

Rogue River » Oregon

3 - 4 DAY LODGE TO LODGE TRIP

With legendary American West appeal, stemming from deep roots in river rafting lore, the lodge to lodge Rogue River rafting trip delivers a perfect blend of wildlife and wilderness with the cozy charm of cabin comforts like your own room and private bathroom. Cascading down the lush Pacific face of snow capped volcanic peaks, the Rogue River tumbles toward the Oregon Coast with the playfulness of the friendly river otters that make their home on the Rogue. Wildlife like deer and black bear thrive in this congressionally designated Wild & Scenic river ecosystem. Inviting water temperatures invite you to swim and play, splashing through Class II - IV rapids for your choice of 3 or 4 days. ❁

Itinerary & Travel Information

DAY ONE » The team leader will meet you at the Rand Boat Launch by 8:15 am, near the Galice Resort. You will be sharing the dry bags we provide with another person on your rafting trip. A safety orientation will prepare you for the trip, while your gear is loaded onto the boats.

Sometime before lunch the gently flowing river breaks its slumber at a rapid named Grave Creek. This marks the congressionally designated Wild & Scenic section of the Rogue River in Oregon. Guests take a lunch break and walk around a Class V rapid named Ranie Falls. Afternoon hours are spent splashing through several more Class II and Class III rapids. Black Bar Lodge awaits your arrival with hors d'oeuvres, complimentary regional wine, beer and sodas. Play and explore around the lodge until you're called in for a family style dinner, served in the cozy lodge dining room. Enjoy the evening as stars begin to fill the sky.

DAY TWO » Freshly brewed coffee greets your senses at about 7 am, with breakfast following a short time thereafter. Personal gear is transported back down to the river's edge where boats are prepared for another day of adventure on the Rogue River. Enjoy playful river rapids throughout the day, interspersed with a hike or two to historic pioneer cabins. Marial Lodge is home for your second night on the Rogue River. Enjoy a hike that evening to a spectacular waterfall in the dense Oregon forest.

DAY THREE » Today you'll encounter the most spectacular of the Rogue River rapids. Mule Creek Canyon, Blossom Bar, and Devils Staircase are all Class IV rapids. More rapids lengthen out the day with a calmer side. *Expect to arrive at Foster Bar take-out around 3:00 pm where vans are ready to take you back to the Galice Resort. You should arrive at your vehicle around 6:00 pm.

DAY FOUR » *The fourth day is made possible with a third night stay in the Paradise Lodge, located between Marial Lodge and the Foster Bar Take-out location. Spend some extra time soaking in the lush forest canopy and rich wildlife in this beautiful part of the Rogue River gorge.

*Note: This itinerary is provided as a sample. Daily activities and sights will vary based on weather conditions and guide preferences.



DEPARTS FROM MERLIN, OREGON



Pre-Trip Travel Information

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

Be sure to arrive in Merlin, Oregon by 5:45 p.m. **the evening prior to the trip** departure in order to be at the orientation meeting held at Morrison's Lodge.

WHERE AND WHEN TO MEET

Once in Merlin, you will meet in Morrison's Lodge at 5:45 PM (PST) for an important one hour orientation meeting to answer any last questions. There you will receive your waterproof gear bags. You are free to enjoy dinner in Merlin, or nearby on your own.

WHERE TO STAY

Merlin Area	Grants Pass
Morrison's Lodge - (800) 826 - 1963	Best Western - (800) 553 - 7666
Galice Resort - (541) 476 - 3818	Holiday Inn Express - (800) 838 - 7666
Rogue Forest Inn - (541) 472 - 1052	The Riverside Inn - (800) 334 - 4567

HOW TO GET TO MERLIN, OREGON

- » The nearest airport is located in Medford, Oregon - the Rogue Valley International Medford Airport - which is approximately 28 miles south of Grants Pass. For assistance with shuttle service, call Affordable Shuttle (541) 479-1042 or Galice Resort (541) 476-3818. Please note: The fees that these shuttle companies charge are in addition to your trip fees.
- » Arriving by Car: From I-5 (north or south) take Exit 61 to Merlin. Merlin is 3 miles west of I-5. Turn left (west) onto Merlin- Galice Road and go 12 1/2 miles. You will cross a large, yellow bridge over the Rogue River about two miles before you reach Morrison's Lodge, which will be on your right.

