

Deschutes River Steelhead

Hosted by

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August 30th – September 2nd, 2011



There is good reason that the Deschutes is Oregon's best known river. The Deschutes is a desert oasis rife with wild rainbows, hearty steelhead, whitewater and stunning scenery. During the steelhead season the Deschutes becomes a "temple of spey." This is one of the first rivers in the U.S. where the guides regularly employed the use of spey rods to cover water for these anadromous jewels. As such, all of our guides are proficient in two-handed casting instruction. Due to the dam-controlled nature of the Deschutes most of the steelhead season provides ideal conditions for fly fishing a floating line. If you've ever yearned to see a powerful, ocean-fed fish rise to the river's surface for a fly then this is the place!

Before joining the Fly Water Travel team I spent five years guiding this stretch of river full-time. The lower Deschutes is water that I know and love. For this trip I am very excited to step back into guiding and share my favorite stretch of summer steelhead water. Each guest on this trip will spend at least a day in my boat.



Fishing Program:

The Deschutes has the distinction of being one of the West's best rainbow trout fisheries, as well as being a world-class steelhead river. Fishing for the famed "redsidés", which range from 12-20 inches, can be good throughout the year. The steelhead fishing gets going as early as July on the lower river and peaks on the upper river from mid September through October. Typical flows range from 4,000 –5,500 c.f.s. Drift boats are used for transportation but ***no fishing is allowed from the boat***. Be prepared for aggressive wading and dealing with low overhanging bushes especially when trout fishing.

Be prepared for long days on the water when steelhead fishing. Catching tends to be most productive in the low light hours of the day. Your guide will typically have you out on the water at the first hint of light in the morning and fish hard until mid-day. At that point

you'll stop for a streamside lunch and perhaps a siesta. In the afternoon your guide will have you back out on the water for the "evening session."

The Camp: Your hosts will set up a comfortable camp each night. After you leave camp each morning the camp manager will break down camp and make his way down river to have the next camp set up by the time you arrive. When you float into camp each evening the camp manager will have the entire camp set up complete with appetizers and cocktail ice. All you need to do at day's end is peel off your waders and start living the good life!

River Runner Outfitters will provide your tent and all camping gear. ***Note: You will need to bring your own sleeping bag!***





Dates:

August 29th – September 2nd, 2011

Monday / August 29th:

Arrive Maupin, OR

Overnight at Imperial River Company
(*independently arranged*)

*Imperial River Company
304 Bake Oven Rd
Maupin, OR 97037
541.395.2404*

River Runner Outfitters will have a large dry bag waiting for you. Please ask for it when you check in. This evening you should separate your gear into three categories:

1. Items you want to carry in the boat with you all day (wallet, fishing license, camera, binoculars, sunglasses, rain jacket). These items will go into your **personal day pack**.
2. Items you want at night on the river (sleeping bag, camp clothes, towels, toothbrush, book, etc). These items will go in the dry bag provided by River Runner Outfitters.
3. Gear you do not need for the float (airport clothes, luggage, etc). If you do not need it on the river please do not bring it. These items may be left in Chris O'Donnell's car or at Imperial River Co. during your trip.

If you want to have your car waiting for you at the take-out please be sure to have \$90 cash ready. Let Chris O'Donnell know in the morning and he will make arrangements before leaving Maupin.

Tuesday / August 30th:

Head guide Chris O'Donnell, myself, and his crew from River Runner Outfitters will pick you up in the morning (we expect about **5AM**).

After loading personal dry bags, we will drive down river and put in for a full day of guided steelhead fishing.

Your guide will purchase your boater passes ahead of time and have them with him (*included in your price*).

Please be sure to have your fishing licenses. You may pre-purchase this online (details below) or purchase in Maupin at the hardware store.

Oregon Fishing Licenses:

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/online_license_sales/index.asp

At the end of the day you will float into a streamside camp.

***Wednesday – Friday /
August 31st – September 2nd:***

Float / fish all day, camping at a different streamside camp each night.

Meals and beverages are included.

On Friday afternoon you will take off the river at Heritage Landing and ride with your guide back to Maupin.



2011 Rate:

\$1,608.00 per person for a 3 night / 4 day fishing package

Included: All meals, guiding, boaters pass and camping gear (except sleeping bags) are included in the price.

Not Included: Alcohol, licenses, vehicle shuttle, fishing equipment, sleeping bag, guide gratuities, and personal items. Note: You will need your own sleeping bag!

Deposits and Payments:

A 50% deposit per person is required to secure a reservation. Reservations that have not been secured with a deposit within 14 days may be canceled. Final payments are due 60 days prior to the trip start date.



Reserving your space:

The total group will be limited to 6 anglers and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. To confirm your space(s) please contact:

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