

Pacific Northwest Explorer



Sunset at Olympic National Park, Washington

14 Days / 13 Nights
from San Francisco to Seattle
Highlights:

- * Cities: San Francisco, Seattle
- * Hikes along the coastline and in the Redwoods
- * Ashland and Jacksonville historic towns, shopping and wine tasting
- * Native American Culture and unique museums
- * Fire and Volcanoes; Crater Lake, Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens, Lava Lnds of Bend
- * Olympic National Park



Trail through Redwoods, California

Unexplored, refreshing, beautiful.

As you travel along these westernmost states you will be astounded by the beauty and solitude found in this area. Stroll along endless sandy beaches, the fresh sea breeze in your face as you collect seashells and pretty rocks. Stand dwarfed beneath the giant Redwood trees and marvel at the forest wildlife and flora. Experience the power of ancient volcanoes as you witness the devastation caused, then observe the re-generation of life as plants and animals return. From beaches to forests the Pacific Northwest provides a multitude of beautiful and inspirational natural sights.



Eel Lake and Cascade Volcanoes, Oregon

Culture and history.

From San Francisco to Seattle and in-between you will be immersed in cultural and historical significance. Enjoy wine tasting, Native American and historical museums, typical Western small town life, traditional food, unique hotels and sophisticated cities.

The Pacific Ring of Fire.

While traveling through the States of Northern California, Oregon and Washington you will encounter many interesting volcanic natural wonders. Your first encounter with a volcano will be Crater Lake, the deepest lake of North America, which is amazingly blue colored, filling the crater where once stood majestic Mt. Mazama. You will be surrounded by a magic tranquility you'll never forget. Shiny lava Obsidian flows, spelunking in a lava cave, viewing the sunset from a cinder cone and driving along the scenic snow capped Cascades with a trip to 11200 feet high dormant Mt. Hood and the recently active still fuming Mt. St. Helens are experiences that cannot be found anywhere else.



Harbor Seals, Oregon Pacific Coast



Crater Lake National Park, Oregon

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One of many exciting galleries in Jacksonville and Ashland specialized in Native American art.

In the Pacific Northwest the Native American culture is strongly present everywhere.

Day 1: San Francisco Meet and greet in San Francisco; refreshments provided. We recommend arriving a day early to explore the city.
Night in San Francisco.

Day 2: Golden Gate Bridge - Pacific Highway 1 - Fort Bragg In the morning drive over the Golden Gate Bridge on your way out of San Francisco, stop for photos and views. Drive along the coastline, visit a lighthouse and stop at a vineyard.
Night in Fort Bragg.

Day 3: Skunk Train-Redwood S. P. - Ferndale In the morning we board the famous historic Skunk train for a 2-1/2 hour ride through Redwood forests and along pristine creeks. We drive on the impressive Avenue of the Giants in Humboldt Redwood State Park.
Night in Fortuna/Ferndale, CA

Day 4: Redwood National Park - Trees of Mystery - Jacksonville, Oregon Our journey leads us through Redwood National Park where, with some luck, herds of elk are grazing along the road. Crescent City's light house offers a great last photo op of the coast before turning inland toward Oregon.
2 Nights in Jacksonville, OR

Day 5: Ashland - (optional white - water rafting) - wine tour - (optional Shakespeare Theater) We spend the morning exploring the historic mining town of Jacksonville, Oregon's wine country with opportunity for wine tasting.
Night in Jacksonville, OR

Day 6: Klamath Falls - Crater Lake National Park - La Pine Tour the Klamath Falls Favell Museum, featuring Native American artifacts and Western art. Drive and photograph at Crater Lake National Park, centered around the deepest lake in North America. 1 Night in La Pine

Day 7: Newberry Volcanic N.M. - High Desert Museum - Bend Visit Bend's High Desert Museum and the surrounding lava flow wilderness for hiking and exploring. A lovely drive will feature highlights of this Central Oregon region. 1 Night in Bend

Day 8: Smith Rock State Park - Cascade Mountains - Pacific Ocean, Yachats. Stop at Smith Rock State Park, view the Three Sisters mountains and McKenzie Pass. Stop at the Oregon Sand Dunes along the coast. 2 Nights in Yachats.

Day 9: Yaquina Head Lighthouse - Oregon Coast Aquarium Visit the famous Oregon Coast Aquarium and old town Newport with its many galleries and shops. Visit Beverly Beach. Night in Yachats, OR

Day 10: Oregon Pacific Coast - Portland Today we travel north along the Pacific coast with beautiful views. We stop for a walk and picnic in a coastal forest. 2 Nights in Portland.

Day 11: Portland Day Tour - Columbia River Gorge - Mt. Hood We drive the Historic Columbia River Highway, with its splendid views of the mighty Columbia and stop at Multnomah Falls. Mt. Hood Scenic Byway and the Timberline Lodge.
Night in Portland, OR.

Day 12: Mt. St. Helens - Ocean Shores, WA Mt. St. Helens viewpoint, then on to the Olympic Peninsula with its quiet beaches for the night. 1 Night in Ocean Shores.

Day 13: Olympic N.P. - Port Angeles: Drive to Olympic N.P. and explore the beautiful temperate rainforest. Optional swim at the Sol Duc Hot Springs.
Night in Port Angeles

Day 14: Hurricane Ridge - Seattle: Drive up to Hurricane ridge for hiking, take a walking tour of Port Townsend, then a ferry from Bainbridge Island to Seattle.
Night in Seattle.

Day 15: Tour ends here, you are free to explore Seattle on your own or fly home.



typical Jacksonville home