Post-Trip Travel

After your river trip, you will be shuttled by van from the river back to Merlin. We recommend lodging locally the night your trip ends, before traveling home.

QUICK FACTS

Rogue River:

June - August
3 or 4 Days, 45 miles

Minimum age: 5 years old

Begins:

Merlin, OR

Ends:

Merlin, OR

Travel Time from Nearest Major City:

Medford, OR (45 min. drive)

RATES & DATES

For current rates & dates please visit our website at: www.westernriver.com

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RATE INCLUDES



HIKING » Hikes to old homesteads, Panoramic vistas & more



LODGING » Stay in the cozy comforts of simple lodges along the river.



RAFTING » Class II-IV rapids on the Rogue River



MEALS » All meals are prepared for you while on the river trip.



TRANSFERS » Shuttle service from Merlin, Oregon to river and from river back to Merlin, Oregon.

Western River Rafting Trips vs. Other Vacations

The setting and pace of a Western River rafting trip gives you something you don't find in other vacations. On a rafting trip, you'll find the absolute escape from the hectic world around us - completely free of distractions. You'll eliminate the constant decisions about where to go, what to do, and where to eat each day of your vacation. On a rafting trip, you'll experience the pinnacle of relaxation as you drift over tranquil pools of water under the shadows of towering rock formations, the exhilaration and thrill of rolling waves and crashing whitewater, the exploration of seldom-seen natural wonders and the area's human history, the peaceful moments of reflection as you gaze up at the star-studded sky, and the fresh feeling of renewal as the morning sun slowly filters through winding canyons. All this provides an indescribable sense of belonging. A sense of oneness with yourself and those around you. A sense of adventure, reflection and renewal. A time to hear your own heart beat. On a Western River Expedition, you will quickly discover why so many are calling this "the best vacation of their lives."

A Typical Day on the River

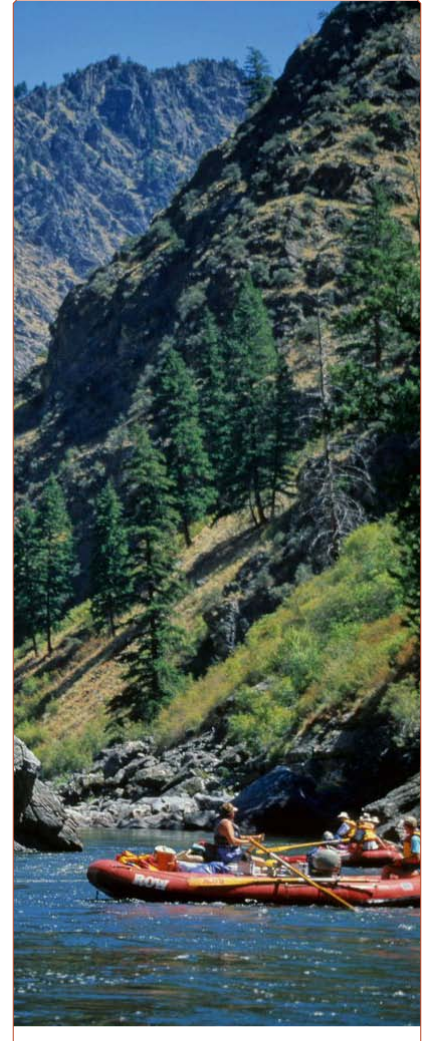
After meeting your guides you will be given a trip orientation that will include how and where you can sit on the rafts, how to hold on, and safety precautions while on the river.

A typical day will include rafting for a few hours at a time, stopping for scenic side-canyon hikes, bathroom breaks, lunch and possible swimming opportunities. Visiting with new-found friends and learning river lore and geology from our well-trained guides adds to the enjoyment of each day.

The Rogue River in Oregon is designated "Wild & Scenic" so there will be plenty of wildlife sightings in a typical day. The Rogue River has "pool and drop" characteristics. This means there's a long pool of calm water followed by a rapid. Not long after launching we run several playful rapids that give a fun, roller coaster ride a taste of what's to come.

