

International Rafting Federation workshop, Soča river, Slovenia 2020

Dates and times:

19 - 24 May 2021 - training and assessments for the following certifications:

- rafting guide (II - IV)
- trip leader (III - IV)
- safety kayaker (III - IV)
- instructor (III - IV)



Location:

Classroom sessions at Prijon Šport Center (Čezsoča 12 B, 5230 Bovec), or Kamp Koren (Ladra 1b, 5222 Kobarid).

Practical work: Soča river.

Prerequisites:

- evidence of a valid 8 hour first aid certificate for raft guides & safety kayakers
- evidence of an advanced first aid certificate for instructors & trip leaders
- full experience, up to date logbook
- safety kayakers must have basic raft guiding knowledge on minimum class II water

PPE:

You will require full in-water personal protective equipment (PPE), which should include the following:

- Drysuit and appropriate thermal insulation or min 5 mm neoprene wetsuit
- Appropriate footwear
- Buoyancy aid including quick release chest harness
- Method of attaching to chest harness - screwgate karabiner or cowstail (especially for safety kayakers)
- Appropriate helmet suitable for water rescue operations
- Throwbag and carrying mechanism
- Waterproof clothing for bank based work if necessary

PRE:

Personal rescue equipment (PRE) should include the following:

- 4 carabiners
- 3 pulleys
- 2 prussik cords, 1.1 m long and 6 mm thick
- flip line minimum 2 m long
- whistle for wet conditions
- river rescue or canyoning knife

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Cost: **GUIDE/SAFETY KAYAKER 350 €** + Administration fee 40 €
TRIP LEADER 400 € + Administration fee 70 €
INSTRUCTOR 500 € + Administration fee 130 €

Guides that apply for several assessments at a time, will be charged the higher fee per assessment, plus 15 € for the second qualification.
For example: Raft guide + safety kayaker = 40 € + 15 €

Section 1: May 19. - 22.

Participants will be assessed for rafting guide, safety kayaker and trip leader awards.

Section 2: May 19. - 23.

All students wishing to be tested for an IRF Instructor award must have their personal skills tested. Full attendance of section 1 is compulsory.

Accommodation and food:

The course is being offered on a non-residential basis. You are responsible for your own accommodation and food.

Accommodation: Bovec is located in the upper Soča river valley and it is a very touristy area with a wide selection of hotels, apartments and campgrounds.

Food: Snacks and drinks can be purchased at the classroom venue, grocery stores are a few minutes drive from the campsites.