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**MULTI-DAY RAFT TRIP**

**2019 Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Adventures and Lodge**

*(Please fill out this form and return to the Rogue Wilderness Adventures and Lodge before your trip. Each member of your party **MUST** complete and sign a registration and liability release form. All information below will be kept in confidence and will not be shared or sold)*

**ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT**

TRIP DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Name Reservation Is Under \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female (circle) Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

If a minor is listed, please describe relationship to the person signing this document \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (NOT PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITY) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

**WILDERNESS ACCESS:** You understand that you are entering a wilderness area and there is VERY limited access to roads, phone service and rescue. Helicopter or ambulance rescue if needed is billed to your personal insurance. Some trip insurance product do include evacuation insurance if you choose to purchase it.

**EXPERIENCE** Have you ever been whitewater rafting? YES / NO (please circle)

**MEDICAL:** Please describe any medical or physical conditions which might affect your safety or health on the trip:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (bee stings, medications) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you carry an EPI Pen YES/NO (please circle)

DIETARY Please specify any medical dietary restrictions i.e. allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a vegetarian or vegan? YES/NO (please circle) If YES, please specify type of protein you eat \_\_\_\_\_

If not a vegetarian, do you eat red meat? YES/NO (please circle) Preferred Protein \_\_\_\_\_

Please understand that we try and accommodate most dietary requests. However, if you have specific requirements we suggest you bring the necessary supplies to subsist. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALCOHOL:** Please be aware that Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Adventures does not supply alcohol. You are welcome to bring beer, wine or spirits. Please limit glass containers. Please respect other guests and do not drink to excess while on trips.

**IF ON A CAMPING TRIP:** Would you like MRWAL to provide you a tent, sleeping bag and Paco pad? (circle one) **YES NO**

Would you like MRWA to provide you with the Deluxe camping option – larger tent, cot, sleeping mattress, Paco Pad – for an additional \$200? (circle one) **YES NO**

**CANCELLATIONS:** Should you have to cancel your Rogue River Adventure with us, all deposits are non-refundable. After the final balance due date, all payments become non-refundable. Alternate guests are welcome. Please understand that we cannot ensure your investment in river trip reservations. We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance. Once you sign up, we lose the right to sell your reserved space to other individuals or groups. Our number of trips and spaces per trip are limited by river management plans. Therefore, we regret that we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. Should you decide to cancel your trip with us, your trip cost is not transferable to another year. <https://www.travelinsured.com/agency>

**Forest Fires and Smoke:** Occasionally during the season forest fires in the region will cause smoke to settle in the Rogue River Canyon. Just like rain we go with smoke or no smoke. Every few years a forest fire will close the Rogue River. If we cancel the trip for river closure due to forest fire or flooding, we will not be able to issue a refund. Please insure your investment with with trip insurance.

Please sign below that you understand our cancellation policy.

SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



## 2019 Multi Day Rafting Itinerary- Lodge or Camping

The following are important details for your trip on the Rogue River. This information will help make your trip safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 1(800) 336-1647 or emails us at [info@wildrogue.com](mailto:info@wildrogue.com)

**Meeting Place:** Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Lodge (8500 Galice Rd, Merlin, OR)

**Meeting Time:** 5:45 pm the night before your trip (We encourage our guests to stay at Morrisons for lodging.)

**Launch Time:** 8:00 am on your trip date

**After the Trip:** Arrive back at Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Lodge around 5:00 pm (unless car shuttle has been requested or other arrangements have been made.)