Around 4:00pm we arrive at each lodge with plenty of free time for hiking, fishing, reading or just relaxing. Hors d'oeuvres are served at each lodge and dinner is served family style around 7:00. The Oregon sky darkens and the first shimmering stars appear, inviting contemplation on the day and conversation with friends, new and old.

We awake around 7:00am and enjoy fresh-brewed coffee. Breakfast is served and you pack up your personal gear. The rafts are loaded and we depart from the lodge around 9:30 for an adventure-packed day of rapids, magnificent scenery and fun.



"The experience was absolutely unique and to quote my teenage sons, 'totally awesome.' We learned, were thrilled with the whitewater, made new friends, ate like kings and most importantly—totally relaxed."

JOSEPH DIBLASI, Kew Garden, NY

Rafts on the Rogue River

Rafting on the Rogue River offers you an option to experience the river in an Oar Rig, Paddle Raft, or personal Inflatable Kayak.

Oar Rig

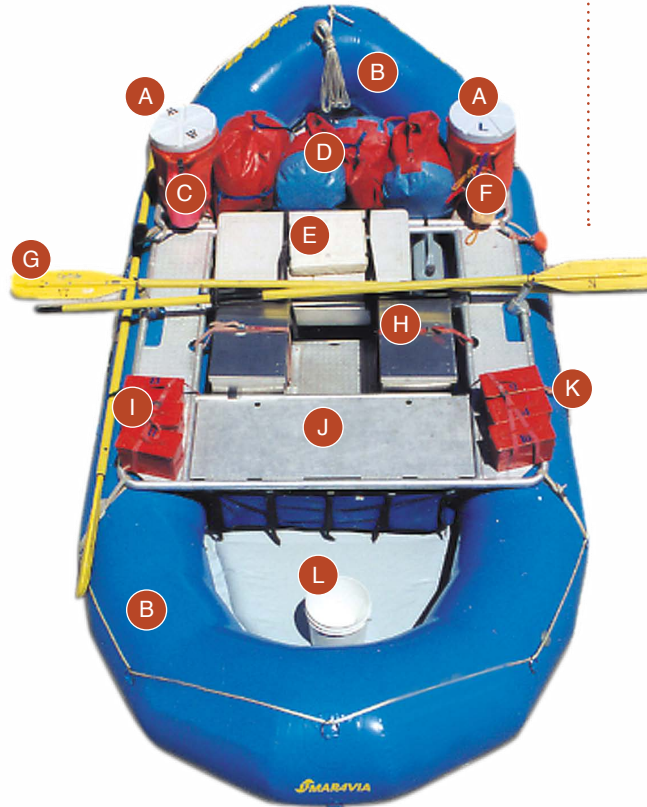
Your guides will adeptly maneuver four to six passenger oar rigs. These specially designed 18-foot boats offer a comfortable ride and are "self-bailing" which means that any water that comes into the raft immediately flows back out.

- A Ice water and cold lemonade
- B Guest seating
- C First aid kit
- D Guest gear bags
- E Guide seat atop coolers
- F Throw bag
- G Oars
- H Dry food storage box
- I Personal storage boxes or bags
- J Storage for tents, cots, kitchen stoves, tables
- K "Flip Lines" designed to flip a boat over in the rare event of an overturn
- L Bucket for boat rinsing... and water fighting



"Another delightful trip with Western River... but our first kayaking white water and we are hooked! Western is such a class act... the guides go out of their way to make the trip a great experience whether 7 or 70. Though a senior, petite female, they made sure my trip was all it could be."

