

## IRF Guide Training & Education (GTE) Workshop

### Key details of this IRF GTE Workshop

- Dates: 29<sup>th</sup> of May to 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2025
- What the workshop is: Guide / Trip Leader / Safety Kayak
- Level: 2 / 3 / 4
- Where: Soča River, Kobarid, Slovenia
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### Who is this workshop for?

This workshop is intended for experienced river guides and safety kayakers that are looking to increase their education and obtain an IRF certification.

For rookies we are organising a separate 5 days Guide Training Program (21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of May). Contact Blaž or Andraž for more info or check the [IRF GTE courses & workshops list](#).

During this workshop you will have the opportunity to be assessed for the following IRF GTE Awards.

Award	Level
Raft Guide	2 / 3 / 4*
Raft Trip Leader	2 / 3 / 4*
Safety Kayaker	2 / 3 / 4*



\*Level 4 awards will only be possible, if navigation of class IV sections will be approved by local authorities and in case of sufficient water level.

To be awarded an IRF certification candidates will be assessed in the following areas, depending on award they are applying for.

Raft Guide (RG) and Safety Kayaker (SK) certification:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Pre-departure safety demonstration/safety talk (depending on the award RG or SK orientated)
- Raft guiding skills or Safety kayaking skills
- Whitewater swimming
- Throwbag, ropework and flip drill skills
- Management of an emergency scenario (only for SK)

Raft Trip Leader (RTL) certification:

- Pre-departure guide communication
- Management of an emergency scenario
- Flotilla management

Assessments are completed on the level of whitewater corresponding to the award that the candidate wishes to obtain (e.g., guides applying for Raft Guide class 3 certification will be assessed in class 3 environment). Additionally, all candidates have to pass the standard IRF written paper test.

### **Pre-requisites**

Candidates for Awards must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be able to swim.
- Hold a current, valid First Aid Certificate that must include CPR (for Raft Guides and Safety Kayakers minimum 8 hours First Aid course, for Trip Leaders minimum 16 hours First Aid course).
- Up-to-date experience logbook or experience letter signed by employing rafting company. Please check required amount of logged activity for each award in [IRF GTE Award System](#). (Logbook minimum content: date, name of the river, class, distance, time. Check the [IRF template here](#).)

Further details can be found in the [IRF GTE Award System document](#).

### **Price**

- Workshop tuition (covers training and assessment) **380 EUR**
- Certification Award fees are payable to the IRF. [Follow this link for more information](#).

To apply for the workshop please contact Blaž Stan or Andraž Krpič (contact details above).



### Included in the cost

- All tuition
- Rafts & paddles
- River shuttles

### Not included in the cost:

- IRF certification fees
- Soča River navigation permits
- Personal medical and travel insurance
- Personal protective equipment
- Travel to and from the training venue

Thank you and see you on the river!

