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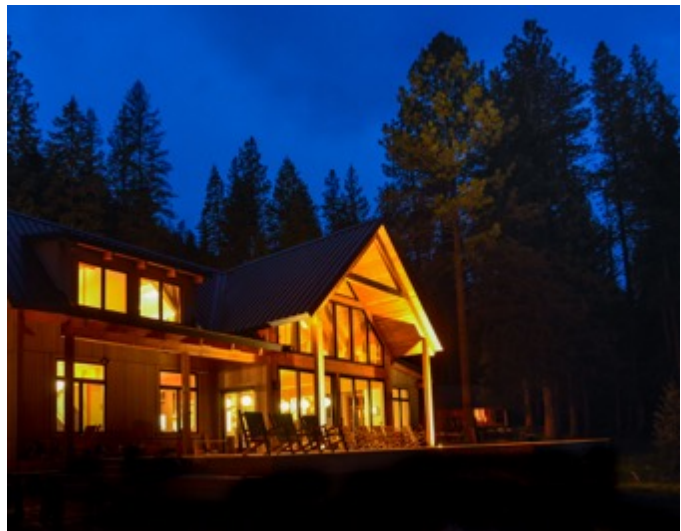
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Minam River Lodge, Oregon's New Wilderness Destination, Opens for Its Inaugural Season

– Located in Eastern Oregon's Eagle Cap Wilderness, this premier artisan property provides a unique off-grid wilderness escape –

Portland, Ore. – June 5, 2017 – The Pacific Northwest's newest unique lodging, the [Minam River Lodge](#), officially opened this Memorial Day weekend. Located in the incredible yet relatively undiscovered Eagle Cap Wilderness Area and along one of the state's most pristine rivers, this remote retreat – accessible only by trail or a short flight to its private airstrip – is a new way to have a quintessential Oregon wilderness experience from the comfort of a premier property.

Founded in the 1950s, the lodge once catered to hunters headed into the rugged Willowa Mountains (aka "The Alps of Oregon"). Today, it has been reborn as an upscale destination to reconnect with nature and an era when life was a lot simpler. Guests can truly unplug here, as there's no cell phone or internet service. With accommodations for just 40 guests, Minam River Lodge feels private and intimate. It's a haven for outdoors



lovers, hikers, equestrians, anglers, and anyone else looking to escape and recharge.

Minam River Lodge is a rare private in-holding, surrounded by the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon's largest wilderness area. Located in northeastern Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, the Eagle Cap Wilderness encompasses 361,400 acres and is home to four Wild and Scenic Rivers, more than 100 lakes (including some of the highest alpine lakes in Oregon) and 534 miles of hiking trails.



"Rebuilding this special place has been a labor of love for everybody involved. We are excited to share it with guests looking to unplug and experience a taste of Oregon's largest and most spectacular wilderness area in style," said Barnes Ellis, the owner of Minam River Lodge. "We are deeply committed to being stewards of this special part of Oregon, and we've worked hard to create a destination that beautifully reflects the surrounding wilderness."



Minam River Lodge offers artisan, hand-built accommodations that range from authentic teepees and wall tents to stylish log cabins and luxurious lodge suites. Incorporating wood and rock from the property at every turn, the lodge and cabins fold into the surrounding landscape. They were designed by the Portland architect [Ben Gates](#), with custom



furniture designed and built by [Liz Holoubek](#). Minam River Lodge also highlights artwork by multiple generations of Eastern Oregon craftspeople and artists.

The lodge itself features an expansive deck with numerous hand-crafted chairs for relaxing and looking out over the valley and the Minam River. Inside, there is a double-sided fireplace, with numerous areas for guests to gather and relax. A bar area faces the open kitchen, so guests can chat with the chefs as they prepare the day's meals.



Food is a central component to the Minam River Lodge experience. [Chef Carl Krause](#) – a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, and most recently the Culinary Director at Portland's Biwa, Inc. and its three restaurants, Biwa, Noraneko and Parasol – crafts fine cuisine that reflects the bounty of both Minam River Lodge and Eastern Oregon farmers and ranchers. Much of the ingredients come from the lodge's own garden, which is cultivated by two full-time gardeners. Meals are served family-style, either in the lodge or under the stars.



The lodge's bar features signature craft cocktails with infusions of plants from the area, a unique "Minam ale" brewed on-site in partnership with Terminal Gravity Brewing (Enterprise, Oregon), and premium regional wines.



While staying at Minam River Lodge, guests can explore the 126-acre property on foot, with custom [hikes](#) designed by Douglas Lorain, author of 100 Classic Hikes in Oregon. Independent outfitters are also available to provide spectacular guided [horseback rides](#) through the Eagle Cap Wilderness. The area is also home to world-class [fishing opportunities](#).



For those looking for some pampering during their stay, the Minam River Lodge also has an on-site [masseuse](#). The riverside sauna and wood-fired hot tub, tucked away in the forest, are available to all guests. Minam River Lodge also offers occasional [special events](#), from wine tastings to live music.

For more information and online reservations, visit www.minam-lodge.com.

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