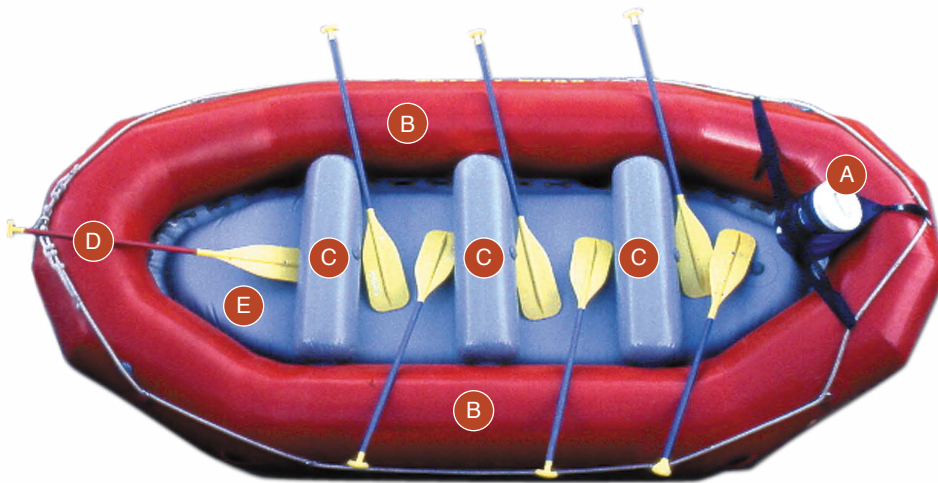
PALM SPRINGS, California



Paddle Raft

In conjunction with our Oar rigs, Western also offers paddleboats which provide "hands-on" excitement in conquering the waves with a spirited team of 6 to 8 rafters. Paddlers need not have any prior experience as Western's guides will provide ample instruction and ensure everyone's success.

- A Ice cold water
- B Guest seating
- C Seating for smaller children or guests not wanting to paddle
- D Guide seat
- E Self-bailing floor instantly flushes out any water that comes into the boat



"I came with my two boys, aged 18 and 10 and we all had an absolutely fantastic time. Our guides, Anthony, Jesse and Erin were fabulous - always patient, helpful and created amazing food out of nowhere. It was the trip of a lifetime. Thanks so much!"

BEVERLEY, London, United Kingdom



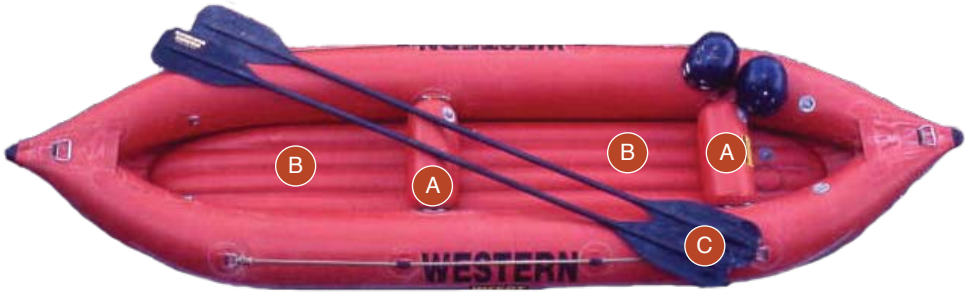
"I am a 15 year old girl and I had doubts about doing a rafting trip for 5 days in the middle of nowhere without the comforts of home like a toilet etc. I came out of the trip crying because I had the most fun of my life!!! The guides are so sweet, the people you meet will be your best friends forever, and the food is AWESOME ! So any teenage girls out there who don't like to hike, get dirty, and be without your hair straightners (haha), you don't know what you're missing. This trip will change your life forever and make you into the person you really are."

KATY, Northern Virginia

Inflatable Kayak

Also known as a "duckie" or "duck," these two-person inflatable kayaks let you challenge the rapids on your own. They also provide a peaceful and relaxing way to recline and gaze up at the spectacular scenery in the calm stretches of river. If you've never paddled before, acquiring some basic paddle skills with the help of a guide takes only a few minutes. Inflatable kayakers are available throughout the trip and guests can take turns enjoying the ride.

