

Located at
Morrison's Rogue River Lodge
8500 Galice Road
Merlin, OR 97532

Trip Planning for your Multi-Day "Wild and Scenic" Raft Trip

Thank you for choosing to experience the Wild and Scenic Rogue River with us. We pride ourselves in providing a unique white water experience that will create memories and new friendships that will last your lifetime. To help you facilitate your visit to Southern Oregon and the Rogue River we have prepared this trip planning guide.

Reservation and Billing

Our reservations are processed through Morrison's Rogue River Lodge. Please feel free to contact a member of our staff for any questions or concerns the phone numbers listed above.

DEPOSIT	A \$200 per person deposit holds your spot for a river trip. This deposit is non-refundable.
FINAL BALANCE	The balance of the trip cost is due 45 days prior to the launch date. If the balance is not received, we reserve the right to assume the reservation is cancelled.
TRAVEL INSURANCE	Because of the nature and limits of federal permits for the river, which limit the number of quests and the number of trips we are unable to refund deposits and balance due payments. We would strongly suggest that you purchase travel insurance. You can find more information about this insurance at www.travelexinsurance.com .
LIABILITY WAIVER	All trip participants will be required to sign a liability waiver acknowledging the inherent risks in a whitewater experience.

Getting to the River

All of our trips begin and end at Morrison's Rogue River Lodge. This creates a smooth and stress free experience. There is no worry about a shuttle to the put in and your vehicle will be secure while you are on the river. The safety and security of your belongings and vehicle will be provided by the lodge.

BY CAR We are easily accessed from I-5. Whether you are traveling from the North or the South take the MERLIN Exit #61. Turn left onto Merlin-Galice Road. Morrison's Lodge is 12 miles from the freeway. You will pass through the town of Merlin and continue west down the canyon, crossing Hellgate Bridge and passing by Indian Mary Campground before arriving at the Lodge. Morrison's is marked by a large sign on the right hand side. Be aware we are at the end of a double set of curves as you drop into our bend on the river.

BY AIR The Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport is the nearest commercial airport.

- Horizon Air
- United/United Express
- Delta Connection

You will need to arrange for transportation from the Medford airport to the river.

Private aircraft can fly into the Josephine County Municipal Airport near Merlin, OR. Airport-FAA Identifier 3S8.

1441 Brookside Boulevard
Grants Pass, OR 97526
Phone: (541) 955-4535

- We provide complementary pick-up & delivery from this airport.

Car Rentals at the Medford Airport

Rental Company Local Number National Number

Avis	541-773-3016	800-831-2847
Budget	541-773-7023	na
Enterprise	541-772-0573	800-736-8222
Hertz	541-773-4293	800-654-3131
National/Almo	541-773-3183	800-426-3299

Shuttle's that service the Rogue River

Shuttle Local Number National Number

Affordable Shuttle	541-479-1042	866-484-4467
Galice Shuttle	541-476-3818	na

Meeting Place and Orientation

Rogue River Raft Trip's orientation is held in the conference room at Morrison's at 5:45 the night before your trip. We encourage you to attend. In his meeting we will review the trip itinerary, safety procedures, answer any questions you may have and assign dry bags, splash jackets and wet suits (if needed).

We put on the river at Morrison's Lodge at 9:00 am on the morning of the trip. We need to have your luggage by 7:45 am to be packed on the gear boat. If you are not lodging at Morrison's you may enjoy breakfast in the dining room after dropping off your luggage.

Any additional luggage and/or your vehicle can be kept at the lodge while you are downriver. Please check with the front desk for arrangements.

We will shuttle you back to Morrison's Lodge at the end of the trip. This shuttle takes a couple of hours and usually returns between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. If you are flying out of Medford that evening we suggest that you do not schedule a flight before 7:00 pm.

If you are traveling on to the coast at the end of your trip, we can help you arrange for your car to be shuttled to the take out at Foster Bar.

