

**SOCARIDER**

**WHITEWATER KAYAKING AND  
RAFTING AGENCY**



# FAMILY RAFTING TRIP



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### **1. QUICK INFOS**

- Recommended for: families with small kids
- Requirements: minimum age 4, swimming ability is not required, wearing the buoyancy aid is required, maximum chest size 112 cm
- Duration: 3-3,5 hours program including transportation and changing, on the river we spend 1,5 hours
- Difficulty: easy whitewater with waves (Class I-II)
- Length: 7 km

#### What we provide:

- All necessary equipment for the trip (helmet, PFD, neopren longjohn, splash jacket, neopren boots, paddle) for kids watergun
- Professional guides (with Slovenian licences)
- Transportation between Bovec and the river
- River permit

#### What to bring:

- Swim-suit
- Short sleeve lycra (recommended )
- towel
- spack bend for glasses/sunglasses
- sunscreen

#### Meeting point:

- Soca Rider Office  
Bovec 5230 Trg Golobarskih zrtev 40  
10m-s from the main square of Bovec, in a small street, under KAVARNA Coffee Bar.

#### Payment option in the Office:

- We can accept only Euros, in cash

### **2. TRIP DESCRIPTION**

- For such a trip we choose a section, which is safe for the children, however it is still enjoyable for the parents.  
Altogether the family!  
On the first part of the trip, we have some rapids with waves. Before some of these waves we just use a special command for the children, so they can sit down deep on the bottom of the rafting boat in a safety position.
- We give paddles to the children, so they can be active partners on the family rafting trip as well. They can paddle if they want, or they can just sit in the boat and enjoy the rafting. The second half of the section is calm water.  
Here we can stop for swimming or/and playing.



### 3. ITINERARY

- Meet us at the Soca Rider Office which you can find 10 m-s from the main square of Bovec, to start your Family Rafting trip on the Soca River.  
Here you can settle the balance or the total payment for the trip. Please note that in our office we can only accept cash, you can not pay by credit card. We only accept Euro.
- To participate in our trip please read carefully our Waiver Form about safety, which is necessary to sign.
- After sorting out the paperwork and the payment, your guide will provide everyone the necessary equipments, we have the right size for kids as well, [helmet, buoyancy aid, neoprene suit, neopren shoes] and we will take a quick, 10 minutes drive to the put-in place with the Soca Rider's van and/or jeep.  
You can leave your valuables in our office, we can lock them in a safe place.
- We change clothes at the Soca river, and after the safety instructions your adventure will begin!
- The Soca Rider's van and/or jeep would be waiting for us at disembarkation, so you can change immediately, and we have a short drive back to Bovec!



### Review

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*"We did the half-day rafting session with our two teenage daughters (aged 19 and 15). Not being a strong swimmer, I was quite nervous beforehand. Our Guide (and one of the owners of Soca Rider) Casi, was absolutely brilliant. He is very safety conscious and made sure we were fully prepared with correct kit and instructions before we set off down the river. He is so well informed about the area and we stopped several times so that he could explain about the surrounding caves, waterfalls, mountains, etc. Casi also made it great fun ensuring that everyone on the boat got a good soaking! The trip is not at all rushed and Casi genuinely wants to make sure you have a great time and get your money's worth. We enjoyed it so much (and I felt so confident having him as a Guide) that we did another half-day rafting session with Casi two days later! It was one of the highlights of our two week tour of Slovenia.*

*I must also mention Petra (co-owner) who drove us to and from the Soca River and ensured Casi had the camera and took plenty of photos. She sent us a link to download these photos before we had even returned from our holiday! This is something they do for free and something I'm sure other companies would charge for.*

*Safety, customer service and the personal touch are definitely priorities for this small company and we definitely recommend them."*

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#### 4. MEETING POINT AND PARKING

- Meeting point: Soca Rider Office  
You can find our office in the center of Bovec, 10 m-s from the main square in a small street, under Kavarna Coffee Bar.  
Address: Trg Golobarskih žrtev 40., Bovec 5230
- You can park your car 500 m-s from the main square behind the Mercator Supermarket, in a big free parking place. Please don't leave any valuables in the car, we can lock them in our office.



