



Rogue River Multi-Day Information

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RIVER TRIP DETAILS

In 1968, Congress designated and protected the Rogue River as one of the initial rivers of the "Wild and Scenic Rivers Act." The Rogue is magnificent with lively rapids, deep forests and dramatic canyon views. Trips here are a blend of fun whitewater and relaxation. Campsites are comfortable, wildlife abundant and the scenery spectacular.

Our Rogue River vacations are designed so that planning is easy and hassle free. From the time that we meet you at the Galice Resort until your return after the trip, we supply everything that you'll need to enjoy your rafting vacation. This includes all rafting gear, delicious meals, snacks, juice, water and a supply of soda, beer and dinner wine.

Most of our trips are three days on the river with two nights of outfitted camping. Occasionally we run four day or even five day trips.

These notes will help you prepare for your trip. You'll find information on everything from travel and lodging arrangements, typical weather and menus, to cancellation and refund policies. When reading these notes, it is helpful to have a road map of Oregon handy

PRE-TRIP MEETING

On the morning of your trip, our lead guide will meet you and other guests at the Galice Resort & General Store at 9:00 A.M. We'll answer questions about the trip, give out waterproof bags for personal gear and then shuttle everyone to our put-in site by van. Please be prompt. Have breakfast before the meeting and be dressed for a day of rafting.

Meeting Place:

Galice Resort & General Store

Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M.

(Please be ready to go by our 9:00 A.M. meeting)

Our meeting place is on the north, or riverside of Galice Road, about a 40-minute drive from Grants Pass. From Grants Pass, take Interstate 5 north about 1-1/2 miles to the Merlin exit (Exit #61). Follow the Merlin-Galice Road west through the town of Merlin to Galice. If you plan to have your car shuttled (see below) make sure that you have a full tank of gas, two sets of car keys and allow time to make shuttle arrangements. The Galice Resort serves breakfast and has a small store for last minute needs. They sell books about the Rogue as well as fishing licenses.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Rogue is a day's drive from the San Francisco Bay Area. The most direct route is driving north on I-5 to Grants Pass and then to Galice that day or the next morning.

Medford is the nearest airport to the Rogue and has service with United, Alaska, Horizon and other airlines. Plan on arriving the day before your trip departs. The Galice Resort is about a 1 hour and 15 minute drive from the airport. Shuttles to and from the airport can be arranged directly with the Galice Resort. These shuttles are not included in the price of your trip.

For airport shuttle service, call:
The Galice Resort
(541) 476-3818

On the last day of your trip, we will transport you back to Galice in a shuttle van. This shuttle takes about 2 hours and we usually arrive at Galice by 4:00 P.M. Although you may be able to arrange a flight home from Medford after 6:00 P.M. that evening, we urge you to fly out the next day. Galice Resort can transport you from Galice back to the airport.

VEHICLE SHUTTLES

Although we provide transportation back to Galice at the end of the trip, some guests prefer to have their car driven to our take-out at Foster Bar. This makes sense if you would like to tour the Oregon Coast or visit Redwood National Park in California. Arrangements for this vehicle shuttle can be made at the Galice Store the

morning of your trip. Guests are responsible for paying the shuttle fee, which costs about \$125.00 depending upon the route used. If you plan to have your car shuttled, please make sure that you have a full tank of gas and let our lead guide know about your plans at the pre-trip meeting. Having two sets of keys available also makes logistics easier.

BEFORE YOUR TRIP

In planning your trip to Oregon, we recommend that you stay at our meeting place, the Galice Resort, the night before your trip departs. This makes meeting easier on the morning of your trip. Galice's phone number is (541) 476-3818. Their website for reservations is www.galice.com. Galice has rustic cabins and rooms in the Galice House available. Please contact the Galice Resort as soon as possible to make lodging reservations. Be sure to let them know that you will be rafting with Indigo Creek Outfitters.

If Galice is full, it's no big deal, as there are a number of lodging alternatives close by. The closest alternatives are Morrison's Lodge, (800) 826-1963; and Rogue Forest Bed and Breakfast, (541) 472-1052.

Both establishments are beautiful settings, with upper end lodging accommodations and meals available. In Grants Pass (40-minute drive from Galice) there are numerous motels available including the Holiday Inn Express, (541) 471-6144; Shilo Inn, (541) 479-

8391; and the Riverside Inn, (541) 476-6873.

The best camping facility nearby is Indian Mary Campground, a few miles before Galice. It is operated by Josephine County. A few miles beyond Galice is another campground, Almeda Bar. It is less developed with fewer sites and facilities. For campsite reservations at Indian Mary or Almeda, call Reserve America at (800) 452-5687.

SAFETY FIRST

On your trip we'll float about 40 miles and run some outstanding whitewater. Typically, we'll have breakfast around 8:00 A.M. each day and try to be on the water by 9:30 A.M. We raft about 6 hours every day with a break for lunch early in the afternoon. When we arrive at camp you'll have time to relax, swim or sit back with a good book. Some guests like to help with camp chores and you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you like.

Safety on your trip is our primary concern and probably yours as well. You will be traveling in a remote area and doing something that is quite a bit different from your everyday routine. The primary elements for a safe, healthy trip are to ALWAYS wear a lifevest on water, be diligent about hand washing and to follow the directions of our guides. Guests and guides wear lifevests whenever we're on river. There are lodges and access points along the river in the unlikely event that an evacuation is needed. Our guides are trained

in First Aid and river rescue techniques. We have special safety procedures for inflatable kayakers at Rainie Falls, Mule Creek Canyon, and Blossom Bar Rapids. These procedures will be explained by our guides.

