

Yurok Tribe launches canoe tour experience

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Yurok Tribe's Economic Development Corporation announced online booking was available for the Redwood Yurok Canoe Tours.

The new business in Klamath offers the rare opportunity to experience the Klamath River in a redwood dugout canoe.

This adventure is exclusive to Yurok Country, and is not offered anywhere else in the world.

The tour is provided by a Yurok guide narrating the history of the dugout redwood canoe, what redwoods mean to the Yurok People and history of the Yurok People as stewards of the land.

Redwood canoes were the transportation used for thousands of years traveling from village to village.

Yurok Country is elevating tourism by sharing their cultural heritage and Yurok language.

"Redwood Yurok Canoe Tours is bridging a generational gap by providing an opportunity for Tribal members to experience traditional canoes as their ancestors once did. Extending this experience to travelers from all

over the world is truly amazing,” said Yurok Tribe Chairman Joseph L. James.

The tours will start at the Yurok Visitor Center in Klamath. Guests can take a two-hour tour ride down the Klamath River, learning environmental and cultural elements along the way.

Guests will have an additional option of taking the unparalleled route of paddling or taking the lead as captain.

The first round of canoe tours can now be booked at www.visityurokcountry.com. Redwood Yurok Canoe Tours will open in June.

The first set of tickets available will be for June and July, the following months look to open up by April. There are three options of ticket purchasing — 2 hour guided ride, \$125; paddling/captain, \$150; and for Yurok Tribal members \$100 for the 2-hour adventure.