



## LOWER KERN TWO-DAY TRIP

The ultimate in overnight white water adventure! The 2 days you spend with us on the Lower Kern will be an unforgettable experience which will keep you talking about it to your friends and family for years. Start your trip with Class II rapids for a great warm up and introduction to your guide. Continuing down river until you drop into thundering Class IV rapids; as well as calm sections in between to float and relax. The river is beautifully landscaped with cottonwoods and willows, and Indian pictographs adorn one of the canyon walls. Enjoy the starry nights, swimming rapids, cliff jumping and four substantial meals with our congenial guides who provide you with great food and the perfect getaway. This is our most popular trip and is good for the novice and experienced alike. This trip combines raft and inflatable kayaks on request (water permitting), exhilarating rapids, four scrumptious meals and our own secluded campsite.

**TRIP TIME AND PLACE: (PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TRIP TIME) 9:30 AM AT OUR RAFTING CENTER IN LAKE ISABELLA. OUR PHONE NUMBER AT THE INFORMATION AND RESERVATION OFFICE IS (800) 844-7238 OR (800) 573-7238.**

### DIRECTIONS

From Southern California, leave the Los Angeles Basin by Interstate 5 North. Descend the Grapevine Grade and take Highway 99 North to Bakersfield. Take the Lake Isabella/Highway 178 East exit and follow 178 up to the town of Lake Isabella. Take the Lake Isabella/Bodfish exit. Turn right at the stop sign off the exit ramp towards Lake Isabella/Bodfish. Turn left at the stop sign onto Lake Isabella Blvd. Turn left onto Crestview. Go ½ block to Mayfair and turn right into the cul-de-sac. The address is 2712 Mayfair. Park your car in the fenced yard and register inside at the front desk. Make sure your vehicle is securely locked. There will be a place in the rafting center for car keys, etc. No overnight camping is allowed at our parking area.

From 395, exit at town of Inyokern and turn left at off-ramp stop sign. Continue west until you intersect with Hwy 14. Turn left and backtrack 3-4 miles to Lake Isabella turn-off (Hwy 178). Continue straight ahead to town of Lake Isabella. Exit at Lake Isabella/Bodfish exit. Continue left off the ramp to stop sign at Lake Isabella Blvd., and turn left onto Lake Isabella Blvd. Turn left onto Crestview. Go ½ block to Mayfair and turn right into the cul-de-sac. The address is 2712 Mayfair. Park your car in the fenced yard and register inside at the front desk. Make sure your vehicle is securely locked. There will be a place in the rafting center for car keys, etc. No overnight camping is allowed at our parking area.

### TRIP DETAILS

From our meeting place, we'll take you by bus to the river. Because our on-river campsite is accessible by road, it isn't necessary to carry overnight gear on the rafts. During the day, you may want to carry sunscreen or a light jacket, and a hat. Before getting on the rafts, our Trip Manager will discuss the trip and answer last minute questions. Guides will be introduced and passengers instructed on paddling technique, safety and general procedures. The first few miles the Kern is gentle and ideal for practicing the skills we'll need to navigate the rapids downstream. By the time we stop for lunch, you'll be familiar with rafting techniques and quite comfortable. We usually arrive at camp around 3:00 P.M. Your overnight gear will be there and the guides will help you select a campsite. Snacks and cold drinks will be available shortly after arrival. Before dinner, hors d'oeuvres will be served. Our second day begins with a hearty breakfast. Afterwards, personal gear is repacked, the camp cleaned up, and we're ready for another river day. After portaging Royal Flush, we stop for lunch and gear up for a series of Class IV rapids called "The Big Five". The rapids come close together and we end our day navigating Pinball...an intricate, demanding rapid. At Democrat Beach we end our trip. Our bus will take you back to Lake Isabella, about a 20 minute ride. We usually arrive there by 4:00 P.M. The trailer with your personal gear will be at our rafting center.

## WHAT TO BRING

The Kern Valley is hot and dry in the summer months. A light change of clothes and a sweatshirt are usually sufficient for camp. Tents are usually not necessary for comfortable sleeping, although you are welcome to bring one. Baseball caps or other secure hats are recommended, especially for fair-skinned persons. **While on river, sneakers or river sandals are necessary to protect your feet.** Please pack your gear in duffel bags or other soft luggage. It is often colder early in the season (April, May & early June) and you'll want to bring warmer clothing and a tent for those trips. For your convenience, we have sleeping pads for a more comfortable slumber. We also rent wetsuits for anyone that may want to stay warmer.

