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# ROGUE CANYON ADVENTURES

## RAFT-SUPPORT HIKING TRIP

Nestled deep in the coastal Siskiyou Mountains of southwest Oregon, the Rogue River features unmatched natural beauty, quiet seclusion, abundant wildlife, and a 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 the canyon offers forty miles of excellent hiking through a pristine landscape where a variety of wildlife and native vegetation thrive.

The Rogue River National Recreation Trail is the heart of the canyon and is approximately forty miles in length. The Rogue River Trail features easy to moderate hiking and typically takes four to five days, hiking anywhere from eight to fifteen miles per day. The trail is well constructed and maintained every season after winter storms have passed. The trail is designated for hiking only and you can truly experience the serenity and solitude of this beautiful wilderness. The Rogue River is also a popular whitewater rafting destination and you may see rafts floating by on the river or hear the occasional whoops of joy as a boat goes through a rapid.

*“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 wilderness of this river and canyon is special. Pine and oak blanket the canyon walls, rendering a tapestry of green. Smooth boulders and cliffs line the river and one can often see a variety of wildlife—including black bear, river otters, deer, raccoons and turtles—near the river’s edge. Blue heron, bald eagles and osprey soar through the sky. Our Rogue trips feature all of this plus guides who love the canyon and the river and who want to share its special character with you. You have the option of over-nighting in lodges or camping on the banks of the river enjoying a beverage and savory cuisine under the brilliant Oregon night stars. The lodges are nestled above the river and offer cozy beds and warm showers and good family-style meals. If you wish to continue your wilderness experience outdoors each night, our guides will set up comfortable riverside camps each evening and prepare amazing meals. Our camps are sited on perfectly placed sand beaches or in forest meadow camping areas and all personal camping gear such as sleeping bags, pads, and tents are provided. With a raft-supported hiking trip you are able to carry only a light daypack while you hike. All food, water and gear is transported on rafts, by guides who meet you at predetermined places along the river at lunchtime and at the days’ end. Please note, you will not be accompanied by a guide while hiking on the trail.

On our Rogue hiking trips we provide oar rafts in which to carry both gear and food down the river (and guests, too, if your feet need a break!) In an oar boat, the guide sits in the center of the raft and controls the boat with oars.

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

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## 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. Tyee, 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.

## **ROGUE RIVER HIKING TRIP INFORMATION**

(Please see previous page for Camp trip information)

**Meeting Place:** The Galice Resort, Galice, Oregon.

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

We return you to the Galice Resort, by the late afternoon (typically around 5 p.m.), 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 6 p.m. on the last day of your trip.

### **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 will be on your right hand side, approximately 16 miles from the freeway and is 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      \*Weasku Inn      \*Redwood Motel      \*Mention we sent you for 10% off  
(541) 476-3818      (541) 471-8000      (888) 535-8824

There are also many hotels in Grants Pass, or you may choose to camp at Indian Mary or Almeda Bar County Parks or one of a number of other campgrounds in the area. Contact Josephine County Parks at 541-474-5285 for more information. We will be happy to help you find additional lodging, just give us a call at 800-423-8868.

#### **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

No previous experience is necessary for the Rogue River Hiking trip. In fact, this trip has again and again proven to be just right for those on their first wilderness adventure. Our minimum age is 12, and the maximum age is up to you! Your guides will gladly help with any aspect of the trip that is new for you, whether that means setting up a new tent or helping you decide what to pack in your day pack.

## **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. The hiking on this trip is moderate with the possibility of more challenging sections of trail, depending on conditions.

## **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. Always bring rain gear. On the camping trips we always have tarps and shelters in the event of rain.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Rogue Canyon Adventures provides camp chairs, all cooking equipment and eating utensils, plus 3" sleeping pads, sleeping bags and tents for the camping trips. You will need to provide your own daypack and personal gear. A complete list of what you should bring will be included in your confirmation packet. If you should choose to spend time on the raft, splash jackets and lifejackets will be provided.

## **LODGES**

The historic river front lodges are a unique experience in rustic, wilderness comfort. The lodges feature private rooms with a bathroom and all linens and towels are provided. The rooms are typically double occupancy and meals are served family style. Relax with a drink and watch the river and local wildlife meander by!

## **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. Rogue Canyon Adventures provides tents, sleeping bags, pillows and plush 3" sleeping pads. We proudly practice minimum-impact camping and carry out all trash.

