

OREGON COAST JOURNEY · FREE GUIDE

South Coast Road-Trip Itinerary

Reedsport to Brookings — 3 days of
sea stacks, cliffs & the coast's best weather.

*The wild, uncrowded south: the giant dunes, Bandon's sea stacks, the
jaw-dropping Boardman corridor, and the sunniest skies on the Oregon
Coast.*

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Your 3-day South Coast plan

The coast's best-kept secret — dramatic, quiet, and often sunny.

Fewer people, bigger scenery. This route runs **Reedsport/Dunes** → **Bandon** → **Port Orford** → **Gold Beach** → **Brookings**, ending at the astonishing **Samuel H. Boardman** corridor. The far south also gets the warmest, sunniest weather on the coast.

HOW TO USE THIS

Base in Bandon or Gold Beach. It's a longer, more remote stretch — fuel up, and don't rush the Boardman viewpoints.

The route

D1 The Dunes & Bandon — sand & sea stacks

D2 Port Orford & Gold Beach — capes & rivers

D3 The Boardman corridor — the grand finale

+ Tips and a cruise idea

DAY 1

Day 1 · Dunes & Bandon

From towering sand to the sea-stack coast.

- **Morning:** The **Oregon Dunes** near Reedsport — hike a dune, or ride the sand on a buggy or ATV tour.
- **Midday:** Drive to **Bandon**; lunch in the walkable Old Town by the harbor.
- **Afternoon:** Bandon's beach at low tide — **Face Rock** and a field of dramatic sea stacks; tide pools everywhere.
- **Evening:** Sunset among the sea stacks (spectacular), then dinner in town.

DUNE DAY GEAR

Sand gets everywhere and sun reflects hard. Bring [closed water shoes](#) and [sunscreen](#) for a comfortable day on the dunes.

DAY 2

Day 2 · Port Orford & Gold Beach

Working harbors and wild rivers.

- **Morning:** **Cape Blanco** (the westernmost point in Oregon) and its lighthouse; **Port Orford's** dolly-dock harbor.
- **Midday:** Drive to **Gold Beach** at the mouth of the Rogue River.
- **Afternoon:** A **Rogue River jet-boat tour** upriver into the wilderness — wildlife, canyons, and fun; a South Coast signature.
- **Evening:** Riverside dinner; rest up for the grand finale.

BOOK THE JET BOAT

Rogue River jet-boat trips are popular and seasonal — reserve ahead. Bring a [windproof layer](#); you'll feel the river spray and wind.

DAY 3

Day 3 · The Boardman corridor

Save the best for last.

The **Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor**, between Gold Beach and Brookings, is the most jaw-dropping stretch of the entire Oregon Coast — 12 miles of cliffs, natural bridges, hidden coves, and offshore rock spires. Take your time; each pull-off is a different masterpiece.

- **Natural Bridges** — a viewpoint over sea-carved rock arches.
- **Secret Beach & Thunder Rock Cove** — short trails to postcard coves.
- **Whaleshead & Arch Rock** — classic wide viewpoints.
- **Finish in Brookings** — the "banana belt," often the warmest, sunniest spot on the coast.

MAKE IT EFFORTLESS

This route is remote and worth planning well. Tell me your dates and I'll map it, book lodging, and time the jet boat — free.

Ready for the wild South Coast?

A few easy next steps — and how I can help.

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