

EFES

WHITE WATER RAFTING

CHALLENGE

9th June

This event is being sponsored by EFES beer, and being hosted by the towns of Yusufeli and Ispir in Eastern Turkey. It will be run on the Coruh River, which is a stunning big water run, with a fantastic gorge and some big old waves!! It has been organized by Dave Manby, who has been involved in running river expeditions on the Coruh for over 20 years, as well as hosting the first ever Coruh Extreme Kayak Race and helping organize Project Raft there many years ago.

They would like to invite international teams to come and take part in the race. Transport, food and accommodation are all provided once in Turkey and at the race venue. There is also a free bus to transport teams from Istanbul to the river, which will leave Istanbul on Tuesday 9th of June. After the racing, teams will be given free transport to Erzurum. From here teams can fly or go by bus to Istanbul and then continue on their journey.

This is not an international standard race, it is more back to the old school style of racing, with a kayak race as part of the fun, as well as some other events thrown in, along with the more usual head to head, slalom and downriver races. The organizers welcome the interest of any international teams, whether they are the A team, or perhaps a team that is just keen to come and take part in a fun race and enjoy the amazing Coruh River.

All teams need to provide their own raft, paddles and personal river equipment. If teams can deliver their rafts to Trieste by Friday 12th June, they can be transported free to the river from there.

Alternatively, teams could arrange flights into Erzurum, as return transport takes them only as far as there, so they may wish to book return flights into Erzurum. They would need to arrive on the 9th or 10th of June here.

If your nation would like to send a team to this event or if you would like more information, please get in touch with Dave Manby on:

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