- Sleeping bag, bedding, pillow
- Small flashlight
- Sunscreen, lipbalm
- Swimsuit or shorts
- Sneakers to wear in boat
- Sunglasses with safety strap
- Sneakers or shoes for camp
- Baseball cap or visor
- Personal sized water bottle
- Towel
- Guitar or musical instrument
- Beverages (in unbreakable containers)
- Water proof camera

Please do not bring firearms, pets, or personal lifevests. Our lifevests are approved for rafting and we require that they be worn.

## PHOTOS OF YOUR TRIP

Kern River Tours will be on the river to capture your day of fun and excitement. A skilled photographer will take photos of you and your group as you travel down the Kern River. CD's will be available for purchase at the conclusion of your trip containing all of the photos of your raft or, if you prefer, all of the photos taken of the entire trip.

## WETSUITS

For most of the summer, weather in the Kern region is very warm and sunny and you'll be comfortable wearing light clothing. For early season trips, we sometimes require wetsuits. They can be rented at our rafting center the morning of your trip.

## PADDLING THE RIVER

On our Lower Kern trips, we run virtually all paddle rafts. These are exciting, participatory boats in which four to seven guests and a guide work as a team to maneuver the raft through the rapids. Paddling requires physical effort and is sometimes strenuous.

## HELMETS

Safety helmets are required to be worn on all Kern River Tours Class II - V river rafting trips. Helmets are available at no charge.

## GUIDES

Our guides are experienced, skilled whitewater boaters. They are knowledgeable about canyon ecology and natural history. Should the need arise they are trained to administer First Aid.

## GRATUITIES

If you enjoyed your trip, gratuities will be shared among all the guides on the trip. This is at your discretion.

## **MEALS**

All on-river meals are provided beginning with lunch the first day and ending with lunch the last day. The food is fresh and hearty and our guides will prepare it for you. We can accommodate special diets with advance notice. We welcome your participation in helping to set up camp, prepare meals, etc. Please feel free to participate in trip work, as much, or as little, as you would like.

## **ALCOHOL**

If you bring alcohol on your trip, we ask that you drink in moderation and only while in camp in the evening. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited while rafting or prior to rafting for your safety and for the safety of your fellow guests and our guides. Please do not bring any glass containers.

## **AGE LIMITS**

The minimum age on our Lower Kern trips is twelve years old. This age limit is in place for the safety of your child, the safety of our other guests and our guides.

## **CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

To protect the river, we carry out all trash and use no soap in the river. The guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact of our group on the canyon.

## **YOUR HEALTH**

Our Kern River trips are fun, fast and challenging. To participate, you should be in good health. You may also need to perform certain physical activities. These include basic swimming, hiking in rugged or uneven terrain, climbing in and out of rafts and assisting in your rescue, if that becomes necessary. Please let us know if you have any health or dietary restrictions. We will gladly accommodate reasonable dietary restrictions with advanced notice.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

Trip participants should understand that river trips involve known and unknown risks. Kern River Tours assumes no responsibility for injuries, death or loss/damage to client's property while on the river or on Kern River Tours property. ALL clients must sign a Participant Agreement, Release, and Assumption of Risk Form before the trip. Kern River Tours assumes no responsibility for vehicles and/or the contents of vehicles parked during the trip. Because of the risks associated with river trips, including personal injury, death, property loss or damage or financial loss in the event of trip cancellation, we urge all trip participants to supplement their own insurance with vacation insurance.

***Please read and provide the personal information requested on our Participant Agreement, Release, and Assumption of Risk Form and bring it to our office when checking in the day of the trip. The more we know about you in advance (height, weight, age, experience, and special needs) the better the trip we can provide.***

## **ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE AREA**

If you plan to stay in the area before or after your trip, we suggest looking into the local accommodations section on our website.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

We recommend you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Policies which include accident, cancellation, and baggage protection are available online at [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com), as well as most travel agents. Cancellation initiated by you may result in substantial loss of fees paid. Available insurance protects against the loss of deposits in the event you must cancel because of unforeseen circumstances.

## RESERVATIONS

For trips booked more than 30 days before the trip date the reservation is held 10 days pending receipt of deposit. If no deposit is received within 10 days, the reservation is automatically cancelled. Please call immediately for space available to re-instate. The amount of deposit is due as follows:

Lickety Split/Double Split/Lickety Fun Run.....	Full payment
Upper/Lower Kern.....	\$50 per person
Forks of the Kern.....	\$100 per person

All payments, once received, are non-refundable. The balance (full payment) is due 30 days before the trip date.

