



ROGUE WINE ON THE RIVER LODGE TRIP

Itinerary



PACIFIC OCEAN

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PARADISE LODGE
CLAY HILLS LODGE

BLACK BAR LODGE

FOSTER BAR

Wild & Scenic Section

MORRISON'S LODGE

GRANTS PASS

ROGUE RIVER

MEDFORD

ASHLAND

OREGON
CALIFORNIA

To Portland
245 miles

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CRATER LAKE
NATIONAL
PARK

To Sacramento
350 miles



MEETING PLACE:	Morrison's Rogue River Lodge, Merlin, Oregon
MEETING TIME:	4:30 PM
RETURN TIME:	Approximately 6:00 PM
RIVER RATING:	Class III
RIVER MILES:	45
PUT-IN:	Almeda Bar or nearby launch site
TAKE-OUT:	Foster Bar
AGE LIMIT:	Minimum age is 21
TRIP LENGTH:	5 Days / 4 Nights
BOAT OPTIONS:	Oar raft, paddle raft, inflatable kayak

The Rogue River might just be the perfect rafting trip. The generally moderate whitewater is ideal for all levels of experience, with excitement levels ranging from beginner to intermediate. Rapids such as Blossom Bar and Rainey Falls are sure to inspire a generous dose of adrenaline. For the more adventurous, our inflatable kayaks provide an up-close and personal encounter with the rapids of the Rogue. Your trip will surely be witnessed by the abundant wildlife living onshore. Sightings include deer, beaver and river otter, along with an occasional black bear. Your four evenings of lodge accommodations are more than just a hot shower and a warm bed; they are also sitting on the porch in a place beyond description relaxing with your new found friends.

AWARD-WINNING NATURE-BASED ADVENTURES SINCE 1969

O.A.R.S. has been in business for over 40 years and that is no accident. Great trips on some of the world's best rivers and coastlines are the recipe for this success. Always focused on our clients and their vacations, it is our genuine belief that river trips and nature-based adventures are extremely valuable life experiences. With that as our foundation, we have committed ourselves over the years to providing the best trips available, always with an eye on improvement.

BOAT SELECTION

- On our Rogue River trips, we bring oar rafts and inflatable kayaks, and with sufficient interest, a paddle raft. Oar rafts carry our camp gear along with 2-4 passengers and are rowed by our guides using a long pair of oars. Inflatable kayaks are 1- and 2-person boats that get you up close and personal with the rapids of the Rogue. Paddle rafts carry 4-6 passengers, each of whom wield a single-bladed paddle, working together to propel the raft downstream under the direction of your guide who steers the boat with oars from the stern.

SPECIALTY TRIPS

- **Wine on the River:** Our wine trips offer an elegant alternative to our regular departures, and combine mouth-watering menus and award-winning wines with the appeal of the wilds. After each day of vigorous river rafting, enjoy gourmet meals and premium wines introduced by regional experts. The wines are carefully chosen to complement the bill of fare each night and each winery brings its own personality to the river, where tastings can turn into blending seminars or informative discussions of Old World versus New World wine making. Rest assured that whatever direction we take, these trips inevitably result in an outrageously good time.

LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS

- For those of you who enjoy the out-of-doors but prefer not to camp, the Rogue's lodges provide a comfy bed and hot shower each evening. Each lodge has its own character and tends to be rustic. Lodges also provide the perfect riverside venue to review your day's adventure—lounging beside a stone hearth or perhaps learning about the local history.
- None of the lodges has designated single accommodations. If you're traveling on your own, please call us to discuss current bookings and room configurations. Solo travelers should expect to share accommodations with someone of the same gender.

Sample Itinerary

We pride ourselves in running a relaxed and flexible schedule. Every trip is different depending upon the group, other trips on the water and sometimes the weather. The following is a sample of what your trip might be like:

Day 1

- We'll meet at 4:30 PM in the lobby of the Morrison's Rogue River Lodge in Merlin, OR for a pre-trip meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your fellow travelers and trip leader and ask any last-minute questions. Your trip leader will give you a thorough trip orientation and pass out waterproof river bags so that you can pack your belongings that evening. They will also reconfirm the time to meet the following morning at Morrison's for the transfer to the put-in launch point. After the meeting, we will enjoy our first sampling of wine and appetizers followed by a delicious 4-course welcome dinner.

