Trip Summary
This adventure in and around Crater Lake highlights the beauty of Oregon in more ways than one! From hiking to the tops of peaks with 360 degree views in all directions to pedaling down pleasant bike paths without a care in the world, this trip is sure to challenge yet relax you at the same time. Hike forested trails on the lookout for colorful flowers like Macloskey’s Violet, broadleaf lupine, and Lewis’ monkeyflower. Stare into the bright blue depths of the deepest lake in the United States, formed by the collapse of an ancient volcano. Walk the streets of the beautiful town of Ashland, nestled at the base of the convergence of Siskiyou and Cascade Mountain Ranges. Take on the thrill of class III and IV whitewater on the famous Rogue River. Take in the beauty of Crater Lake National Park with Austin Adventures!

Itinerary
Day 1: Medford / Crater Lake National Park
Shuttle from Medford to Crater Lake National Park (1hr 40min) • After a short welcome meeting, embark on your first short hike to Natural Bridge • Then, enjoy a delicious guide-prepared picnic lunch near Crater Lake Lodge • This afternoon, a short but strenuous hike takes you up to the lofty summit of 8,060 foot Mount Garfield • The views from the summit are far reaching, encompassing the entire lake, Wizard Island, Phantom Ship and the high peaks of the south Cascades • For the next two evenings we overnight in rooms at Crater Lake Lodge, the only ‘in-park’ lodging in Crater Lake National Park • Overnight Crater Lake Lodge (L, D)

Day 2: Crater Lake National Park
This morning we hike down to Crater Lake to get a different perspective of the crater on a National Park Service boat tour • Our NPS boat guide will educate us on the history, geology and cultural significance of the lake, while we take in the natural beauty of the caldera from the boat • Enjoy a sack lunch while transferring back to the boat dock • The toughest part of our day will be hiking the strenuous trail (equivalent to climbing 70 flights of stairs) back up to the trailhead! • This afternoon, enjoy an optional beautiful hike with your guides • Relax with some downtime before this evening’s dinner which will be back at the lodge • Sleep well on your last night in the Park • Overnight Crater Lake Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 3: Crater Lake / Ashland
Breakfast and a short shuttle will bring us to the start of our bike ride • The paved trail winding around Diamond Lake offers magnificent views of Mount Bailey and Mount Thielsen • Picnic lunch at Diamond Lake • Begin the transfer to Ashland (~2 hours); along the way, jump on one more short hike to Mill Creek Falls where there’ll be an opportunity to scramble or climb around on “Avenue of the Boulders” at the falls’ base • Continue on to Ashland and settle into Lithia Springs Resort, your home for the next three nights • This evening is yours to enjoy as you wish • Walk around downtown and enjoy dinner and the nightlife of Ashland or just relax and catch up on a good book • Overnight Lithia Springs Resort (B, L)

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Day 4: Rogue River / Ashland
After breakfast, load up and head towards our “put in” at the Rogue River • Rafting the Rogue should be on everyone’s to-do list! • Today is an introduction, not only to the Rogue, but to white water rafting in general • A scenic setting starts with mellow ripples and rapids and uniquely progresses from class I introductory rapids to the exciting but safe class IV whitewater • Beautiful scenery, sparsely populated, and a variety of birds and waterfowl add to the many memorable pleasures • After our “take out”, we’ll take a leisurely bike ride to several wineries in the Rogue Valley • Tonight, enjoy dinner with the group in Ashland • Overnight Lithia Springs Resort (B, L, D)

Day 5: Oregon Caves / Ashland / Shakespeare Festival
After breakfast, on today’s agenda is a drive to Oregon Caves National Monument (2 hour transfer) • Nestled deep inside the Siskiyou Mountains, these caves formed as rainwater from when the ancient forest above dissolved the surrounding marble and created a special marble cave system • We’ll tour the “Marble Halls of Oregon” and then enjoy lunch outside the caves • Drive back to Ashland and get ready for an unforgettable evening • After dinner we make our way over to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to experience a live performance in one of the incredible theaters • Overnight Lithia Springs Resort (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ashland / Medford
This morning, pedal your bicycle along Bear Creek Bike Path before you depart • Then we reluctantly say our good byes and shuttle to Medford for early afternoon drop offs • No overnight (B)

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, snow/ice, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.**
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Activities

**Hiking:** 2 to 4 miles per hike, easy to strenuous in difficulty depending on trail. Sometimes multiple hikes will be done in a day.

