

GRANTS PASS, OR Itinerary Information and Contacts

All businesses welcome tours and FIT business and look forward to working with tour and receptive operators. All hotels offer a group welcome reception, competitive group rates (group hotels have 24 double queen or double double guestrooms), complimentary breakfast, luggage service at nominal fee, and individual comp or discounted policies for motor coach driver and tour operator.

Southern Oregon Visitors Association / Travel Southern Oregon

Sue Price, Independent Tour Manager

sue@southernoregon.org

541-890-5472

Medford, OR

For general tourism information: www.southernoregon.org

For suggested tour itineraries: www.southernoregon.org/tours

GRANTS PASS INFORMATION AND ITINERARY

On the banks of Oregon's legendary Rogue River Grants Pass is where Pacific Northwest adventures begin! Grant Pass is a thriving city of 33,000 and among the greatest places in the American West for whitewater thrills, forest trails, fly fishing, friendly faces, and a dynamic local arts, culinary and entertainment scene. Grant Pass boasts unique festivals, theater, art galleries, award winning restaurants, the gateway to the Applegate Valley Wineries, a wide array of antique stores, and a quaint downtown national historic district.

For your group and FIT clients visiting Grants Pass, we have created a list of recommended businesses including contact information for sample ideas of tours, attractions, outdoor adventure, restaurants, and hotels. This is only a sample list. For a complete list of retail stores, attractions, art galleries, hotels, restaurants, festivals, and events visit www.vistgrantspass.org

Grants Pass Tourism

Kerrie Walters, Director of Tourism

1995 NW Vine St.

Grants Pass, OR 97526

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www.visitgrantspass.org

Kerrie@visitgrantspass.org

HOTELS offering FIT or Group Rates

Country House Inns on the Rogue River

In Grants Pass: Weasku Inn, The Lodge at Riverside, and the Riverside Inn

Contact: Kirt Davis

kirt@countryhouseinns.com

www.countryhouseinn.com

541-471-8000 / 800-493-2758 (US only)

Holiday Inn Express

Contact: Doug Bradley, General Manager

hiexpressgp@charterinternet.com

105 NE Agness Ave.

Grants Pass, OR 97526

541-471-6144

www.hiexpress.com/grantspassor

La Quinta Hotel

Contact: Mark McGuiness, General Manager

lq0434gm@laquinta.com

243 NE Morgan Lane

Grants Pass, OR 97526

541-472-1808

www.laquinta.com

Morrison's Rogue River Lodge

Lowell Pratts, General Manager

lowell@morrisonlodge.com

8500 Galice Rd.

Merlin, OR 97532

541-476-3825 / 800-826-1963

www.morrisonlodge.com

For a complete list of hotels, inns, and lodges please visit www.visitgrantspass.org.

Packaged GROUP TOUR Ideas

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Spend an emotional afternoon with orphaned and hurt animals of the wild.

Wildlife Images

Carrie Clayton, Marketing Director

carriec@wildlifeimages.org

(541) 476-0222

11845 Lower River Rd.

Grants Pass, OR 97526

www.wildlifeimages.org

Wildlife Images was established in 1981 and is an exciting and immersive excursion destination. In 2012 they will provide groups and the general public with a truly exclusive experience; be it keeper for the day, wildlife encounters, or animal care insights. They are expanding their current programs to involve, educate and inspire. Critter Creek, slated for completion in 2012 will be one of the most unique interactive learning centers in the North West. It is currently the home of a North American River Otter and will be the home to many other Wildlife Education Ambassadors. Located on 24 acres of "living laboratory" adjacent to the Wild and Scenic portion of Oregon's Rogue River, approximately 12 miles west of Grants Pass, Wildlife Images receives and cares for over 1,000 animals every year. Reservations required.

THRILLING HELLGATE JETBOAT EXCURSION

Exhilarating "fun adventure" jetboat trips down the famous Rogue River. Spectacular scenery, incredible wildlife, and delicious dinner. Pretty amazing.