For trips booked within 30 days of trip date, payment in full is due immediately. Final payment is non-refundable. Once a credit card has been ran we are unable to transfer or refund on any trip.

## CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

Our cancellation policy is firm. We operate under stringent federal regulations which restrict the number of guests per trip and the number of trips per season. We incur substantial expenses before each trip departs. In the event of late cancellations, Kern River Tours cannot recover costs, nor can we make refunds. Cancellations made at any time are subject to complete loss of trip cost. You are responsible to find a replacement person, that replacement person is responsible to refund you.

To change a reservation date you will incur a \$30 flat rate charge per change. If trip is within 10 days of departure, there is no refund or moving to another date.

We do not refund in case of inclement weather (you get wet one way or the other!). Nor do we refund if you are not satisfied with the type of trip you have chosen. We do our best to explain the differences in the trips available, please read the literature and choose wisely.

If your reservation happens to be cancelled due to nonpayment and you would like to reinstate it call our office for availability. Payment must be made in full at the time of your reinstatement.

## PERFORMANCE

It is sometimes necessary to cancel or modify a trip because of unusual circumstances beyond our control. In such cases, we cannot be responsible for paying expenses other than refunding all or part of the fees paid to Kern River Tours. Determination of refunds (if any) will be made after reviewing trip details. Guides and other personnel employed by Kern River Tours are not authorized to make or promise trip refunds or trip credits. Such determinations can only be made by company officers.

## PERMITS

Our trips are conducted under permit issued by the U.S. National Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest. Our permit is your assurance that Kern River Tours is legally operating on the river. Our operations and facilities are operated on a nondiscriminatory basis.

# HOW TO FIND US

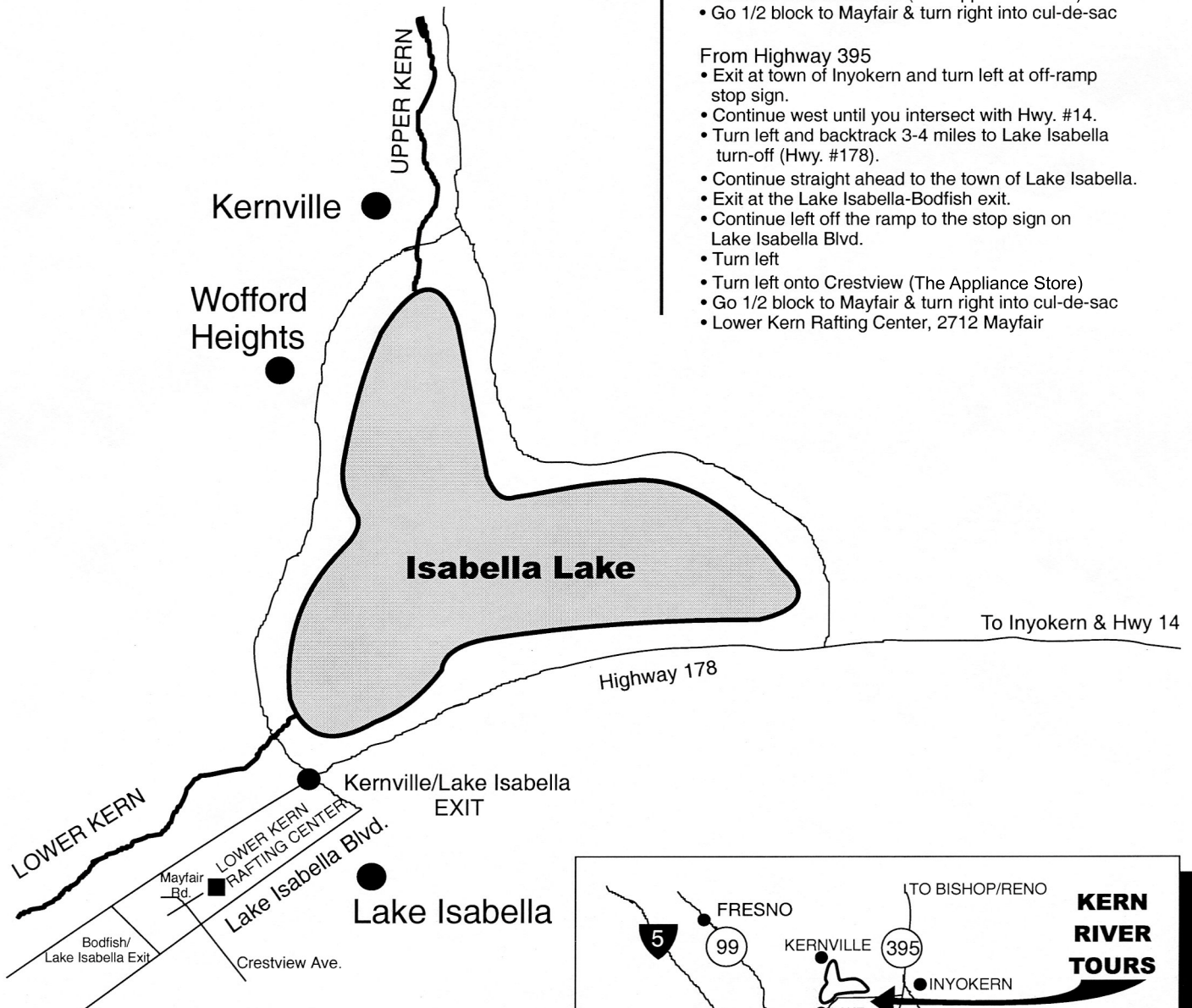
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From Interstate 5