Day 2

- Following breakfast at the lodge we'll depart Morrison's for a short drive to the put-in at Almeda Bar or other nearby launch site. You'll meet the rest of your guides at the boat ramp and listen to a thorough safety talk on trip procedures. The anticipation builds as you board the rafts and push off from the shore and head downstream.
- The canyon walls rise up around you, heightening the sense of isolation from the outside world. After a few small rapids, you'll probably notice that appetites on river trips are larger than those at home; lunch barely comes soon enough. The afternoon brings us to exciting Rainie Falls – the first real test of our whitewater skills. Below Rainie, it won't be long until we arrive at Black Bar Lodge, where there will be time to relax and take a shower before sitting down to dinner.

- Nestled in the lower canyon of the Rogue River, Black Bar Lodge provides private cabins with home style meals to add comfort and enjoyment to your whitewater adventure. The warmth of the logs, open-face fireplace and over-sized couches provide a comfortable atmosphere for relaxing with friends new and old, or settling in to read your favorite book. Each cabin is gracefully decorated in the rustic lodge style with private bathrooms, a propane heater and hot water tank.

Day 3

- After a hearty breakfast, we'll pack our bags, load the boats and answer the hardest question of the day: Who's going in the inflatable kayaks? Some of us are reluctant, some can't wait, but everybody usually has a try before the end of the trip. These boats are a kick, even in the smallest rapids. Your guides will give you pointers on navigation and soon river lingo like "eddy," "ferry angle" and "river right" will be part of your vocabulary.
- We stop at the historic Rogue River Ranch for a short hike and look around while the guides fix lunch. This BLM maintained museum of human history is a few minutes' walk from the river, offering insights into the canyon's past in a pastoral setting. After lunch, we may catch a glimpse of an otter family by the bank and marvel at the numbers of great blue herons. Or, we may get to see a bear and her cub swimming across the river. The notorious Mule Creek Canyon with its sheer rock walls and deep rolling currents typically mesmerizes everyone. Next on the agenda is the scouting and running of Blossom Bar, the Rogue's most challenging rapid. Finally we'll end the day at Paradise Lodge.
- Paradise Lodge lies deep in the heart of Oregon's Wild and Scenic Lower Rogue River, just below the famous class-IV rapid, Blossom Bar. Paradise Lodge is nestled in Oregon's lush National Forest and has both river-view and meadow-view rooms. Their pillow-top beds offer a restful night's sleep and each room has a private full bathroom and deck access. Paradise Lodge is self-sustaining and generator powered for your convenience. The lodge also has volleyball, horseshoes and Frisbee golf available, or you can relax in a hammock with a good book and a glass of wine.

Day 4

- This morning your guides might let you sleep in, but everybody knows the dawning hours are the best in which to catch a fish, take a brisk hike or paint the sunrise. Your guides will offer activities for the day, which may include voluntary swimming, hiking up a side creek, experiencing the natural water slide at Tate Creek, or visiting the enchanted Brushy Bar Forest. Tonight is the last night on the river and we'll enjoy it at Clay Hill Lodge.
- Located six miles from the nearest road in the heart of Oregon's Wild Rogue Wilderness Area, Clay Hill Lodge is an ideal place for a wilderness adventure. All rooms are clean and comfortable and each building has a spacious covered deck with great views of the river. Nature surrounds the lodge and one of the many bird watching possibilities, done right from the deck, include osprey nesting and fishing in the river.

Day 5

- Packing our waterproof bags is just a matter of routine now, and it seems that everybody wants to jump in the fun duckies. A few of the guests may be practicing their newfound rowing skills, while the guides keep their eyes peeled for the elusive bald eagles that inhabit this section of the river canyon. After lunch on the river we have a short float to our take-out point at Foster Bar arriving at around 2:00 PM. We'll pack up the vans and then relax for the scenic, 2-3 hour mountain drive back to Morrison's Lodge. You should arrive before 6:00 PM.