Hellgate Jetboat Lunch Excursion Trip

Robert Hamlyn, Owner

966 SW 6th St.

Grants Pass, OR 97526

541-479-7204 800-648-4874

Robert@hellgate.com

www.hellgate.com

A 4-hour, 36-mile round trip through Hellgate Canyon stopping down river at the OK Corral, an old homestead, for an all-you-can-eat country banquet. Departing daily, May 1 through late September their afternoon "Country Banquet" dinner cruise brings rave reviews. This 4-hour excursion whisks you down the Rogue River to Hellgate Canyon and on the return trip stops at the O.K. Corral for a dinner you'll not soon forget. And if that's not enough, some uninvited guests – black tail deer, may very well join you. This trip is a feast for the eyes and the appetite.

ART TOUR

Visit Art Gallery's, Studio's, and Warehouses for one-of-a-kind art displays and private tours.

The Bear Hotel, Evergreen Federal Bank's Art and Warehouse Annex.

Teresa Cashera, Call for appointment

(541) 479-3351

<http://community.evergreenbanking.com/meeting-facilities/bear-hotel>

<http://community.evergreenbanking.com/events/current-events>

Grants Pass was once home to the Bearfest, a community art exhibit that lined the streets from May through September. Now they are housed at Evergreen Federal Bank's Bear Hotel. Today the "Bear Hotel" is a one-of-a-kind community facility housing artwork, artist studios, and unique meeting rooms. Currently "Christmas on Mars" is on display; 30 foot Martians, space

ships, ice tunnels, and other mind blowing exhibits They offer tours to the general public free of charge. Tours are available through appointment only.

FireHouse Gallery

541-956-7489 or 541-956-7339 (office)

Corner of H and Fourth Streets in the Historic City Hall

Grants Pass, Oregon

Hours Tuesday - Friday, 11:30am to 4:30pm, or tours by appointment.

<http://www.roguecc.edu/galleries/firehouse.asp>

Artwork by local, regional, national, and international emerging artists which challenges preconceived ideas and attitudes, is featured in RCC's FireHouse Gallery. A variety of art educates and inspires viewers from the college and community. First Friday Art Night receptions are held monthly at the gallery.

Grants Pass Museum of Art

541- 479-3290 / Fax 541-479-1218

museum@gpmuseum.com

229 SW "G" Street

Grants Pass, OR 97526

Museum Hours Tuesday- Saturday 12:00pm to 4:00pm, or tours by appointments

www.gpmuseum.com

Enriching lives through art. *Participation and education in the arts create a balance in the community that promotes individuality, camaraderie and a consciousness of the surroundings. The Museum's mission is to enrich lives by offering art experiences that stimulate the senses, intrigue the intellect and bring joy to the spirit.*

Glass Forge

Nathan Shaffer, owner

glasforge@aol.com

541-955-0815 / FAX: 541-955-0816

501 SW "G" Street (*Grants Pass historic district*)

Grants Pass, OR 97526

www.glassforge.com

The Glass Forge Gallery and Studio manufactures and sells hand blown glass, specializing in Venetian style art glass. The style is most apparent in the many wine glasses blown at The Glass Forge. Vases, bowls, perfume bottles, and one-of-a-kind sculptural glass art are also prominently displayed. The use of color, movement, form and composition are key elements in each piece of work created at the studio

YOU BE THE ARTIST

Grants Pass Tourism

Kerrie Walters

541-476-5510

www.visitgrantspass.org

Grants Pass is home to incredible artists with a wide range of talent. Let us organize a creative art class for your group; perhaps a beginner water color class or glass blowing might be of interest? Your guests will walk away with their own art creation to remember their trip. Lunch can be included. For information on a personalized group class please contact Grants Pass Tourism.

CARE FARMS

"People, animals, and the earth: better together."