**Biking:** Up to 11 miles, easy to moderate in difficulty.

**Whitewater Rafting:** Class II – IV rapids, no experience necessary. Safety tips and paddling instruction provided by professional river guide.

**Crater Lake Boat Tour:** Must be able to “hike” down and then back up the equivalent of 70 flights of stairs to get to the boat dock.

**Discovery:** This trip highlights beautiful Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the United States with a maximum depth of 1,932 feet. The lake was formed after the collapse of an ancient volcano, posthumously named Mount Mazama, which violently erupted approximately 7,700 years ago. That eruption was 42 times as powerful as the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens! Did you know that there were no fish in clean, clear, cold Crater Lake until they were introduced by humans? Today rainbow trout and kokanee salmon still survive within the depths. Check out Oregon Shakespeare Festival, making sure to catch a live performance in one of the three theaters on campus. Raft the exciting class III and IV whitewater of the Rogue River, making sure to learn of the controversies surrounding dam building and removal dating back to over a century. Experience the Oregon Caves nestled deep inside the Siskiyou Mountains. Come explore “the Beaver state” with the experts in adventure travel!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, Austin Adventures guides will help you select the distance that’s right for you.

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Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1 & 2: Crater Lake Lodge
Crater Lake National Park is one of the country's crown jewels. No place else on earth combines a deep pure lake, so blue in color; sheer surrounding cliffs, almost 2,000 feet high; a picturesque island and a violent volcanic past.

Begin your journey by lodging in the historic Crater Lake Lodge, the only “in-Park” lodging where you will be surrounded by an authentic rustic northwest atmosphere. Enjoy morning coffee as you watch the sun rise over the lake, or spend a quiet evening relaxing by the fireplace. Spend your days gazing at the lake from more than 20 scenic overlooks during a breathtaking trip around Crater Lake on Rim Drive.

Nights 3 – 5: Lithia Springs Resort
Located in the valley between Cascade and Siskiyou mountains, outside of Ashland, Oregon, Lithia Springs Resort features healing, mineral warm springs (94°F) piped into private soaking tubs located in your comfortable bungalow. The curative springs are rich in sulfur and numerous minerals, which help the body heal, relieve stress, and rejuvenate. The resort grounds include beautiful flower gardens, arbors, koi ponds, and secret hideaways. This place is an oasis of tranquility and beauty with its quaking aspens, fruit trees, grapes, and colorful rose and berry bushes. A spa exists on site featuring massage therapists with years of experience offering such services as Side by Side Massages and Thai Yoga Massages. Enjoy your time spent in this private sanctuary that celebrates healing waters and nature.

Meals
The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.

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Arrival & Departures
Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 8:15 am at the Courtyard Marriott in Medford. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Medford airport (12:00 pm) or your Medford hotel (12:30 pm).

Trip Price
$2,998 ($580 single supplement)

Trip Length
6 days/5 nights

2019 Dates
August 11 – 16
August 18 – 23
August 25 – 30
September 1 – 6

Host City
Medford, Oregon Airport code: MFR

Reservations & Availability
1-800-575-1540

At 1,943 feet deep, Crater Lake is the deepest in the United States

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due
To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A $500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits. Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

**Toll free:** 800-575-1540  
**Phone:** 406-655-4591  
**Online:** austinadventures.com  
**Email:** reservations@austinadventures.com  
**Mail:** Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108  

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.  
** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.  
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.  
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.  
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.  
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.  
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.  
- Pre-departure and packing information.  
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.  
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.  
- One dinner on your own.  
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.  
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.  
- All types of personal insurance.  
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information
After receiving your reservation and deposit, we’ll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you’ll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.
Private Custom Trips
Maybe your vacation schedule doesn’t fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you’d prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your “must haves” and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that’s just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments
All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a “single supplement.” If you’re traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. *some restrictions may apply

Minimum Age
The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds
The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:
***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.
Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a $300 per person administration fee
Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded
Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded
Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee
Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.

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