- A** Comfortable backrests provide support while paddling
- B** Self-bailing floor instantly flushes out any water that comes into the boat
- C** Kayak paddles make maneuvering the boat easy



General Information

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RAFTING TRIPS

Our primary concern is participant safety. The nature of an outdoor adventure involves some physical exertion and also possible exposure to weather conditions that can fluctuate greatly due to heat, sun, wind, or rain. Although we do have experience accommodating persons with a wide range of physical challenges, disabilities, or medical and health conditions, we have found that in some people the fact of age, weight, lack of conditioning, heart or other disease, can create additional hardship that diminishes the suitability or enjoyment of this type of vacation. Please consider these conditions in making your choice of river adventures. Please check with your physician prior to your trip if you have any medical or health condition or if you are taking any medications, and then notify us of how we can better help you with these conditions. In general, participants will need to meet the following physical requirements:

- » Fit into a Type 5 Life Jacket (maximum chest size 52" required by the National Park Service)
- » Ability to securely grip handholds while running the rapids
- » Enough agility to climb on and off the rafts
- » Ability to navigate uneven terrain on hikes and in camp
- » Carry your own duffle bag

Our principle objective is for you and your fellow guests to have an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. If you are concerned about any of these requirements, please call our friendly staff to further discuss which trip is right for you. Our Acknowledgement of Risk Form will more fully describe some of the inherent risks involved in these activities. We look forward to having you join us on the adventure of a lifetime.

PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICIES

Payment in full is due 90 days prior to trip departure and may be paid by check or credit card. With your prior approval, we can automatically charge the balance due to your credit card 90 days prior to departure. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if full payment is not collected by the due date.

If you must cancel any reservation, the information regarding the cancellation must be received in writing. The cancellation fee will follow the formula in the box below. Our cancellation policy applies in every instance and there will be no exceptions for any reason. Western River Expeditions will not issue any refund for arriving late or leaving a trip early. Western is not responsible for any expenses incurred due to travel delays, flight cancellations, or illness. **If you are concerned about the possibility of having to cancel, we strongly suggest you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect your vacation investment.** Western River Expeditions assumes no financial responsibility for personal injury, emergency evacuation, or equipment lost or damaged in any way. You will find a link to purchase cancellation insurance on Western's website at www.westernriver.com/insurance.



CANCELLATION FEES:

Number of Days Prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee Per Person
91+ Days	Deposit Amount
0 – 90 Days	No Refund

Packing List & Travel Tips



DUFFLE BAG

All of your personal items should be packed into a soft-sided duffel bag approximately 12" x 13" x 24" in size. These duffel bags are available at www.redrockoutfitters.com (more info about this on reverse).



DAY BAG

Upon arrival at the orientation meeting the night before your trip, you will be provided a water-resistant day bag (approximately 7" x 13"). In this day bag, you will want to put those items you wish to access during the day (raingear, camera, medications, sun block, lip balm, etc). We recommend packing these items in a simple plastic grocery sack inside your duffel for easy transfer to your day bag at the launch site.



GEAR BAG

Also upon arrival at the launch site of your trip, you will receive a water-resistant gear bag to share with one other person. You will put your duffel bag inside this bag, roll the top down and clip it securely to avoid getting your personal gear wet. Your personal gear bag will be available each night of your trip.

CLOTHING ITEMS

- Two-piece rain suit (Not just for rainstorms - water temperatures can be chilly! Quality rain gear offers protection against the cold water when running rapids - especially early in the morning. No ponchos please)
- 2-3 swimsuits (2-piece swimsuit and quick-drying shorts or sports bra and shorts recommended for women)
- 2-3 quick-drying shirts (long sleeve and/or short sleeve)
- 2 pair of lightweight pants/shorts, shirts & underwear for camp
- 2 pair of socks for use in case of sunburn or foot injury
- 1 pair quick-drying pants (optional - for sun protection)
- Lightweight fleece top
- Sturdy water sandals or water shoes. Based on the type and condition of your footwear, you may want to consider a backup pair of sandals or shoes in case of any damage.
- Comfortable footwear for camp (optional - some guests prefer to change out of wet sandals or shoes into flip flops or other light weight shoes)
- Hat for sun protection with string or hat clip

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING ITEMS - MAY & JUNE

- Neoprene, wool, or poly-pro socks
- Stocking cap
- Mid-weight fleece jacket
- Wool or fleece shirt
- Gloves
- 1 additional set of poly-pro or capilene underwear (tops & bottoms)