## Checklist

- Complete your registration form and sign the Liability Release. Please return by mail, email, fax or online at least 60 days before trip departure.  
Mail: Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Adventures and Lodge  
PO Box 1110 Merlin, OR 97532  
Fax: (541) -721-2813  
Email: [info@wildrogue.com](mailto:info@wildrogue.com)
- Plan for the unexpected with Travel Insurance at [www.travelinsured.com](http://www.travelinsured.com)  
We've contracted very good coverage for your trip. Estimate about 6%-7% of your trip cost. Kids 17 and under are usually no extra charge.
- Final payment due 60 days before your trip

## MRWAL provides

- Transportation to the river
- Transportation from river back to Morrison's
- Dry bags and water bottle
- Waterproof bags for your personal gear

## You are responsible for

- Meals and lodging before and after your trip
- Personal clothing and other miscellaneous items
- Guide gratuities (see page 2)

## Where to stay before and after

### Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Lodge

(800) 826-1963 [www.morrisonlodge.com](http://www.morrisonlodge.com)

All our trips depart from the beautiful Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Lodge (which is celebrating 70-years along the Rogue!) So, we encourage you to stay there before your trip. Accommodations include water-side suites, cabins, and lodge rooms. You'll find Morrison's to be a convenient, and beautiful location to start and end your river adventure. Morrison's also offers lodge discounts for all MRWAL clients that choose to book a room before or after their trip with us.

## How to Get There

**If You Fly:** The closest commercial airport is Medford, Oregon. It is serviced by United Airlines, Delta, Allegiant, and Horizon Air. Flights inbound to Medford start from San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, Denver, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. **\*\*Please plan for your flight to arrive the day before your river trip**

**\*\*Flying out the day your trip ends is VERY difficult and puts strains on the entire last day of your trip. We are one hour from the airport at Morrisons Lodge, and will not arrive at the lodge until 5:30 pm. We request that you book your flight out for the day**

### **AFTER your trip ends.**

For your convenience, Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Adventures offers airport pickup and drop off for \$100 each way (12 passenger van). There are local taxi services available as well, but we do not have UBER.

**\*\*Please call MRWAL in advance to request the airport van shuttle. 1(800) 336-1647**

**If You Drive: From I-5 North (Portland, Eugene):** Get off at exit 61. Follow the off ramp until you get to the stoplight. Turn left and follow the road (Merlin-Galice Rd) out for about 11 ½ miles. Morrison's Lodge is on the right hand side. Park in the parking lot and walk to the front desk for check-in.

**From I-5 South (Medford, Ashland):** Get off at exit 61. At the end of the off ramp turn left and follow the road (Merlin-Galice Rd) out for about 11 ½ miles. Morrison's Lodge is on the right hand side of the road. Park in the parking lot and walk to the front desk for check-in.

## **The Trip Outline**

**5:45 pm Evening Before Your Trip:** All trips will start with a required orientation at 5:45 pm at Morrison's Lodge. Guests will meet each other and their trip leader/head guide.

**\*\*\*Please notify the office if you cannot attend the orientation or if you will not be there on time!**

Overnight dry-bags will be issued as well as complimentary water bottles. Your trip leader will cover your trip itinerary, pass on valuable trip information, and assist with any last minute questions or requests you might have. Our gift shop at Morrison's Lodge will be available for any last minute items. There is nowhere to buy beverages (alcohol or otherwise) near the lodge. Please plan on arriving at the lodge with the beverages you need for the trip.

**The Morning of your Trip;** We ask that everyone is dressed and ready for departure by 8:30 am. Please be on time! Others will be waiting for you!

Come dressed in your rafting clothes. A hearty breakfast is encouraged as lunch can sometimes be past noon. Morrison's serves a breakfast buffet starting at 7 am.

**On the River:** The pace of your river trip is very dependent on the water level. You will usually spend five to six hours a day on the river. Breakfast on the river is served around 8 am, and you are on the water by about 9 am. There will be a stop mid-day for lunch where a buffet style lunch will be served. Before dinner there will be plenty of time for relaxing in the beautiful scenery of the wild rogue with friends and

family.