GUIDES

We have a great crew. Their ages range from 20-50 and they represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds. Our guides are bright, fun people and you will enjoy spending time with them. Because many of our guests book as families, we take a professional approach when it comes to staff conduct and appearance. Our crew follows careful sanitation and food handling practices. The guides do all of the camp cooking and clean up on the trip, although you are welcome to help with camp chores if interested.

BOATS & EQUIPMENT

Our boats are rugged inflatable rafts 12 to 18 feet in length that carry gear and passengers. On nearly all of our trips, we bring along inflatable kayaks. These stable, easy to use boats let you run rapids on your own.

The camping equipment we provide is comfortable, clean, and designed specifically for river trips. We provide tents, sleeping bags, and deluxe sleeping pads to all of our guests.

WHAT TO BRING

River attire should be casual and comfortable. Please limit your personal gear but bring warm, functional clothing in the event weather is inclement. The

Rogue canyon is usually warm, however rain and cold weather can occur at any time. Rain gear and a tent are essential on all trips. A light change of clothing and a wool or fleece pullover are usually sufficient for camp.

GEAR CHECKLIST

- Rain jacket
- Wool sweater or fleece pullover or jacket (Please avoid cotton jackets or sweatshirts)
- Pillow
- Shirt and pants for camp
- Sunscreen
- Baseball type cap
- Sunglasses with strap
- Tennis shoes for camp
- Swimsuit and shorts
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries
- Personal medication
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- River sandals with straps (Chacos, Tevas, Keens)

Each guest is provided with a waterproof bag for personal gear. It is about the size of a standard duffel bag and you'll need to pack carefully since it must hold your sleeping bag, changes of clothing and other items. We usually pack tents separately and provide "day bags" for easily accessible gear on the boats during the day.

Optional items might include a paperback book, sketchpad, field glasses, fishing equipment (rods in protective, aluminum cases) and camera. Do not bring radios or firearms.

Remember that the Rogue can experience changeable weather throughout the season. Our experience has shown that wool or fleece clothing (it stays warm even when wet) provides the best all weather comfort.

Cotton jackets and sweatshirts provide little warmth if they get wet and should be avoided.

Rain jackets and pants are not only good for foul weather, but also provide splash protection on cold mornings.

You may not use all of the gear on your packing list, but we strongly recommend that you bring it all.

RIVER TIME

Our Rogue trips are long enough to begin to forget what time and day of the week it is. We affectionately refer to this feeling as "river time." So much of our lives are run by the calendar and time of day that it's nice to enjoy the experience of time not mattering. To that end, you might want to leave your watch in your vehicle for the duration of your trip.

FOOD

All on-river meals are provided, beginning with lunch the first day and ending with lunch the last. The food is fresh and hearty and our guides will prepare it. With advance notice, we can accommodate special diet requests.

We carry ample supplies of juices, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, as well as a limited supply of soda, beer and dinner wine. We plan on providing 1-2 sodas and beers per guest, per

day. In addition to our supply, you are welcome to bring your own beverages on the trip. Canned soda and beer works best for packing, but bottled wine is fine to bring as well.

THE ENVIRONMENT

To protect the canyon, we carry out all trash and use no soap in the river. Guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact of our group's trip.

Camp toilets are either a BLM three-sided pit toilet with seat and lid, or our own heavy duty, metal porta potties with seats that seal tightly for transport. Our crew sets them up in private places away from our camping and eating areas. We place a paddle next to the hand-wash set up down the trail, away from the toilet to alert others that the toilet is in use. A hand wash system is always available at both the toilet and in the kitchen area.

GRATUITIES

Guests sometimes ask whether gratuities are appropriate. Please feel free to leave a tip with the lead guide at the end of the trip. Typically, tips range between 10-20% of the trip fare. Gratuities will be shared among all the guides.

YOUR HEALTH

Our Rogue River trips are relaxing, but they are a dramatic change in routine for most people. To participate, you should be in good health.

You may also need to perform certain physical activities. These include basic swimming, hiking in rugged or uneven terrain, climbing in and out of rafts and assisting in your rescue, if that becomes necessary. Please let us know if you have any health or dietary restrictions. We'll gladly accommodate reasonable dietary restrictions with advanced notice.

RESPONSIBILITY

Trip participants should understand that river trips involve known and unknown risks. Indigo Creek Outfitters assumes no responsibility for injuries, death, or loss/damage to client's property while on the river. All clients must sign a Release and Waiver Agreement expressly acknowledging these points. Indigo Creek Outfitters assumes no responsibility for vehicles and/or the contents of vehicles parked during the trip. Because of the risks associated with river trips, including personal injury, death, property loss or damage or financial loss in the event of trip cancellation, we urge all trip participants to supplement their own insurance with vacation insurance.

AGE LIMITS

The minimum age on our Rogue River trips is six years old. Our trips in July and August are best suited for children. This age limit is in place for the safety of your child, the safety

of our other guests and our guides.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend that you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Policies that include accident, cancellation, and baggage protection are available through our website, as well as most travel agents. Cancellation initiated by you may result in substantial loss of fees paid. Available insurance protects against the loss of deposits in the event you must cancel because of unforeseen circumstances.

PERMITS

We operate under Special Use Permit from the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, and the U.S. Forest Service. The Oregon State Marine Board licenses our activities. Our permit and license are your assurance that Indigo Creek Outfitters is legally outfitting on the river. Our operations and facilities are operated on a non-discriminatory basis.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about your Rogue River trip, please contact our reservation office.

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