

Flowing Through Time: The Rogue River

August 26–September 1, 2018



ITINERARY

DAY 1

Sunday, August 26

Arrive in Grants Pass, Oregon, by 4:00 p.m. and check in to the hotel, situated along the Rogue River, by 4:00 p.m. The river is named after native tribes considered to be “rogues” by early pioneers. Meet the group for introductions, dinner, and a program orientation. Overnight, Riverside Inn, Grants Pass. **D**

DAY 2

Monday, August 27

We launch our fleet of professionally guided rafts and dories to begin our 95-mile river journey over the next five days. Today, our scholar reveals the deep history of Grants Pass and the Rogue River area. We discuss the archaeology of Takelma tribe-related sites as we float past the confluence of the Rogue and Applegate rivers. We then enter the Rogue River gorge where 100-foot walls support hanging gardens over emerald green waters of the river. Check in to our riverside lodge for free time and dinner on your own. Overnight, Morrison Lodge, Galice. **B L**

DAY 3

Tuesday, August 28

We float seven miles to Grave Creek, the beginning of the Wild and Scenic Section of the Rogue River. Near Grave Creek, we learn about the Rogue Indian War and Battle of Hungry Hill. Float two more miles to Rainy Falls, where we watch salmon up-run the falls. At lunch, we discuss the importance of salmon, acorns, camas, and other wild foods of descendant native tribes who now reside on the Siletz Indian Reservation. Enjoy seven more miles of river exploration with rapids before checking in to our riverside lodge. Overnight, Black Bar Lodge, Wild and Scenic Rogue River. **B L D**



The Rogue flowing through southwest Oregon



Grants Pass bridge



Navigating the Rogue in a dory

DAY 4

Wednesday, August 29

In the morning we enjoy six miles of boating with rapids along the way. We hike to visit Western author Zane Grey's homestead and old boat, as our scholar and local guides discuss early pioneer history. Then float five miles to visit the Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site, an area that marks the transition territory of the Lowland Takelma (Penutian speakers) and Athabaskan speaking peoples. Overnight Marial Lodge, Wild and Scenic Rogue River. **B L D**

DAY 5

Thursday, August 30

In the morning we float two miles through the amazing narrows of Mule Creek to Blossom Bar rapids. Here we hike along the Rogue River Trail to discuss the important history of this section of river. The river gradually widens and calms as we exit the Wild and Scenic section. Seventeen more miles downriver we land in the historic hamlet of Agness, at the confluence of the Illinois River, and check in to our riverside lodge. Overnight, Lucas Lodge, Agness. **B L D**

DAY 6

Friday, August 31

We start the day with a walking tour down "history lane" of Agness and the Illinois River area. After a barbecue lunch at the lodge, we meet the "Historic Mail Run" jet boat for an hour ride to Gold Beach, located by the Pacific Ocean. We check into our lodge on the beach to enjoy the rugged Pacific Coast, beach access, and time by the ocean. We'll enjoy a final dinner and celebration together as we recap our adventure. Overnight, Ireland's Rustic Lodges, Gold Beach. **B L D**

DAY 7

Saturday, September 1

After breakfast, transfer back to Grants Pass, a little more than a 2½-hour, very scenic drive. A group shuttle is provided to the Medford airport from Grants Pass. Plan your departure for any time after 2:00 p.m. from the airport. **B**



Enjoy evenings at rustic, upscale riverside lodges



King salmon spawning



Pacific Ocean, Gold Beach, OR

B = breakfast, **L** = lunch, **D** = dinner
Itinerary subject to change

The raft trip is outfitted by Briggs Guide Service.

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