Sanctuary One

Della Merrill, People Care Manager: education@SanctuaryOne.org

Robert Casserly, Executive Director: director@SanctuaryOne.org

541-899-8627

13195 Upper Applegate

Jacksonville, OR 97530

www.sanctuaryone.org

*Sanctuary One at Double Oak Farm is the first **care farm** in Southern Oregon. Care farms are farms where people, animals, and the earth work together for mutual healing. A care farm provides an ideal environment in which to learn and practice the art of care giving in a way that also transforms the caregiver. Care farming (also known as green care, farm care, or farming for health), is well established in Europe, but is a relatively new concept in the United States. In late 2011 they will open their first Cat and Dog Village Adoption services, new educational and service learning programs. Tours are warmly welcomed.*

APPLEGATE VALLEY WINE AND CULINARY TOUR

The Applegate Valley Wine Trail, with over 15 wineries to choose from, starts within 20 minutes of Grants Pass. An absolutely beautiful green valley nestled on the foothills of the Siskiyou Mountain range. This area is the ideal temperature for a large bodied varietals and has been producing award winning wines for years. The north side of the Applegate offers exceptional wineries all within a few minutes of each other. Lunch is served at Troon Vineyards, by Master Chef Tim Keller and at Schmidt Family Vineyards overlooking the perfectly manicured gardens. Add in one more wine stop and a visit to Pennington Farms, where owner Cathy Pennington is rarely seen without a dusting of flour on her face and apron, because you caught in the middle of making her unforgettable berry pies or scones. On the way back into Grants Pass a stop at Cary's of Oregon – known world-wide for their dark chocolate and milk chocolate toffee.

Applegate Valley Wineries

www.applegatewinetrail.com

The Applegate Valley is one of Oregon's newest appellations and represents another step forward for a wine industry running at full speed. The region is largely protected from coastal influences, and thus experiences warmer and drier growing seasons than most of the state. The area's vineyards are located mainly on stream terraces, with granite soils which provide excellent drainage. Combined with its higher natural elevations, the valley offers the perfect

climate for Chardonnay, Syrah and Bordeaux red varietals. Applegate proves Oregon isn't just about Pinot Noir.

Pennington Farms

Sam and Cathy Pennington, Owners

541-846-0550

11341 Williams Hwy

Grants Pass, OR

www.penningtonfarms.net

In a renovated rustic barn on their large berry farm, the Pennington family all work together to produce a wonderful variety of berry jams and "old school" style baked goods, as well as their fresh berries in season. This 90-acre farm and bakery is located in the heart of the beautiful Applegate Valley in Southern Oregon.

Cary's of Oregon

Wendy Just, Marketing Director

Toll Free: 888-822-9300

wendyj@carysoforegon.com

413 Union Street

Grants Pass, OR 97527

www.carysoforegon.com

Their English Toffee is made from an exclusive family recipe that has been perfected over the years currently offering English Toffee in seven different flavors all made from the highest quality ingredients. Luscious creamery butter, sugar, award winning Guittard Chocolate tempered to perfection and the freshest nuts available are combined to make a unique "soft-crunch" English Toffee known for its rich taste, and light, crisp texture. Group tours available with appointment.

CAVES AND GRAPES WITH BURL – SMOKIN'

Within an hour from Grants Pass, in the Illinois Valley, you can sample the full bodied red wines of the Illinois Valley, tour underground caves, and visit a mystical funky fantasy land filled with creative wood carvings you could never imagine. And then...let's not forget.... lunch at Taylor Sausages – They are well known for their incredible smoked meats and jerky's, locally baked fresh breads, and local cheeses. Our suggestion is to make Taylor's your first stop. Order ahead and pick up a picnic lunch to enjoy at Bridgeview Winery overlooking the duck pond.

Oregon National Caves Monument

541-592-2100 ext. 2261 for group reservations.

