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Nestled deep in the coastal Siskiyou Mountains of southwest Oregon, the Rogue River features unmatched natural beauty, thrilling whitewater, quiet seclusion, abundant wildlife, and rich history. It is this rare combination of characteristics that inspired Congress in 1968 to include the Rogue as part of the original Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Fifty years later the river retains the same charm. It still flows through one of the most poetic canyons on earth and serves up classic rapids, perfect for first-time river runners, families, and experienced rafters alike.

The wilderness of this river and canyon is special. Pine and oak blanket the canyon walls, rendering a tapestry of green. Giant, smooth, black boulders line the river, creating beautiful mini-canyons. Wildlife—including black bear, deer, raccoon and river otter—often roam the shore. Blue heron, bald eagles and osprey soar through the sky. Our Rogue trips feature all of this plus guides who love the river and who want to share its special character with you. Each night is either spent camping on the banks of the river enjoying a beverage and savory cuisine or relaxing in the comfort of a rustic wilderness lodge. The lodges are nestled above the river and offer cozy beds and warm showers. Our camps are sited on perfectly placed white sand and forest meadow camping areas and all personal camping gear such as sleeping bags, pads, and tents are provided.

"This was the best holiday I've had in years. The team of guides was excellent and a good balance of youth and experience. I really enjoyed the river's rapids, remoteness and tranquility, And, the meals were excellent- almost too good!"

-G. Sarnecki

The whitewater is always excellent on our Rogue trips. Over eighty exhilarating class III rapids and riffles are splashed throughout this Wild and Scenic canyon. Narrow chutes, big waves, intricate rock gardens, escalator drops and every other type of rapid is encountered each day. In terms of just plain fun and challenging whitewater this thirty-plus mile stretch of river is regarded as among the best in the world.

On all Rogue trips we provide three types of boats in which to enjoy the sights, sounds, and splash of the river: paddle boats, oar boats, and inflatable kayaks. Paddle boats are the boat of choice for those seeking a more active and hands-on experience. In these boats a paddle captain calls out commands to the paddle team, usually 4-6 people, and all aboard help to maneuver the boat down the river. Camaraderie is a natural outcome of paddle rafting. Oar boats carry both gear and passengers. In an oar boat, the guide sits in the center of the raft and controls the boat with oars. These rafts are perfect for anyone who prefers to go along for the ride or focus on scenery and wildlife. Inflatable kayaks provide a great way for the more intrepid to experience the power and grace of a river, allowing individuals to paddle through waves and narrow channels, while under the watchful eye of a guide who sits in a nearby raft.

All of this and more await you on this classic river. The Rogue is a perfect setting in which to spend time with friends new and old, adventuring, exploring, and relaxing in the peace of a wild place.



NATURAL HISTORY

Visitors to the wild Rogue are taken by this river's magnificent charm. Perhaps it stems from the Rogue's lush forests, deep green pools, sparkling waterfalls, classic rapids, and rich past dotted with natives, pioneer families and early whitewater boaters. In 1968 Congress passed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to preserve the nation's outstanding rivers. The Rogue was one of the eight original rivers protected by this act. Congress was merely validating what an exclusive group of adventurers already knew: that this is a rare treasure.

Rogue voyages are the oldest and most famous river trips in the Northwest. As early as the 1920's, Hollywood stars and presidents paid local guides to carry them through the canyon for fishing, sight seeing and whitewater thrills. The Rogue quickly developed a legendary reputation as one of the West's greatest adventures. In this era, Glen Wooldridge became one of the original river guides. Much of the river's illustrious boating history is recounted in his book, *A River to Run*.

Before the 1900's, the Rogue was home to the Takelma and Tutuni tribes. These nomadic people moved from the coast to this mountain river to harvest the abundant population of salmon and steelhead. Early exploration by French trappers brought conflict, and the French began calling the tribes "coquins," or rogues. The river then became known as "La Riviere aux Coquins," which was later shortened to the Rogue River.

White settlement in the Rogue valley boomed after the discovery of gold in the canyon. The lower Rogue, where our trip takes place, remained wild and untamed. The lure of precious metal, though, did bring new comers. Most were hermit miners who worked along the many side creeks. Some were packers or pioneer families who made a living offering services for the miners. The gold rush put pressure on local resources and by the late 1800's the Takelma and Tutuni were gone.