**After the Trip:** The trip ends at Foster Bar in the early afternoon (around 2pm). At this time you will board a van, which will return you and your gear to Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Lodge, unless you have arranged a car shuttle. Car shuttles are available from Morrison's to Foster Bar for an additional \$125 per car (subject to change due to early season road conditions). The van trip takes about two to three hours, arriving back at Morrison's around 5 to 5:30 PM. It's a beautiful but windy drive: those prone to carsickness may want to be prepared with Dramamine.

**\*\*In May, snow might be blocking key shuttle routes. Our goal is to return you on the safest route possible. This might mean early season shuttles could take up to four hours. If you have any travel plans that might be altered due to a late shuttle, please let our office staff know.**

## **Wilderness Lodges**

The wilderness lodges in the Wild and Scenic corridor are privately owned and operated. They operate with a unique challenge- all equipment and food has been rafted, jet boated, or 4-wheel driven in. They are clean and comfortable, quirky, and food is plentiful and hearty. Each room has a bathroom with flush toilets and hot showers and 2 beds (usually singles). All meals are served family style in the main lodges.

**Electricity at the Lodges:** All the lodges are on generator and will provide light and heat during your stay. At 10 pm the generators are turned off (except for Marial Lodge), so bring a flashlight to find the bathroom. Do not bring hair appliances as they will cause the generator to stop.

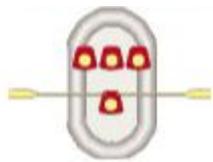
## **Types of Boats**

We employ a variety of boats on the Rogue that you will have the opportunity to enjoy as you travel down this amazing, beautiful river. Your choice will depend on the level of activity you are interested in and the logistics of the trip.

**Paddle Boat:** Paddle boats are fifteen to sixteen foot boats that are powered by the paddle strokes of the crew. The guide typically sits in the back and gives paddle commands to four or six paddlers. Helmets and wetsuits are rarely required in paddle boats. Life jackets will ALWAYS be required.

**Oar boats:** Oar boats are sixteen to eighteen feet that carry gear and supplies as well as one to four passengers. Two or three passengers on an oar boat is typical. A ride on an oar boat is an opportunity to relax, enjoy the scenery, or chat with friends and

family. The oar boat is the least active option and typically provides the lowest probability of a “swim”. Life jackets will ALWAYS be required.



**Inflatable Kayak (IK):** This is an opportunity to run the rapids of the Rogue River under your own power and direction. The guides will give IK instruction before the trip, and direction for the rapids while on the water. We bring only single kayakers on the lower Rogue. Helmets are required at all times while paddling the IKs and, at times, a wetsuit may be required. Life jackets will ALWAYS be required.

**Fishing:** Fishing on the Rogue is not great in the spring or summer and regulations do not allow fishing from our boats. If you would like to fish, Oregon fishing licenses may be purchased at Oregon sporting goods stores and at a small market in Merlin about 7 miles up the road from Morrison’s Lodge. We recommend collapsible rods for ease in packing.

**Guides:** Our guides have a deep appreciation for the river we run and want you to enjoy your trip with them. MRWAL guides are accomplished in outdoor skills and extensively trained in wilderness first aid and CPR. They will be more than happy to help you if you have any questions about the river or are an inexperienced camper.

**Gratuities:** We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by our guides. Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means. **(Please bring cash or a check to tip, tips cannot be added to your reservation at this time).**

**Equipment:** MRWAL provides complimentary water bottles, and waterproof bags for your personal gear. Certainly bring a camera on your trip for pictures. Our gift shop sells a number of great waterproof bags for cameras and cell phones.

**Meals and Alcohol:** MRWAL provides all meals from lunch on the first day to lunch on the last day. We specialize in creative and delicious meals. Guides will prepare your meals using a variety of fresh foods. Fruit juice and water are available with every meal. Coffee, tea, and cocoa are available at breakfast and dinner.

**Camping Guest:** On our camping trips our staff will

prepare all meals while on your trip. We provide fun, healthy meals. However, if you do have strict dietary requests please let us know. Please also understand you might want to bring some of your own food depending on what your dietary restrictions might be. We plan accordingly for food packing, assuming that if you are a vegetarian, you will not change your mind during the trip and eat all the bacon.