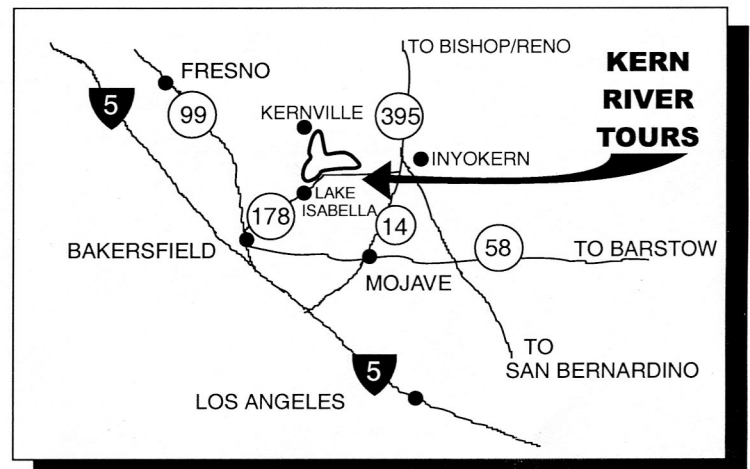
- North to Fwy #99 into Bakersfield
- East on Hwy #178 to Lake Isabella through Kern River Canyon
- Take Lake Isabella Bodfish exit.
- Turn right from the off-ramp stop sign.
- Continue to stop sign on Lake Isabella Blvd.
- Turn left
- Turn left onto Crestview (The Appliance Store)
- Go 1/2 block to Mayfair & turn right into cul-de-sac

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- Lower Kern Rafting Center, 2712 Mayfair



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PLEASE BRING THIS FORM,  
(SIGNED) TO THE TRIP CHECK-IN



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P.O. Box 3444, Lake Isabella, California 93240

Telephone (800) 844-7238

## PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the services of Kern River Tours, Inc., their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "KRT"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge KRT, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that my participation in river rafting activities entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

**The risks include, among other things:** slipping and falling; accidental drowning; whitewater rapids will be encountered; collision with fixed or moveable objects or other watercraft; being jolted, jarred, bounce, and shaken about; contact with food boxes, other storage containers, or other fixed equipment necessary to the operation of the expedition and the outfitting of the raft; "washed" overboard resulting in having to swim rapids risking collision with rocks and entanglement in trees; damage to equipment or personal injury; exposure to temperature and weather extremes which could cause cold water shock, hypothermia, hyperthermia (heat related illnesses), heat exhaustion, sunburn, dehydration; exposure to sun, strong wind, cold, storms, large waves, eddies and whirlpools, and lightning; exposure to potentially dangerous wild animals, insect bites, and hazardous plant life; equipment failure; improper lifting or carrying; travel in remote areas with poor or no access to emergency and/or medical services; my own physical condition, and the physical exertion associated with this activity.

Furthermore, KRT employees have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks. Additionally, I agree to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (life jacket) while participating in this activity.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless KRT from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of KRT's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of KRT.**
4. Should KRT or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.
6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against KRT, I agree to do so solely in the state of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining document shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against KRT on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms. Please print clearly.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Print Address \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (APT.)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E. MAIL ADDRESS (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by KRT to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless KRT from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_