Much of the Rogue's mysterious charm resides in its lush surroundings. The dense forest is one of the oldest, most diverse forests in the country, where ancient forces still hold sway. The entire canyon is virtually covered in green. Huge pine and fir trees mix with dramatic madrones, maple, mock orange and myriad wildflowers. The lower canyon has dozens of side creeks with fern-lined grottos and some of the most spectacular swimming holes anywhere. Side-canyon streams that we hike to such as Tate Creek and Floral Dell feature beautiful waterfalls that cascade down through verdant mini-canyons as they stairstep towards their confluence with the Rogue.

The Rogue wilderness is also home to abundant wildlife. Deer are very common, as well as black bear. River otters are often seen frolicking on the banks of the river or swimming in a rapid. A very sharp eye might even spot an elusive ring-tailed cat or lone coyote. The Rogue has long been famous for strong salmon runs, and an observer can still sight one leaping the main drop at Rainie Falls or cooling off at the mouth of a side creek. Osprey cruise the sky and bald eagles have firmly reestablished a permanent home in the canyon. In fact, on the occasional trip we may witness an osprey and bald eagle fighting mid-air over a fish pulled from the river. Interestingly, the osprey and bald eagle use different techniques to catch fish. Ospreys dive head first into the river, submersing much of their body before flying away with a fish in their beak or claws, while eagles fly inches above the water and use their talons as sharp hooks to scoop and snare the fish that swim just below the surface.

Our journey passes through or above several canyons of dark gray and green rock where the river's unique geology is strikingly apparent. Geologists surmise the Rogue was already cutting its westerly course when the coast range was uplifted. As the mountains formed, the river continued west, dropping into new cracks in the earth. In these places, such as Mule Creek Canyon, the river narrows to a little as ten feet across. Rafting this slot is a thrill!

The narrow confines of the lower Rogue canyons create some of the best whitewater in the west. Never fierce, the Rogue is always fun. Most rapids here are boulder-choked mazes of whitewater, with large, calm pools beneath. On several stretches of our run, the rapids come one right after the other. Tye, Wildcat and Slim Pickins rapids lead to Black Bar Falls. The adrenaline-building mile before Mule Creek Canyon leads to the famous Blossom Bar. This is paddle boating and inflatable kayaking paradise, as the Rogue offers great rapids for all skill levels.



Meeting Place: The Galice Resort, Galice, Oregon.

Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. the first day of your trip.

We return to Galice by late afternoon on the last day of your trip.

RENDEZVOUS INFORMATION

We meet at the Galice Resort, a full-service facility with a lodge, cabins, restaurant, and small general store, perched quietly on the banks of the Rogue. It is located thirty minutes from downtown Grants Pass and one hour northwest of Medford, Oregon. Medford has an airport that is served by commercial airlines. Please plan to arrive in Galice or Grants Pass the night before your trip and to depart Galice after 5:30 p.m. on the last day of your trip.

ITINERARY

Your trip leader will meet you at Galice Resort, at 9:00 a.m., on the first day of your trip. There he or she will distribute waterproof “dry” bags, answer any last minute questions, and help assure that your car is parked in the secure parking area. Following this introduction you will pack your clothes and personal items into the dry bag (be sure to keep any items you want during the day out of this dry bag, as we have separate “day” dry bags). Please be sure to have finished your breakfast by 8:45 a.m. and be available to participate in a group orientation before boarding the shuttle vehicle for the short scenic drive to the launch point. Here, you will participate in a thorough safety presentation and then get on the river! Fun whitewater, peaceful calms and magnificent scenery will fill your senses. After this initial stretch of river we reach Rainie Falls, a thundering drop that we skirt by walking around or running a sneak channel, depending on water levels. More phenomenal rapids and scenery awaits below Rainie Falls and we reach camp late in the afternoon after a wonderful first day. We make camp on a sandy beach or forest meadow, enjoy an afternoon snack, and unwind as the guides make a delicious dinner. This evening we listen to the river and share tales of the Rogue as twilight comes to the canyon.

Subsequent Days (The number of days varies according to your trip length):

Each day on the Rogue follows a similar routine although no two days are alike. Breakfast, a multi-course affair with hot cowboy coffee or campfire cocoa, is served as the sun creeps into the canyon. After breaking camp and loading the rafts we run rapid after exhilarating rapid, drift through idyllic calms, marvel at the rock formations, watch eagle and osprey as they circle overhead, and on and on. Depending on the day we may visit Zane Grey’s former writing getaway, hike up to one of the many side creek waterfalls, or visit a remote wilderness lodge. Lunch is set up each day around noon, with more than enough delicious food to energize you for the afternoon’s whitewater. In the late afternoon we again set up camp in another beautiful and secluded wild place. The early evening hours provide time to fish, hike, read a book, enjoy happy hour snacks and beverages, or take a nap. Dinner, in all of its glory, is prepared and served each evening with style and flair. You will eat to your stomach’s content meals that have been labeled as the finest outdoor cuisine imaginable. The campfire lights the night sky and the sound of the river lulls us to sleep. Please note that there may be periods during the summer when campfires are prohibited.