**Lodging Guests:** Because some of our rafting trips utilize lodges, we don’t personally prepare breakfasts and dinners. We have tried to educate our lodge staffs to particular dietary requests. For example: gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan requests. We constantly strive to make foods available to your request, however sometimes the lodges can’t meet our expectations. With this in mind you might consider bringing your own food to make sure you have what you need. What you bring needs to be basic and easy to heat- no prep required- as we do not have access to lodge kitchens. Please note that each lodge meal consists of up to 10 dishes- there is already something for everyone, and options for almost every diet.

Also, we cannot guarantee all foods will be “pure” in regards to severe food allergies. Please bring your own allergy free food if you have a severe food allergy, and of course bring all necessary emergency medication. (Please make sure to give us ample information on your registration form in regards to dietary restrictions)

\*\*There is a menu of what the lodges usually serve available from our office staff upon request.

**Wine, Beer, or any other Alcoholic Beverages** are not provided by MRWAL, but are welcome on the trip for enjoyment in the evenings. Oregon liquor stores are open until 8pm on weekdays and closed Sundays. Beer and wine are available at local grocery stores. Hard liquor can only be purchased at state liquor stores. *Note: If you are on a lodge trip Paradise Lodge has a full bar- but beware of ‘wilderness’ prices. Consider bringing cash if you are interested in purchasing items in the canyon.* There will be ice chests available for you at check in for you to bring extra beverages. Wine glasses and bottle openers are available at each lodge. Cocktail ice can be brought by guides- please let them know if you would like some.

**Environmental Concerns:** Depending on where the group stops, we will be using outhouses or portable river toilets. While not like the comfort of home, when setting up toilet facilities we are conscious of privacy needs as well as environmental impact. To protect the river, we

carry out all waste, trash, and use environmental soap in the river. The guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact of your group on the canyon, and we ask for your cooperation.

**Communications: Cell phones do not work in the canyon.** You are on vacation and the world will go on without you. Phones will stop working shortly after you pass through Merlin. If you want to bring your phone as a camera, we highly recommend you bring or purchase a phone case or dry bag to protect it from river water. MRWAL is not responsible for lost or broken phones.

## Cancellations and Travel Insurance

We strictly adhere to our cancellation policies as explained on your (or your group organizer's) reservation form.

Trip capacity is strictly regulated by law, and your reservation may mean we cannot sell space to others. Because of this, WE DO NOT OFFER REFUNDS. There are MANY unforeseen things that could happen that could prevent you from joining our trips such as injury, illness, smoke, natural fires, and floods. Because of this **travel insurance is strongly recommended**. It will reimburse you if you make a late cancellation, or if your trip is cancelled due to mother nature. Otherwise you are welcome to find a friend to replace you. Plan for the unexpected with Travel Insurance at <https://www.travelinsured.com/agency> We've contracted very good coverage for your trip. Estimate about 6%-7% of your trip cost. Kids 17 and under are usually no extra charge.

*\*\* Please note that trip insurance is time sensitive! You must reserve your insurance within 21 days of your initial deposit.*

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**Please insure your investment with with trip insurance.** There are several companies who offer trip insurance, Travel Insured is simply the one we suggest for the type of trips we do. See Cancellation and Travel Insurance Policies.

## Registration form and Health Information

Rafting trips are not strenuous, but you should be in good health. If there are any medical conditions (such as allergies, heart conditions, etc.) or dietary restrictions we should know about, please put them on the registration form or call us. We ask that you return the form to our office 30 days in advance of your trip either by e-mail, mail, or fax. **Fax 541-721-2813**

## Area Attractions

Oregon is a very beautiful state with many things to do and see. Crater Lake National Park is very popular, as well as the Oregon Caves National Monument. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is nearby in Ashland. Performances often sell out; call (541) 482-4331 or <http://www.osfashland.org> for more information. Regional tourism is handled by Southern Oregon Visitors Association. Their website [www.sova.org](http://www.sova.org) has excellent information about our region. You can also contact the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce at (541) 476-7717 <http://www.visitgrantspass.org> for specific Oregon area brochures.

