

***Welcome to the Beautiful Pacific Northwest
and the 2020 CLC National Driving Tour!***



The 2020 Cadillac and LaSalle Club National Driving Tour is being hosted by the Mt. Hood(Portland, Oregon) and Pacific Northwest(Seattle, Washington) Regions.

If you've never been to the Northwest (and even if you have) this is the perfect time to do it. The tour will encompass driving to some of the most scenic and iconic sites in both states including some of the famous Oregon wine country, the Mt. St. Helens volcano, the beautiful Oregon coast, the historic Columbia River gorge and a host of other fun and interesting sites. Rumor has it that it always rains in the Northwest. While that may be partially true some times of the year

August is historically some of the best weather around - warm dry days, low humidity, average rainfall of just over an inch for the month and cool nights with a breeze.

The tour will start off in Portland on the Columbia River at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion which is the host hotel for the first 4 nights. The tour will kick off Saturday afternoon with a meet and greet car show followed by an early evening welcome reception. Across the river is the historic Fort Vancouver as well as the Pearson Air Park and Museum and there is abundant shopping and numerous waterfront restaurants on both sides of the river. And for the shoppers, there's no sales tax in Oregon!

Sunday takes us through some beautiful mountain scenery on the way to Government Camp and Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum. From there we motor up to the historic Timberline Lodge on a normally closed scenic route. There's a guided tour of the lodge as well as an opportunity to have a professional photograph of you and your car with Mt. Hood as the backdrop. If you're interested in seeing more of the surroundings, the high speed Palmer Chairlift will take you up to the 8,540' elevation. The drive will accrue approximately 170 miles.

Monday takes us to the Johnson Observatory at Mt. St. Helens, site of the largest volcanic eruption in the U.S. in modern times. There you will be provided with outstanding views of the mountain, stunning videos of the eruption, self guided tours and for those wishing to stay late, a Park Service guided tour. Stop by the Ilana Casino on your way back to Portland for some gaming or a bite to eat. Roundtrip to Mt. St. Helen's and back is approximately 200 miles.

On Tuesday the tour heads up the historic Columbia River Highway for much of the way to beautiful Hood River passing by Multnomah Falls, the Bonneville Dam and fish hatchery, and Bridge of the Gods. On the way we will pass by the Women's Forum where some of the most famous photos of the Columbia River Gorge have been taken. At the hatchery you will have the opportunity to see Herman the 70 year old 450 pound sturgeon and salmon should be visible at the underwater viewing station. In Hood River we will visit one of the largest car and

aeroplane museums in the Northwest and then drive to Cascade Locks for a 2-hour narrated sternwheeler cruise on the Columbia River. Take Interstate 84 back to Portland or cross the Bridge of the Gods and return to Portland on the Washington side of the river. Either way you will be driving through the beautiful Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The drive will accrue approximately 130 miles.

Wednesday we head to the Oregon Coast and our second host hotel the Chinook Winds Hotel and Casino. The drive passes through some of Oregon's famous wine country with stops at the Evergreen Air Museum (home of the famous Spruce Goose) and the Willamette Valley Vineyards Wine Tasting Room. Lunch will be on your own in quaint historic McMinnville famous for its restaurants and antiques. There will be time to visit some additional vineyards or shopping prior to heading out to Chinook Winds. The drive will accrue approximately 100 miles

Thursday will be a light travel day as we head south on the coast to Newport with stops of your choice and various viewpoints, parks and lighthouses. You can visit the Factory Outlet Stores in Lincoln City on your to or back from Newport. Newport is home to the Hatfield Marine Museum the Oregon Coast Aquarium and other points of interest as well as waterfront shopping and dining. Thursday night we cap off the tour with our banquet and awards. Roundtrip driving miles for the day are approximately 50.

Friday starts with a closing breakfast before driving up the Oregon Coast to the port city of Astoria and the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Many consider the mouth of the Columbia River the most dangerous bar crossing in the world and the Museum does an excellent job presenting its history of seafarer perils. There are numerous ocean viewpoints, lighthouses, parks and points of interest along the way including self-guided tours of the Tillamook Cheese Factory. For those wanting to conclude the tour early, there are several shorter but scenic alternate routes back to Portland. The drive to Astoria is approximately 110 miles.

For more detailed information about points of interest along the entire tour please visit our website (mthoodregionclc.com) where we have posted links to many of the more popular sites.

Hotel reservations for the host hotels can be made directly either by phone or online. Make sure to mention the CLC Driving Tour to secure the group rate. Hotel reservations in the Astoria area are on your own. For a complete list of lodging in the Astoria - Warrington area please check out the area Chamber of Commerce website. Make your lodging reservations early as August on the coast is a busy time of year.

If you want to make the tour but the drive to the Northwest is farther than you're looking for, an alternative to consider is flying to Portland and renting a Cadillac from one of the national car rental agencies.

Red Lion - Jantzen Beach (503)283-4466 www.redlion.com/red-lion-hotels/or/portland/red-lion-hotel-river-jantzen-beach

Chinook Winds Hotel and Casino - (877)423-2241 www.chinookwindcasino.com

Astoria - Warrington Chamber of Commerce - (800)875-6807
www.oldoregon.com; www.travelastoria.com

If you have the time and want to see more of the Northwest it's worth the 150 mile drive to Tacoma to visit the largest auto museum in North America - The American Car Museum and the Harold LeMay Collections at Marymount.

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