<http://www.nps.gov/orca/index.htm>

*Deep inside the Siskiyou mountains lies the "Marble Halls of Oregon." The caves formed when acidic rainwater dissolved the surrounding marble, creating one of the few marble caves in the world. The Monument's ancient forests contain endemic Port Orford Cedar and one of the largest Douglas-fir trees in Oregon. **Group Rates (12 or more people) \$6.00 Adults.***

Bridgeview Vineyards & Winery

Lelo Keridan, Owner

4210 Holland Loop Road

Cave Junction, OR 97523

877-273-4843 (in US)

541-592-4688

Fax: 541-592-2127

www.bridgeviewwine.com

bvw@bridgeviewwine.com

Bridgeview's vineyards reflect the family's German heritage. The estate vineyard is densely planted in the European style of six-foot row and four-foot vine spacing to Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Müller Thurgau, Muscat, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, and Riesling. For motor Coaches please make advance reservations.

It's a Burl

Harvey Shinerock, owner

24057 Redwood Highway

Kerbyville, Oregon

Open 8 am-5 pm 7 days a week

541-592-2141 1-800-548-7064 (in US)

itsaburl@frontiernet.net

www.itsaburl.net

The Garden Gallery is an oasis of creative design featuring the work of local artist and offers an eclectic collection of unique home décor and outdoor displays. Be amazed!

Taylor Sausages – Country Store and Deli

Contact Scott or Tiphannie for group reservations

taylorcountrystore@frontiernet.net

541-592-5358

202 South Redwood Hwy

Cave Junction, OR

www.taylorsausage.com

A family tradition since 1924.

ROGUE RIVER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TOUR

Be daring. Enjoy a ½ or full-day rafting or fishing trip including a lunch on the river's bank. Your professional guides will escort you down the wild and scenic Rogue River. Great for thrill seekers of all ages. Many groups say this was the highlight of their trip. Individuals or groups up to 50 people. Advance reservations required.

Rogue Wilderness Adventures

Brad Niva, owner

541- 479-9554

Brad@wildrogue.com

Rogue Wilderness Adventures

325 Galice Road

Merlin, Oregon 97532

www.wildrogue.com

For over 34 years Rogue Wilderness Adventures has been the leader in adventure travel on Oregon's Rogue River. Novelist Zane Grey felt the draw of this beautiful area; he wrote many of his western books in a cabin which still stands along the Rogue today. The area is steeped in history and lore from Native Americans to recent stories told around the campfire. Our adventures will open your eyes to the legendary wildlife viewing the Rogue River canyon. Deer, black bear, river otters, mallard ducks, turtles, bald eagles, and osprey are usually seen during your trip.

OR

Morrison's Rogue River Lodge Rafting or Fishing Trips

Zac Kauffman, Guide Director

541-890-7394

zackauffman@yahoo.com

8500 Galice Rd.

Merlin, OR 97532

www.morrisonlodge.com

An Orvis-endorsed fly fishing lodge with steelhead and salmon fishing and whitewater rafting trips. Morning trips include lunch at the lodge as you return. Afternoon trips start with lunch at the lodge and depart from the lodge docks. On property: Individual cabins and lodge rooms, Pool, tennis courts, restaurant, and meeting facilities. For those not interested in rafting or fishing Morrison's Lodge is now offering - Horseback Trail Rides up Taylor Creek Canyon at the Sam Brown Camp Ground.

Suggested GROUP RESTAURANTS

Dining out in Grants Pass is about grand tastes, and gracious touches. About fine foods and fantastic flavors. About ambiance, and atmosphere. It celebrates the art of dining with a profusion of styles and settings, and celebrate the senses with dishes and delicacies from authentic Italian to classic old fashioned hamburgers and BBQ. Here are a few suggestions.

TapRock Northwest Grill

Terry Hopkins, General Manager

541-955-5998

grantspass@taprock.com

971 SE Sixth St.
Grants Pass, OR 97526
www.taprock.com

Sit back and relax in your Northwest vacation lodge setting overlooking the Rogue River and Hellgate Jetboat docks. TapRock offers a wide variety of Northwest-inspired, big-flavored favorites featuring wonderful seasonal ingredients, sourced locally from the vast farmland and waters of the great Pacific Northwest region. Open seven days a week. For private banquets TapRock's Event Center, located directly across the street, is ideal for groups up to 200 guests.