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Personal hygiene products
- Plenty of sunscreen
- Sunscreen lip balm
- After-sun moisturizing lotion
- Biodegradable soap (Ivory) ALL soaps must be used in a designated spot away from the river.
- Sport water bottle with clip or carabiner
- Small towel and wash cloth
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Small pack of tissues
- Small headlamp or flashlight with extra batteries
- Insect repellent (small container)
- Sunglasses with safety strap
- Camera - waterproof digital camera with extra batteries and memory cards recommended
- Medication if needed (cool storage is available)
- Major credit card in case of evacuation
- Cash for gratuities (Your guides will make every effort to see that your trip is enjoyable and successful. Gratuities for guides are appropriate, greatly appreciated and at your discretion, as a gesture of thanks for their professionalism and service. A suggested guideline is 10 percent of the trip cost. The common practice is to give the gratuity to the trip leader on the last night. It will later be divided equally with the rest of the crew.)

OPTIONAL PERSONAL ITEMS

- 2 small carabiners for clipping day-use bag and water bottle to ropes
- Plastic bag for dirty or wet clothing
- A few clothespins to secure wet clothing while drying
- Disposable moist towelettes
- Personal bee sting kit (if allergic)
- Fishing gear and Idaho license (gear must be in protective case and disassembled during travel)

Items provided by the outfitter for your expedition:

- » Transportation from Merlin, OR to Boat Launch
- » Shuttle from Rogue River to Merlin, Oregon
- » Professional, licensed guides
- » All meals between trip departure and return
- » All eating utensils and souvenir cup
- » Unlimited water and lemonade
- » Fresh bedding in each lodge, each night
- » Water-resistant dry bag to share with one other guest for personal duffle bags
- » Water-resistant day-use dry bag (7" diameter x 13") for personal items
- » Oar Boats, Paddle Rafts and Inflatable Kayaks
- » US Coastguard approved whitewater life jackets
- » Wilderness First-Aid kit
- » Sanitary Facilities

BEVERAGES » Water and lemonade are available in unlimited quantities on the boats and in camp. Limited amounts of soda, beer and wine will be available. If you wish to bring your own alcoholic beverages and soda pop you may do so in moderate amounts. Please avoid glass containers. Plastic bottles and aluminum cans work well.

VALUABLES » You will want to have photo ID, a major credit card, and some cash for gratuities. All other valuables and jewelry should be left at home. In addition, as a safety precaution we suggest that you not wear rings on the river. Also, each year a few of our guests traveling on airlines arrive without luggage. With this in mind, we suggest you carry with you medications, prescription glasses, and anything you may not be able to replace the evening before your trip departs.

EXTRA LUGGAGE » Transfer all your personal clothing and gear which you will need on the river expedition to a small lightweight duffle bag. Identify duffle bag with label. Please **DO NOT BRING SUITCASES** on your river trip. As part of your equipment package, we provide a water-resistant bag to share with one other guest, in which you will place your personal duffle bag.

WEATHER » We always hope for good weather but you should be prepared for the possibility of cooler weather and storms. This is applicable to all trips throughout the season. The following chart shows averages for the months of May through September. Temperatures and precipitation will vary. A rain storm or a cool front can happen anytime. You can find current weather forecasts at www.westernriver.com. Go to "Oregon Rafting", "Rogue River" and click "Weather Forecast."

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION - ROGUE RIVER, OREGON:			
	JUN	JUL	AUG
Mean Max. Temperature	68	72	73
Mean Min. Temperature	46	51	48
Precipitation (inches)	.6	.3	.5



GET THE ESSENTIALS FOR YOUR TRIP AT redrockoutfitters.com

Through several decades of experience on the river, Western knows what clothing and gear will keep you smiling every second of your adventure. For your convenience, you can find all these items online with Western's retail division, Red Rock Outfitters. Visit redrockoutfitters.com

OTHER QUESTIONS » If you have additional questions, our friendly staff is available Monday - Friday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Mountain Time. Also, visit us online at westernriver.com for more information. Be sure to see our "FAQS & POLICIES" section online under each trip.

We want to make sure that the vacation package you select is truly the adventure of a lifetime. Rest assured, we will make every possible effort to ensure your comfort and safety while traveling with us. We have a fifty-year history of satisfied guests, and we are excited to have you join their ranks.