#### 5. HOW TO REACH BOVEC

- From **North** [from Austria, Italy and Slovenia if you want to skip Vrsic Pass]: Predel Pass (1156 m) – Bovec
- From **East** [from Slovenia]: Vrsic Pass (1611 m highest pass of Slovenia, 50 curves) – Trenta – Bovec
- From **South** [from the coast of Slovenia, from Italy]: Nova Gorica – Tolmin – Kobarid – Bovec
- From **Bled**: Bled [A2]–Jesenice zahod [201] leave the motorway – Kranjska Gora – Tarvisio [SS54] – Predel Pass – Bovec
- Motorway strickers:  
Austria: 8,5 EUR [10 days], 24,8 EUR [2 monthly]  
Slovenia: for cars: 15 EUR [weekly], 30 EUR [monthly], for vans 30 euro [weekly]



### Approx. Travel Time

Tarvisio – Bovec	30 km	35 min
Kranjska Gora – Bovec	47 km	50 min
Bled – Bovec	84 km	1 hr 15 min
Udine – Bovec	64 km	1 hr 15 min
Villach – Bovec	57 km	1 h

## **6. USEFUL INFOS ABOUT BOVEC**

- Mercator Supermarket: is open every day, on Sundays only until 12:00 [except on public holidays]  
Petrol station: located on the edge of the city, is closed at night  
Pharmacy [Lekarna]: 5 min. walk from the main square, located on the right side of the main road, during the week it is closed except for Saturday mornings  
Medical service: During the week in Bovec, in case of Emergency in Tolmin, nearest hospital is in Šempeter-Nova Gorica
- Restaurants: Several restaurants can be found on the main square of Bovec and nearby. During the main season [July and August] and at weekends we recommend you to reserve your table in advance. Other restaurants can be found in Cezsoca and in Kal Korintnica village.
- Coffee houses and Bars: Coffee houses open early in the morning, you can have a nice coffee with some breakfast [croissant]. If you want to go out at night, the Bars of Bovec are waiting for you.
- Accommodation: In Bovec and in the surrounding area you can find hotels, apartments, hostels, and nice campsides as well. If you plan to come during the summer time, we recommend you to book your accommodation in advance!

## **7. PAYMENT**

- Reservation can be made by phone, email, or through our booking system on our websites. After a reservation has been made, a payment of an initial deposit of 20% is required to secure your reservation.
- Deposits can be paid by credit card or through our secure online payment system or by bank transfer.
- We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if the deposit payment is not collected by the due date.
- Rest of the payment can be made in cash in our office before the tour.

## **8. CANCELLATION POLICY**

- Please notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel your reservation. Because we lose the opportunity to sell reserved spaces to other individuals or groups, we strictly adhere to the following policies:



- If we cancel a trip - Soca Rider rarely cancels a trip, but we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule due to water level fluctuations, insufficient reservations, or other factors beyond our control. If we cancel we will refund your fees in full, but we cannot reimburse your for other travel expenses incurred. [Soca Rider trips run as scheduled even when it rains.]
- If you cancel the trip, you will receive a full refund for any reservation cancelled not less than 21 days before the reserved tour date. Reservations cancelled 21 days or less before the tour date are non-refundable.



### Review

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*" Highlight of our trip! Soca Rider was the perfect company for our first experience with white water rafting. My boyfriend and I tried whitewater rafting in July during our trip to Slovenia. We were making the reservation couple of weeks in advance from Qatar and Petra turned out to be very responsive and helpful in advising what activity is appropriate for us. On the ground, Soca Rider team carefully explained the safety rules and were very motivating and a lot of fun while on the river. I would recommend it to everyone!"*  
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### 9. WEATHER

- We always hope for a good weather but you should be prepared for the possibility of cooler weather and rain. The following chart shows averages for the months from March till October. You can find current weather forecasts on:
- <http://meteo.arso.gov.si/met/en/weather/fproduct/>

	<b>Marc.</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	<b>May.</b>	<b>Jun.</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Okt.</b>
<b>Monthly average temp. [celsius]</b>	6.5	12.8	15.2	19.4	22.6	22	16.6	10.3
<b>Hours of sunshine</b>	158	161	190	204	252	237	183	149
<b>Precipitation [mm]</b>	163	203	221	203	187	200	267	324

We sincerely appreciate your interest and hope that you will join us on an exciting adventure in the near future. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,  
**The team of Soca Rider**