## **CAMP SHELTER**

In the case of rain or really hot weather, RCA guides will be happy to set up a large rain or shade tarp. We carry EZ-Up shade tents that we quickly set up for comfort at lunch on hot summer days.

## **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. A system that will be explained by your guides allows for all campers to know when the camp toilet is in use.

## **FISHING**

Fishing on the Rogue is generally good. 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. Depending on the season, anglers may land trout, salmon and steelhead. It may be necessary in many cases to release the catch, depending on the season. You can purchase a fishing license at convenience and outdoor stores throughout Oregon or online at [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us).

## **MEALS AND BEVERAGES**

We serve outstanding meals prepared each day by your guides with fresh ingredients. In addition to drinking water, we also provide a variety of beverages with each meal. Each afternoon we set up 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. Vegetarian or vegan meals are no problem for our creative guide chefs! Please be sure to have a good breakfast prior to meeting our guides on the first morning!

## **GRATUITIES**

It is common to tip wilderness guides on adventure trips. Industry standard is between 8% and 15%. 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.

## **CANCELLATIONS/TRAVEL INSURANCE**

We strictly adhere to our cancellation policy. If you cancel within 30 days of your trip no refunds will be given unless we are able to fill your space. You are welcome to find a replacement for yourself. We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance for your trip. It will reimburse you if you make a late cancellation due to an illness in the family. Please visit, [www.travelex.com](http://www.travelex.com) or [www.travelinsure.com](http://www.travelinsure.com) to find information on purchasing travelers insurance.

## **ROGUE CANYON ADVENTURES GUIDES**

The pride of our outfit, our guides bring a wealth of talent and experience to each trip we run. Rogue Canyon Adventures guides (and they are our guides, not subcontracted outfitters) have years and years of experience leading trips throughout the country 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.

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### **Suggested Reading**

James M Quinn, *Handbook to the Rogue River Canyon*. Frank Amato Publishing.

Arman and Wooldridge, *The Rogue: A River to Run*. Out of print.

Hathaway Jones, *Tales from the Rogue*. Oregon State University Press.

Jim Cassady, Bill Cross, and Fryar Calhoun, *Western Whitewater*. North Fork Press.

## **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 30 days 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](http://www.travelex.com) or [www.travelinsure.com](http://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 tight-knit, 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 and who 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 look forward to hearing from you!

**We hope you join us on an adventure!**



## Hiking Lodge Trip ♦ Packing List

### When packing for your trip

We recommend that you bring clothes and gear that allow you to layer for temperature differences. Layers allow you to peel off clothes as the canyon heats up and to quickly add them back on if it gets cold. Having a wet and dry set insures comfort and warmth each night in case your day gear gets wet. Cotton is not recommended for the wet set. Wet cotton lowers body temperature, which can be uncomfortable in even mildly cold weather. Synthetics such as polypropylene and polyester fleece wick water away from your body and work well both on the river and off. Thin merino wool garments (brands like Smartwool and Icebreaker) also work extremely well for this purpose.

### Soft duffel bags only, No ridged bags or bags with wheels

All your gear must fit in one waterproof bag (16" in diameter and 33" in height), that we provide for each customer. We also bring several waterproof boxes and bags for items such as cameras, sunblock, books, etc.

#### Dry Set

- 1 pair long pants
- 2 pairs shorts
- 2 T-shirts
- 1 synthetic or wool fleece
- 1 long sleeved shirt
- 1 pair hiking shoes
- 1 pair comfortable shoes
- Underwear & socks
- 1 rain or waterproof jacket
- Toiletry kit
- Sleepwear

#### Important Gear

- Daypack
- Water bottle
- Flashlight or headlamp & batteries
- Sunglasses with retention device
- Sunscreen & lip block
- 1 hat for sun protection (with brim or bill)

#### Wet Set

- Strap on sandals or tennis shoes (if you don't mind them getting wet; Not flip flops, they can fall off)
- 1 swimsuit or quick dry shorts (not cotton)
- 1 T-shirt (long sleeved is best for sun protection)
- 1-2 pairs of synthetic or wool socks
- 1 synthetic or wool fleece
- Wetsuit, provided by RCA (required for only spring and fall trips)

#### Optional

- Camera & film
- Insect repellent
- Reading material/journal
- Neoprene booties
- Large zip lock bags for organizing your small gear (in your dry bags we provide)
- Binoculars
- Warm hat

We are looking forward to a great trip!

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