Final Day:

After breakfast and breaking camp we float the final stretch of river, enjoy lunch on the banks of this magical river, and reach take-out, near the tiny town of Agness, in the early afternoon. Following a celebration toast and salute to a great trip, our shuttle vehicle meets us and we head over the hills back to Galice Resort. This steep and curvy drive (approximately 2.5-3 hours) is **along the ridge tops** of the Rogue River canyon and affords panoramic views of the Siskiyou Mountains. We reach Galice late in the afternoon. **Note:** the river take-out point at Agness is approximately thirty-five miles from the Oregon coast. Those with travel plans that include visiting the coast may want to have their vehicles shuttled to the take-out point as Agness is closer to the coast than Galice. The fee for the car shuttle is approximately \$100 and is provided by the Galice Resort. We will be happy to arrange this service for you if you desire to have your vehicle waiting for you at take-out.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GETTING TO THE ROGUE

By Air:

Medford, Oregon, has the nearest commercial airport with services by major airlines. It is located approximately one hour from our rendezvous point at Galice Resort. Please plan flights to arrive no later than the evening before your trip and to leave no earlier than 8 p.m. on the last day of your trip. We can assist in arranging shuttle transportation for you between the airport and Galice.

By Car:

Take the Merlin Exit (#61) off of Interstate-5 (about 3 miles north of Grants Pass). Go west on the Merlin-Galice Road after exiting the freeway. You will pass through the town of Merlin. Continue on this road, crossing over the Hellgate Bridge and on to Galice. The Galice Resort, approximately 16 miles from the freeway, will be on your right hand side and marked by a small sign, store, and a gas pump. If you cross the Rogue a second time, you've gone about 7 miles too far. Please plan to arrive in Galice or the Grants Pass area the evening before your trip.

WHERE TO STAY

We recommend the following lodging for before and after your trip:

The Galice Resort	*Redwood Motel	*Weasku Inn	*Mention we sent you for 10% off.
(541) 476-3818	(888) 535-8824	(541) 471-8000	

There are many more hotels in the Grants Pass and Medford areas. We will be happy to provide you with more options at your request. Or you may choose to camp at Indian Mary, Almeda Bar or other campgrounds in the area. Contact Josephine County Parks at 541-474-5285 for more information on campsites in the area.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

No previous experience is necessary for the Rogue Canyon Rafting trip. In fact, this trip has again and again proven to be just right for those on their first wilderness rafting adventure. Our minimum age is 6, and the maximum age is up to you! Your guides will gladly help with any aspect of our trip that is new for you, whether that means setting up a new tent or learning to paddle.

PARTICIPANT FITNESS AND ACTIVITY LEVELS

Rogue Canyon Adventures trips are created with fun, curious, and nature-loving adventurers in mind. While you should be fit and in good health for this trip you need not be a honed athlete. First timers, families, friends, experienced rafters, and independent and mature travelers are welcome and thrive on our Rogue River Journeys.

WEATHER

The Rogue is a coastal river with mild weather almost year-round. Temperatures from late May through June, and then in September, are usually in the high 70's to high 80's during the day and 50's to 60's at night. July and August days often reach into the 90's and nights are in the 50's and 60's. Of course, rain can occur any time and weather in the canyon can be unpredictable. Wetsuits may be needed for spring and fall trips and are provided by RCA.



EQUIPMENT

Rogue Canyon Adventures provides lifejackets, waterproof bags, camp chairs and eating utensils and all the specialized river gear you need, plus deluxe 3" sleeping pads, sleeping bags and tents. Inflatable kayaks are also provided on every Rogue trip. A complete list of what you should bring will be included in your confirmation packet.

CAMPS

We camp along the river in pristine wilderness, usually on expansive sandy beaches or isolated forest glades. All personal and camping gear is carried down river with us on oar-powered gear boats. We proudly practice minimum-impact camping and carry out all trash.

BATHROOMS

We generally camp in areas that include secluded, away-from-camp pit toilets that are maintained by the government agencies that monitor the river. However, we also carry a portable toilet that is used if we camp in an area that does not have the pit toilets. We set this up in a private and scenic spot away from the heart of the camping area. While not in camp and floating the river we can also stop and use the toilet whenever needed.