What's Included?

- Skilled, professional guide service
- 4 nights lodging based on double occupancy
- All meals from dinner on Day 1 through lunch on Day 5
- Expedition equipment, personal flotation device, splash jacket (for spring and cold weather trips) and dry bags
- High-quality inflatable rafts and kayaks and related river equipment including paddles and helmets
- Transfers from Morrison's Rogue River Lodge to the river and back

What's Not Included?

- Transportation to and from Morrison's Rogue River Lodge
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations and meals
- Single supplement (\$406)
- Insurance of any kind
- Items of personal nature (an equipment list will be provided)
- Gratuities

SOMETHING VOLUNTARY

- In reviewing your statement, you'll notice \$1/person/day donation to American Rivers, a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to Wild and Scenic Rivers. One-hundred percent of these funds go directly to protecting Wild and Scenic Rivers and your contribution is tax-deductible. This donation is voluntary and may be removed from your invoice if you choose not to participate. *Please notify our office to delete the donation from your balance.*
- The O.A.R.S. Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 © 3 organization with the express goal of providing opportunities for young people to experience the magic of a river trip. Visit www.oarsfoundation.org to learn more about how your tax-deductible donation can change young lives for the better.

Terms & Conditions

Reservations and Deposits

- A \$250/person deposit is required at the time of reservation. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

- If you find it necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us as soon as possible. The cancellation fee after you've made your deposit can range up to the entire trip cost, based upon the number of days prior to your trip that we receive your cancellation notice. We regret we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. For this reason, **we strongly urge you to investigate trip insurance** (see Insurance).
- Cancellations 60 days or more prior to your trip earn a full refund less a \$100/person fee. Cancellations 59 days or less prior to your trip are not refundable.
- If you transfer from one trip to another, there is a \$50/person charge up until 60 days before the trip. Transfers made after this time will be treated as cancellations.

Medical

- Under most circumstances, if you are of an adventurous spirit and in reasonably good health, you should have no problem enjoying an O.A.R.S. trip. People with medical conditions, including pregnancy, should have a physician's approval before taking an adventure travel trip.

Insurance

- Although every effort is made to insure a safe trip for all, we strongly recommend that you protect yourself, your belongings, and your vacation through the purchase of a short-term traveler's policy. A trip cancellation policy covers your non-refundable payments in most cases, should you have to cancel your trip at the last minute due to illness or injury. Trip participants should

realize that in the event of illness or injury on an adventure travel trip, evacuation can be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Personal belongings and cameras are carried entirely at the owner's risk, and O.A.R.S. accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged, delayed or stolen property.

Liability Waiver

- Everyone is required to sign a standard release before the trip, acknowledging awareness that some risks are associated with the trip. Safety is of the utmost concern on our trips. However, due to the nature of the activities, a condition of your participation is that you will sign this form and return it to our office before the trip begins. Anyone who refuses to sign the form will not be allowed to participate, and consistent with O.A.R.S. cancellation policy, there will be no refund of the trip fees at that time.

Responsibility – An Important Notice

- O.A.R.S. West, Inc. and cooperating agencies act only in the capacity of agent for the participants in all matters relating to transportation and/or all other related travel services, and assume no responsibility however caused for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service, including but not limited to that resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of the participants, including cancellation due to water fluctuation, insufficient bookings (this trip requires a minimum of 4 guests), and other factors. There is risk in whitewater rafting, particularly during high-water conditions. Rafts, dories and kayaks do capsize. You could be swept overboard. Your guide will make every attempt to assist, but you must be strong and agile enough to "self-help" and "float-it-out" without further endangering yourself or others. We reserve the right not to accept passengers weighing more than 260 pounds or with a waist/chest size exceeding 56 inches. We are experienced at accommodating people with various disabilities. Please give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome. We need to discuss any special requirements ahead of time. We may decide, at any time, to exclude any person or group for any reason we feel is related to the safety of our trips. On advancement of deposit the depositor agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions. Prices subject to change without notice.

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