Lodging

We suggest staying at Morrison's Rogue River Lodge the night before and after your trip. Morrison's offers a very unique way to experience the Rogue. We are located on an ideal bend in the river, creating a piece of paradise. There is serenity found at Morrison's that will allow you to truly relax. You will then be ready to enjoy "river time" as you soak in the beauty and peace that surrounds the Rogue. The thrill of the river will be heightened as you experience it in your relaxed state. After the trip, a stay will allow you to bask in your experience and have one last chance to visit with new found friends. At Morrison's we take pleasure in making sure your stay with us is carefree and smooth. We offer a lodging and fine dining experience you won't forget. Call or visit the website for rates. Should we be full, we can recommend other lodging options in the area. 800-826-1963
www.morrisonlodge.com

On the River

Our trips cover about 44 river miles with some beautiful scenery and outstanding whitewater. You will spend about 8 hrs on the river the first two days and about 5 hrs the last day. Our lunches are served buffet style, riverside. Your guides will provide a great spot to set up lunch, including chairs. No sitting in the sand or standing with Rogue River Raft Trips.

If you are camping, you will float into a camp all set up and waiting for you. Your guides will greet you with appetizers while you relax and wait for dinner, prepared and served by your guides. There will be time to swim fish and just enjoy the scenery. All camping equipment is included in your raft package, a tent, sleeping bag, pad and pillow. The sleeping bags and pillows are laundered after each trip. You will be served coffee at 7:00 am and breakfast is served around 8:00.

If you are lodging, dinner and breakfast will be served by the lodge you are at. There will be an optional hike after dinner, if you choose. Breakfast and dinner times vary slightly and will be addressed at orientation. At the lodges you can expect a private room and bathroom. All linens are supplied. Some of the lodges have a small gift shop with t-shirts and sundry items. They do not take credit cards.

All of the meals provided by Rogue River Raft Trips are prepared in the kitchen at Morrison's Lodge under the direction of our Chef. We pride ourselves on the quality and freshness of our cuisine. You won't need to worry about being hungry on our trips. With advance notification we can accommodate a variety of special meal needs. Be sure to let your reservationist know. We provide ice water to refill your individual water bottles, as adequate hydration is an important factor on the river. Lemonade is served at lunch time. You may bring along your favorite soda, beer and wine, in limited amounts. The downriver lodges serve ice tea and lemonade.

Protecting the environment. We carry out all of our garbage and use biodegradable soap. BLM pit toilet facilities are available along the river and for those camping we take along a portable toilet with a privacy tent.

Fishing – If you choose, you may bring a fishing rod for some angling during the morning and in the evenings. The rafting season covers a variety of fish in the river system. Contact our office to attain more specific information on angling conditions.

Your safety is our main concern and our guides do their utmost to be aware of each guest during the trip. We require life vests whenever we are on the river and helmets if you are using an inflatable kayak. Our guides are required to attend a pre-season training trip each season. They

are certified in First Aid and trained in river rescue techniques. All trips include first aid and safety supplies.

Our guides are professionals with extensive experience on the river. We only float the Rogue. Our guides are on the river each week and therefore are very knowledgeable about the river and the rapid patterns. A wild and scenic trip creates a unique experience in that you spend three days away on 'river time'. Your rafting group will feel like 'family' at the end of your three days. Our guides are knowledgeable in river lore, history and wildlife. They are people who love the river and are committed to provide the highest quality equipment, service, safety and attention to detail. They provide you with the best experience possible. It will be a lifetime memory for you. We often have repeat guests who request "their guide" because of the friendships that are made. Of course, we can't guarantee your favorite guide will always be available, but will do our best to accommodate your wish.

Weather The Rogue Canyon is usually warm; however rain and cold weather can occur at anytime. May and June trips can be cool, with a chance of rain. Late June through August trips are warmer. September trips have mild days and cooler nights. The average temperature for summer is high 80's in the day and low 50's at night. The water temperatures range in the 50's and 60's.

After Your Trip

Your rafting adventure will end at Foster Bar.

We will shuttle you back to Morrison's Lodge at the end of the trip. This shuttle takes a couple of hours and usually returns between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. If you are flying out of Medford that evening we suggest that you do not schedule a flight before 8:00 pm.

For those traveling on to the Oregon Coast, a shuttle service is available to take your vehicle to Foster Bar. This is an additional fee and can be arranged when you check in at Morrison's Lodge or by calling Affordable Shuttles 866-484-4467.

