

IRF Guide Training & Education (GTE) Workshop

Key details of this IRF GTE Workshop

- Dates: 28th to 31st of May 2026
- 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 who are looking to increase their education and obtain an IRF certification. It will run concurrently with a Raft Guide Training program, with the novice guides and safety kayakers completing a separate 3-day Guide Training Course (22nd – 24th of May).

Contact Blaž or Andraž for more info, or check the IRF GTE courses & workshops list:

<https://internationalrafting.com/guiding/courses/>

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 is 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 the 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 oriented)
- 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 conducted at the whitewater level corresponding to the award the candidate seeks (e.g., guides applying for Raft Guide Class 3 certification are assessed in a Class 3 environment). Additionally, all candidates must 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, a minimum 8-hour First Aid course, for Trip Leaders, a minimum 16-hour First Aid course).
- Up-to-date experience logbook or experience letter signed by the employing rafting company. Please check the required amount of logged activity for each award in the IRF GTE Award System. (Logbook minimum content: date, name of the river, class, distance, time. Check the IRF template here: <https://internationalrafting.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/IRF-GTE-Log-Sheet.pdf>)

Further details can be found in the IRF GTE Award System <https://www.internationalrafting.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/IRF-GTE-Award-System-v6.pdf>

Price

- Workshop tuition (covers training and assessment) **380 EUR**
- Certification Award fees are payable to the IRF
(<https://www.internationalrafting.com/guiding/requirements/>)

To apply for the workshop, please contact Blaž Stan or Andraž Krpič Morel (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 and rescue equipment
- Travel to and from the training venue

Thank you and see you on the river!

