

to many galleries and museums, to world-class performances at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts. The Hult Center is home to the Eugene Symphony, Eugene Opera, Eugene Concert Choir, Eugene Ballet Company, and Oregon Mozart Players. A variety of clubs around the city will provide almost every type of music a visitor could want. **Eugene** offers many running and hiking paths. Many miles of them wind through city parks along the Willamette River.

Displays of roses and rhododendrons can be seen in all their colorful glory at the Owen Memorial Rose Garden in Skinner Butte Park and Hendricks Park. If shopping is your vacation attraction, **Eugene** is a shopper's delight. Choose from the open air bazaar of Saturday Market, specialty shops of downtown, at the Fifth Street Public Market, Oakway Center or the Valley River Center Mall.

Across the Willamette River and I-5, **Springfield** is a friendly city welcoming visitors to its own environment and personality. Mt. Pisgah Aboretum is a naturalist's ideal way to vacation. Nature trails, river walks and outstanding views from the 1,516 foot summit are awaiting you. Local history is displayed for your enjoyment at museums, historic homes and more.

**FLORENCE**

Located on Hwy. 101.

Bounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Siuslaw River, the picturesque city of **Florence** is rich in early Oregon Coast history.

Visitors can experience the charms of a bygone era while

browsing the restored storefronts in **Old Town Florence's** shops and restaurants.

A tour of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum highlights early Indian and pioneer history, visitors relive a time when the Siuslaw River was a major transportation and commercial waterway.

**Florence** is equally famous for its dazzling beaches. Honeyman State Park and South Jetty are favorites for beachcombing, exploring or just relaxing. Visitors can enjoy horseback riding through the surf, as well as the foothills of the coastal range. South of **Florence** is the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, a 47 mile ecosystem on the Pacific Coast.

The endlessly shifting patterns and towering dunes hold many surprises including freshwater lakes, streams, salt marshes and lush coastal forests. This trip will lead you to Coos Bay. **Florence** enjoys a reputation for great regional dining and excellent lodging choices, from historic bed & breakfast inns to full service oceanside resorts.

**GOLD BEACH**

Located on Coast Highway 101 on the south Oregon coast.

If incredible beach front beauty combined with quaint architecture and placid waters of the Rogue River for the best in recreation is your idea of a great vacation plan, then **Gold Beach** is for you.

Walk the incredible beaches, stay in a historic bed and breakfast inn, shop the wonderful shops and take a deep ocean/mountain air breath and find a peaceful friendly atmosphere in **Gold Beach**.



Florence (photo courtesy Noah Strycker, Travel Lane County)

**GRANTS PASS**

Located at I-5 and Hwy. 199.

Located on the legendary 'wild and scenic' Rogue River, **Grants Pass** is a classic river town with an abundance of activities, scenic beauty and warm hospitality. Visitors who have traditionally come to experience world-class fishing, white-water rafting and popular jetboat excursions are now discovering so much more diversity. Try **Hellgate Jetboat Excursions** to experience the wildlife and history of the Rogue River.

The historic downtown district offers an array of antique and

specialty shops, art galleries, theaters and museums and a Saturday outdoor Growers' Market. The following is a sampling of annual events held throughout the year: Boatnik Festival, Antique Street Fair, Back to the 50's, Art Along the Rogue (chalk art and music festival), Horse Racing, First Friday Art Night and a variety of other activities. For much more information on events, shopping, lodging and dining, visit online at [www.visitgrantspass.org](http://www.visitgrantspass.org)

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**HELLGATE JETBOAT EXCURSIONS**

Located in Grants Pass, Oregon, [www.hellgate.com](http://www.hellgate.com), phone toll free (800) 648-4874.

Located along the lush bank of the wild and scenic Rogue River lies the city of Grants Pass, the home of **Hellgate Jet Boat Excursions**. Providing access to the Rogue River since 1959, these

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Wildlife viewing creates great photography opportunities, grazing deer, great Blue Heron's and Bald Eagles are regular river-bank guests. The ever changing scenery is painted with beautiful wildflowers, indigenous trees and rock formations that keep attention of even the most serious adventurers.

A **Hellgate Jet Boat Excursion** provides the unique opportunity for generations of families and friends to share the breathtaking natural beauty of the river in comfort and safety. All trips take you through the spectacular Hellgate Canyon, where rock walls tower at nearly 250 feet above and the water is nearly 100 feet deep.

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guests, where you will eat family style, on the lodge deck overlooking the river.

**Hellgate Jet Boat Excursions** begin May 1st and run thru September 22nd in the 2010 season. While visiting the **Hellgate** offices you will want to take time to explore the beautiful ShopRiverRock gift boutique located upstairs. Over 4,000 square feet of the most unique gifts and home décor in southern Oregon.

Book Northwest's #1 River Trip now by calling 1-800-648-4874 or online at [www.hellgate.com](http://www.hellgate.com).

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*Come out and play!*

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