The Mediterranean Bar and Grill

Shelly Chapman, Owner
541-955-0549
TheMediterraneanBarandGrill@gmail.com

218 SW G Street
Grants Pass, OR 97626

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The Mediterranean Bar and Grill is located in the center of Grants Pass historic downtown and arts district. The Mediterranean serves up the finest foods with exciting dishes and unique ambiance. At The Mediterranean, every dish is created using only the freshest, finest ingredients. All dishes on the menu are Chef Steve Polk's own original recipes.

Summer Jo's Farm, Garden, and Restaurant

Nancy Groth, owner
541-476-6882
nancy@summerjo.com
2315 Upper River Rd
Grants Pass, OR 97526
www.summerjo.com

At Summer Jo's we use organic vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers from our own organic fields and gardens in the memorable meals prepared by our talented crew. Summer Jo's restaurant opened in May, 1999 and immediately began winning plaudits for its ambiance and fine food. Making the most of its location on an organic farm, the restaurant uses the freshest possible ingredients, while diners have the option of outdoor seating in an idyllic garden environment.

Morrison's Rogue River Lodge

Lowell Pratts General Manager
541-476-3825 800-826-1963
lowell@morrisonsslodge.com
8500 Galice Rd.
Merlin, OR 97532
www.morrisonsslodge.com

An Orvis-endorsed fly fishing lodge with steelhead and salmon fishing and whitewater rafting trips. Sit on the deck or in the historic lodge for a gourmet family style dinner overlooking the Rogue River. Opened seasonally.

Hellgate Jetboat Dinner Excursions – Please see information under Group Tours.

www.Hellgate.com

Sample 3 Night Tour Itinerary GRANTS PASS, OR

A MIX OF CULINARY, ART, AND ADVENTURE

Day One

3:00pm Arrive Grants Pass. Check into hotel or inn of choice. Relax in your room or take a stroll along the river or the downtown historic district. Each hotel offers pre-assigned rooms and key packets, step on greeter, hosted welcome reception, group rates, and complimentary continental or full breakfast. Refer to www.southernoregon.org/tours for list of amenities and hotel contact information for rates and comp policies.

4:00pm Board the **Hellgate Jetboat Dinner Excursion.** www.hellgate.com

Day Two

Enjoy breakfast at hotel at your leisure

8:00am – 2:00pm Caves and Grapes with Burl – Smokin’ – Oregon Caves National Monument <http://www.nps.gov/orca/index.htm>, Bridgeview Winery bvw@bridgeviewwine.com, It’s A Burl itsaburl@frontiernet.net, Taylor Sausages and Deli www.taylorsausage.com

2:00pm - 3:30pm – Relax at hotel

3:30pm Depart for Tour of Wildlife Images

4:00pm – 5:30pm Tour of Wildlife Images www.wildlifeimages.net

6:00pm - Reception and Dinner at Morrison’s Rogue River Lodge www.morrisonlodge.com

Day Three

Enjoy breakfast at hotel at your leisure.

8:30am – 11:00am Sanctuary One www.sanctuaryone.org

12:00pm – 4:00pm Applegate Valley Wine and Culinary Tour with Lunch at Winery
www.applegatewinetrail.com, Pennington Farms www.penningtonfarms.net, Cary's of Oregon
www.carysoforegon.com

6:00pm Dinner at your choice of restaurants. See referred group list on
www.southernoregon.org/tours or www.visitgrantspass.org

Day Four

Enjoy breakfast at hotel at your leisure.

Upon departing Grants Pass check out the following places along your journey.

Crater Lake National Park www.nps.gov/orcl. (Northeast 2 hours)

Oregon Shakespeare Festival www.osfashland.org (South 1 hour)

Southern Oregon Coastline – Brookings (West 2 hours) and the coastal towns or Bandon
www.bandon.comand and Coos Bay www.oregonsadventurescoast.com Coos Bay. (Northwest 3
hours)

Umpqua Valley Wineries www.umpquavalleywineries.org (North 1 hour)