FISHING

Fishing on the Rogue can be good depending on the season. We will gladly carry on the gear rafts any personal fishing gear you want to bring. Oregon requires you to have a fishing license if you intend to fish during your visit. You can purchase a fishing license online at www.dfw.state.or.us or at convenience stores throughout Oregon. Anglers may land trout, salmon and steelhead. It may be necessary in many cases to release the catch.

MEALS AND BEVERAGES

We serve outstanding meals prepared each day by your guides with fresh ingredients. We also provide a variety of beverages with each meal. Each afternoon we set up tasty happy hour snacks and beverages. We are also happy to prepare certain foods that you may want or need (including birthday or anniversary cakes). Please let us know if you have special dietary concerns, and we will plan and cook accordingly. Gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian or vegan meals are no problem for our creative guide chefs! Meals are provided from lunch on Day 1 of your trip through lunch on the last day.

GRATUITIES

It is common to tip wilderness guides on adventure trips. It is not expected, but always appreciated. If you are happy with your trip please let us and your guide(s) know. Thanks!

ITINERARY CHANGES

While we do everything possible to follow the itineraries in this packet we may be forced to adjust trips due to reasons beyond our control. Therefore, these itineraries are subject to change.

ROGUE CANYON ADVENTURES GUIDES

The pride of our outfit, our guides bring a wealth of talent and experience to each trip we run. RCA guides (and they are our guides, not subcontracted outfitters) have years and years of experience leading trips in the U.S. and abroad. Each is licensed in first-aid and CPR. Furthermore, they create an environment that fosters camaraderie and positive experiences. Simply put, they care about what it is that YOU want from YOUR TRIP and do every-thing possible to make that happen! We are confident that you will find your guides to be one of the highlights of the adventure.



HOW TO SIGN UP

If this is the trip for you then call us at **800-423-8868** to find out if space is available on the date you want. If there is space you can either reserve your spot with a check or with a credit card over the phone. A \$300 per person deposit is required to reserve space on all Rogue trips. The balance is due 30 days before your trip. Reservations made within the 30 day period before trip departure must include payment in full. However you choose to reserve space, we recommend doing it as early as possible in order to assure availability. After we receive your reservation and deposit we will send you a confirmation packet that includes trip preparation information with a comprehensive gear list, what to expect during the trip, transportation on the trip, etc.

CANCELLATIONS/TRANSFERS

If you cancel prior to 60 days before the trip there is a \$150 per person cancellation fee. If payment in full is not received by 30 days prior to your departure, we will regard your reservation as canceled. If you cancel within 60 days of your departure, no refunds will be issued unless we are able to fill your space. If we are able to fill your space we will refund your payment less the cancellation fee. You are welcome to find a replacement for yourself. We strongly encourage our customers to purchase travelers insurance. It will reimburse you in the event of a late cancellation. Go to www.travelex.com or www.travelinsure.com for information on purchasing travelers insurance. You may transfer your reservation to another trip during the same year for a \$25 transfer fee per person, provided that this transfer takes place at least 60 days before the trip.

WHY CHOOSE ROGUE CANYON ADVENTURES?

As you may gather from this information packet and other Rogue Canyon Adventures materials, we pride ourselves on being the most professional, thorough, and caring outfitter available. This approach has served us, and our thousands of customers well. This is exciting to us as we enter our 15th year of outfitting trips on this river with guides who love to share with you the beauty, grace, and thrill of the Rogue River Canyon.

Rogue Canyon Adventures is an owner-operated adventure travel leader. We are small in terms of staff size, which allows for exceptional attention to detail and control of our trips. This means that someone who has a direct hand and stake in your trip will be helping with all of your questions, concerns, wants, and needs. This aspect of RCA carries over into your trip. Simply put, no other company we know of offers the quality of trips we do with such a tightknit, committed team of guides. As the result, our goal of making sure that each trip has the highest level of safety possible and the smoothest logistics is consistently adhered to.

It is the RCA guides that make the biggest difference in our trips. We employ the best guides in the business! Guides who have many years of experience leading and pioneering adventures around the world. Our guides are fully qualified and licensed in first aid and CPR. Guides who are friendly, knowledgeable, fun, and just plain good to be around. Guides who know that it is YOUR trip. Guides who do all they can to make sure you are having the best possible time doing what YOU want to do. Guides who long for you to remember any trip you share with us as the best trip on which you have ever been. We are excited about sharing another great wilderness experience with you. We do our best to make each and every trip on the Rogue a unique and special experience for you.

We hope you join us on an adventure!

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