## Rogue Weather

Elevation in Merlin, OR: 915 ft.

The summertime weather in southwest Oregon is usually very pleasant: warm and dry. However, you need to be prepared for wet, cool weather as well as hot and dry. This can be easy if you pay attention to the information provided and to your own tolerance to the sun and to the cold.

	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
Avg. Temp Day	82	90	88	84
Avg. Temp Night	48	60	65	50
Rainfall	0.5"	0.3"	0.5"	0.9"

**June:** Trips can be cool (days 55°-80°, nights 50°-60°), with a chance of rainstorms. The water will be moderately cold and you can plan on being splashed a lot.

**Late June to August:** Trips are warmer (days 75°-95° nights 65°)

**September:** Trips generally have mild days (60°-80°)

and cool nights (50°-60°). Storms are always possible.

## Clothing and Comfort

Dressing safely and comfortably (not to mention fashionably) for river trips is a challenging task. It is very important and should not be taken lightly. For much of the season, you will need two sets of warm clothing: one for on the river and one for the lodge.

**Use the “layering system”** Bring clothes that can be worn under or on top of others. Layering allows you to adjust quickly to changeable weather, by adding or subtracting layers. Loose, fast drying, durable clothing is best for rafting. We recommend the following materials because they are compact and are made to keep you warm and comfortable through a range of temperatures.

**Polypropylene (Polypro) or Capilene:** These are synthetic materials that wick the moisture away from the skin. Depending on the time of year, long underwear (shirt and pants) are essential as the first layer in cool or wet weather.

**Fleece:** Is a synthetic material that is heavier than polypro. It makes an excellent middle layer in cool or wet weather. Wool is also a good insulator. Bring a jacket or sweater as well as pants of these fabrics.

**Cotton:** Should **NOT** be worn during cool or wet weather since wet cotton lowers body temperature. Cotton is recommended for hot weather only!

**Rainwear:** Rain jacket and pants are to protect you from the storms as well as mist from rapids if you were to ride in the raft. Coated nylon or breathable fabrics such as Gore-Tex are best. Ponchos are bulky and dangerous so they are not recommended.

**Footwear:** You will find guides and fellow guests in tennis shoes, wetsuit booties with soles, and river sandals. Closed shoes do offer the most foot protection while on the river and, if worn with wool or neoprene wetsuit socks, they can help insulate your feet when the water is cold.

## Your Personal Responsibility

We handle trip logistics, provide the food and rafting equipment, and make sure you have knowledgeable and well-trained guides. We see to it that you are comfortable, and that you see the Rogue’s special places. We expect that you will bring adequate clothing and that your **sleeping bag, pad, and personal gear (camping only) will fit in the size requirements of our waterproof bags (24” diameter by 36” tall)**. We also ask that you approach your trip with an open mind for

adventure and discovery.

## Camping Gear and Lodge Facilities

**Lodge Trip Accoutrements:** If you’ve signed up for a lodge trip, all linens, towels and bedding will be provided at the lodge. Shampoo is not provided, but soap is. As with the funky nature of the lodges the towels are a little rough and the sheets a little scratchy but overall they provide a clean comfortable stay.

**Sleep Apnea Equipment:** If you are in need of bringing a CPAP for Sleep Apnea- please visit <http://www.cpap.com> to purchase a battery pack. There is no power available at night (except at Marial Lodge).