Exploring Southern Oregon

Southern Oregon is home to a variety of adventures, world class fishing, mountains for biking and hiking, and green valleys that produce award winning wines. It's also home to North America's deepest lake and Oregon's only National Park, Crater Lake. You'll also find famous fruit, cheese and chocolate along with a variety of cultural events.

Some of the best that Southern Oregon has to offer is within a few hours drive from Morrison's Lodge. Extend your stay and spend a few days exploring. Be sure to check out some of these highlights.

Wildlife Images – 10 minute

Southern Oregon Wineries – 20/60 minutes
minutes

Applegate Trail Interpretive Center – 30 minutes

Harry and David – 50 minutes

Wildlife Safari, Winston Oregon – 1 hour

Oregon Cave National Monument – 2 hour

Hellgate Jetboat Excursions – 25 minutes

Grants Pass Shopping and Antiquing – 25

Rogue Creamery / Lille Belle Chocolates – 45 min

Jacksonville Britt Musical Festival – 45 minutes

Ashland Shakespearean Festival – 80 minutes

Crater Lake National Park – 2 ½ hours

MULTI-DAY PACKING LIST - What to Wear and What to Bring

River attire is casual and should be comfortable. We suggest that you bring clothing that allows you to layer for temperature differences from the morning to afternoon. You will have a place to store this clothing on the boat as you discard. Rafting clothes will get wet. Choose light weight materials that will dry quickly. Cotton materials, such as jeans or sweats, are poor choices as they take a long time to dry. Synthetic materials, such as nylon dry quickly. If you are sensitive to the sun, we suggest a long sleeve shirt and long pants of a light synthetic material, such as Supplex. Zip-off pants are great! A light change of clothing and a wool or fleece pullover are usually sufficient for the evenings. Bring clothing you won't mind getting wet or dirty. Cut down on bulk by not bringing too many changes of clothing for the same temperature conditions.

Pack all your items in a small **soft sided duffel bag** about the size of an airline carry on, 16" x 24" with **NO hard plastic or wheels**. You will carry your own duffel bag each night, so it shouldn't be heavier than you can carry. You will not have access to your duffel bag during the day.

We provide small dry bags for day use to store small items such as sunscreen, camera, lip balm, etc. Rogue River Raft Trips will provide farmer John wet suits and splash jackets, at no charge. As the weather gets warmer, wet suits may be too warm to wear, however, splash jackets are available and can be used for cool mornings all summer.

For those camping, we provide a sleeping bag, pillow and a 3-inch Air Landing sleeping pad with a ground cloth for all our guests. We also have tents available; however you may choose to sleep under the stars.

We provide drinking water for your water bottles and lemonade/fruit punch at lunch.

Guide Gratuities - Although we feel these are a personal matter, guests often ask what is appropriate. An average gratuity is \$75 - \$150 per person. You may tip the guides directly or leave it at the front desk.

<p style="text-align: center;">Day Rafting Clothes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ River sandal or rubber bottom shoes. These will be getting wet. No flip flops. Leather is not a good choice. You will be walking on uneven and sometimes rocky ground. ○ Swimsuit ○ Shorts or pants – light weight, quick dry ○ Shirt – long or short sleeve, quick dry for layering or sun protection 	<p style="text-align: center;">Evening Land Clothes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shoes/socks – for evening hikes ○ Shorts or pants ○ Shirt – t-shirts are fine ○ Jacket or pullover – evenings can be cool ○ Personal toiletries – no hairdryers or curling irons please ○ Personal medications –(Dramamine if prone to car sickness) ○ Rain gear – light weight (optional)
<p style="text-align: center;">Miscellaneous Stuff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunglasses with a strap ○ Sunscreen / Lip balm ○ Hat, broad brim with a retainer or chin strap ○ Flashlight or head lamp with new batteries ○ Water bottle ○ Camera with an extra battery ○ Insect Repellent ○ Cash for misc expenses and tips at downriver lodges ○ If you are camping... 	<p style="text-align: center;">Optional Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Large/small zip lock baggies – for wet gear and for organizing gear ○ Wet wipes ○ Book/Journal/Notebook ○ Fishing equipment and license ○ Beverages – sodas, beer, wine or hard alcohol. Please pack hard alcohol in plastic type containers. ○ Musical instrument – to play in the evenings

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