

IRF WORKSHOP



If you are a river guide that's been guiding for a few years and would like to gain an international qualification, then this is the course for you. Over the period of five days, we will assess you and your skill set in all the key elements of guiding so that you can walk away with one or more qualifications.

Since 1998 Guides and rafting operators around the world have been joining the "IRF" (International Rafting Federation) and promoting the standards of the "GTE" (Guide training and Education) program which are now recognized in 53 countries around the world.

"Come and join the family"

Dates: 16th to 20th May 2022

Location: Engadin Adventures, Scuol, Switzerland

River: Inn, class 3-4

Assessments for:

- Guide, class 3 & 4
- Trip Leader, class 3 & 4
- Safety kayaker, class 3 & 4

Instructor and Assessor:

Alex Aitken has been guiding for the past 36 years, covering all areas of the rafting industry. He has guided in 55 countries and simply enjoys passing on his knowledge to other river enthusiasts.

Gaspar Goncz is the head of the GTE program for the IRF and has a wealthy international experience in all areas of Guiding and operational procedures.

We have put together this course to give you the student the opportunity to gain one or more international qualifications on some fun white water in the Swiss Alps.

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Pre Requisites:

- Valid first aid and CPR certificate. Note: we do not except certificates that are older than three years.
- A log book of experience, preferably signed by a trip leader or operations manager.

Cost of the course:

From 1-4 students **CHF 750**, from 5-8 students **CHF 650**,

- **Important:** we need a minimum of 4 students and a maximum of 8 students.

Included in the costs:

- All tuition.
- All river equipment, rafts, paddles, first aid, rescue gear, pumps etc.
- All river transport. (we make shuttles in the morning using student vehicles)

What's not included in the cost of the course:

- IRF certification fees and Membership. (See Below)
- Personal protective equipment. "PPE" (helmet, PFD, wetsuit/dry suit, shoes)
- Personal rescue equipment. "PRE" (Carabiners, pulleys, prussic, flip line, knife, whistle)
- Personal medical insurance.
- Travel to and from the course location.
- Food and lodging. (see below)

Certification fees:

Upon completion of your IRF instructor workshop, you will need to pay the IRF administration fee for the award directly to your instructor. These fees are separate from the tuition costs of your course. The admin fees are paid directly by your instructor to the SRF /IRF. These fees go towards the running and up keep of the IRF GTE award system.

- Raft guide level 3 or 4, = \$40usd
- Trip Leader level 3 or 4, = \$70usd
- Safety Kayaker level 3 or 4, =\$40usd
- Inline raft instructor level 3, = \$130usd
- Safety kayak or raft instructor level 3 or 4,= \$130usd

Where a candidate receives multiple awards the highest award is charged plus \$15usd.

Example: Raft guide level 3 + safety kayakers level 4 = \$55usd

“By having international standards recognized, Guides are hired by the best adventure travel company’s worldwide and are able to offer the highest quality and most comprehensive itineraries in the industry today.”

Food and Lodging:

Although the accommodation is not included in the cost of the course we do have an opportunity to stay in a local campsite in a converted shipping container for 15CHF per person per night. The container holds 6 people.

Food is also not included in the cost of the course and so either everyone buys and prepares their own food or everyone puts in 100CHF and I will put a menu together and do the shopping for the whole week and we take it in turns to prepare, cook and wash up. Let me know?

Course Overview:

Day	Date	River	Trips	Activity
1	16th May	Class room		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course starts at 5pm. • Student introductions. • Course admin. • Explanations of IRF and assessments. • Explanation of food and lodging. • Equipment check.
2	17th May	Inn River	X1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome talks, safety talks, paddle talks. • Raft manoeuvring and guiding skills. • Crew management. • Flotilla management. • Written exam.
3	18th May	Inn River	X1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRF rescue drills. • Throw bag test. • Flip drill test. • Swimming test. • Mechanical advantage test.
4	19th May	Inn River	X1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety kayak talks. • Safety kayak positioning. • Swimmer rescues. • Equipment rescues.
5	20th May	Inn River	X1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip leader scenarios and assessments. • Debriefs.



Course overview explanation:

The IRF workshop is a very intense course in which you the student can gain a lot of great information from highly experienced instructors.

Each day we will run one very long river trip on the river Inn and in the evening time we will have lectures.

You as a student need to "show off" your skills both on and off the water to the best of your abilities to gain the qualification that you desire.

Inscription closure:

We will be closing the inscriptions for the workshop on the 10th May 2022 and at this point any participant will receive a detailed program of the course, where you will be able to see what lectures you will be giving so that you have time to prepare for them.

*Enter the adventure of River Running
worldwide...*



More Information and Reservations:

Please feel free to contact us at any time between 9am and 6pm Monday to Saturday and we will be happy to reply any questions.

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