**Camping Trip Accoutrements:** You’re welcome to bring your own tent, sleeping bag, and sleeping pad. You also have the option of using Morrison’s Rogue Wilderness and Lodge camping gear. Comfortable sleeping bags with liners as well as tents, and sleeping pads are available at no extra charge. Our pads are foam-sleeping pads about 1.5 inches thick. They are not air mattresses.

**Upgrade to the Deluxe Camping Setup:** Morrison’s Rogue Wilderness does offer extra-large 2 person tents that include 2 cots and two deluxe sleeping pads. The costs for this upgrade is \$200 per tent setup. Please call our office staff and let us know you want the comfort upgrade.

## Packing

**Your Dry Bag or Waterproof Bag:** The overnight bag, when fully packed measures about 24 inches in diameter by 36 inches in height and is almost the size of a large garbage bag.

**Lodge only trips: We ask that two people share one dry bag.**

**Camp or Camp/Lodge Trips: Each person will receive their own large overnight dry bag.**

We recommend packing your things for the trip into a small SOFT duffel bag (**no rollers please!**) that will then be placed into a MRWAL dry bag. We also kindly request that you keep each personal bag to **20 lbs or less**. The guides carry each large dry bag long distances at some lodges and camps and we want to keep their backs in good repair!

**Day Bags:** Since your waterproof bag will not be accessible during the day, small day bags will be available on your trip at check in. These smaller bags, about the size of purses, are for sunscreen, medicine, clothing, hats, and cameras.

## What to Bring

Your comfort and safety depend on you being well equipped for the wilderness. If the weather is perfect you will not need the cold weather clothing or rain gear, but should plan for sun protection. Please call if you don't understand or cannot find an item on the list.

### **Pack 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. You do not need a change of clothing every day.

### **Clothing List RECOMMENDED for ALL trips:**

- Swimsuit: May be worn as a first layer
- Shorts: quick drying shorts can double as a swimsuit for men.
- Footwear: Sandals that **attach to your feet** for rafting, and comfortable shoes for the evening in camp/lodge. An extra pair of flip flops is nice as back up.
- Socks: Polypropylene or wool\*
- Long sleeved shirts: best for sun protection. Avoid cotton for during the day- it is slow to dry, and heavy when wet.
- T-shirts/tank tops: rafting and camp
- Long underwear: Polypropylene, Smart wool, or Capilene (for sleeping comfort and colder weather trips)
- Sweater or jacket: Fleece or Wool (for cold mornings in camp, and colder trips)
- Pants: 1 pair is nice for chilly mornings in camp. Rain pants are a great idea for early and late season trips.
- Baseball cap or visor (with strap) for sun protection
- Make sure you bring a comfortable outfit for evenings in camp/lodge. You can wear the outfit the next night too! We won't judge!

### **Gear List:**

- Small camp Pillow
- Water bottle with strap
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Sunglasses with Strap
- Bandana
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries
- Medications. If you are in need of bringing a CPAP- please visit [www.cpap.com](http://www.cpap.com) to purchase a battery pack. (Please leave epi pen and emergency medications out of overnight pack and in a readily available location)
- Large zip lock bags for wet gear
- Sunscreen/ lip balm
- Moisturizer/Skin lotion
- Wet Wipes

### **Recommended for early season trips:**

- Long underwear: Polypropylene, Smart wool, or Capilene
- Sweater or jacket: Fleece or Wool
- Rain gear: jacket and pants
- Gloves for camp/lodge

### **Optional Gear:**

- Bike gloves to protect hands while paddling
- Fishing equipment and license
- Small zip lock bags for organizing gear
- Disposable/ Waterproof camera\*
- Dramamine (if prone to car sickness)
- Small day pack or fanny pack
- Book / Journal / Notebook

**Questions?** Please contact our office at 1-800-336-1647 or [info@wildrogue.com](mailto:info@wildrogue.com) if you have any other questions about your trip. Once you are on the river, our guides will be happy to answer questions or assist you. We welcome any suggestions you have and want you to enjoy your trip.

We can't wait to see you soon!