itinerary, activities and emphasis.

If your group size does not meet the minimum number for a charter, you can still have a private trip by purchasing the surplus spaces at 75% of the adult rate.

TRIP	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	DEPOSIT AMOUNT
CALIFORNIA - SIERRA			
1 day South Fork American – Sunday – Friday	18	48	\$1000
1 day South Fork American – Saturday	24	48	\$1000
2 day South Fork American – Sunday – Friday	18	48	\$2000
2 day South Fork American – Saturday	24	48	\$2000
1 day Merced	18	24	\$1000
1 day Tuolumne	18	21	\$1000
2 or 3 day Tuolumne	18	20	\$2000
OREGON - CASCADES			
3 day Rogue Camp/Lodge*	19*	20	\$2000
4 or 5 day Rogue*	19*	20	\$2000
4 day Illinois	8	8	\$2000
IDAHO – ROCKIES			
5 or 6 day Main Salmon	20	24	\$4000
6 day Middle Fork Salmon	22	23	\$4000
5 day Selway	12	12	\$2400
UTAH – CANYONS			
4 day Green/Lodore*	20*	25	\$2000
5 day Yampa	20	25	\$2000
7 day Green/Desolation*	16*	24	\$2000

* We have some specific launches on the Rogue and Green that have a maximum group size of 10 and are available for a private charter to groups of 10. Call us for details.

THE AMERICAN RIVER TOURING ASSOCIATION A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Who we are and what we do

MISSION: To introduce our guests to rivers, canyons and the wilderness and to involve them in our trips in a manner that is safe, meaningful, and beneficial to both the individual and the environment.

PHILOSOPHY: We believe that river trips are adventures, both socially and physically, and that they provide a unique setting for recreation, discovery and growth. We also believe that our natural environment is precious and that the more we all understand and experience it, the better able we will be to enjoy and safeguard it. We advance these beliefs by encouraging involvement and participation, by educating our guests and ourselves about the river and its canyon, and by donating all surplus revenues to environmental organizations who are working to protect the wild places we visit.

GOAL: Our goal is to conduct safe river trips which promote a sense of involvement and fulfillment; foster an appreciation of the wilderness; are legendary in their professionalism and satisfaction; and are a great deal of fun.

STYLE: We run trips that are participatory in nature and which compliment the pristine natural environment through which we are traveling. Our guests are welcome to become as involved in the trip as they desire and we encourage this involvement by hiring people who enjoy sharing their enthusiasm and knowledge of the outdoors with others. Our trips are wholesome and humorous and we tend to attract people who appreciate the social and wilderness aspects of a trip as much as they enjoy the whitewater.

HISTORY: ARTA was founded in 1963 by Lou Elliott, a printer by profession and an outdoorsman by avocation. Through his association with the Sierra Club, Lou took numerous trips down the rivers of the world and founded ARTA with the purpose of exposing as many people as possible to the values of wild rivers and pristine canyons. Lou's original motivation, which is still our inspiration today, was the belief that once exposed, people would treasure and protect these resources for future generations. ARTA is a non-profit corporation because we believe that our nation's wilderness areas belong to everyone and that no individual should profit from their use. We were the first outfitter to offer river trips throughout the west; hence we operate on a wide selection of rivers and have a generous choice of launch dates. We have an excellent safety record and a wealth of experience under a variety of conditions.

STRUCTURE: ARTA is a mutual benefit, non-profit corporation registered with the State of California. We are not tax exempt, but our assets are held by the State. All of our profits are either reinvested in the company or donated to conservation organizations. We have an 11 person Board of Directors, a year-round staff of 3 to 5 people and a seasonal staff of nearly 50. Our main office is in Groveland, California, about 5 miles from the Tuolumne River and about 20 miles from Yosemite National Park.

SCOPE: We conduct trips in California, (the Middle and South Forks of the American, Tuolumne and Merced); in Oregon, (the Rogue, Illinois and Klamath); in Idaho, (the Main Salmon, Middle Fork Salmon and Selway), and in Utah, (the Green through Lodore Canyon, the Green through Desolation Canyon and the Yampa).