

#2 – CONSOLATION TOUR – North Oregon Coast

This is just a preliminary note to give you an idea of the tour planned for Monday, Sept. 28 & Tuesday, Sept. 29, for planning purposes.

Tour will depart from Eugene/Springfield and meet with members from the north in Philomath. There is a planned stop at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City – lunch can be at the Casino or other locations that will be set out in an itinerary coming in 7-10 days. Other stops on the first day **MAY** include Tillamook Creamery, Fort Stevens, Lewis & Clark National Historical Park, Astor Park (location of Astoria Column).

Tentative plans for day two are to take OR Hwy. 202 from Astoria to Jewell (to view the elk herd), Jewell to Mist to OR Hwy. 47 to Vernonia (Stub Stewart State Park), then to Banks and south (still on Hwy. 47) to Yamhill, east on OR. Hwy. 240 to Hwy. 99W in Newberg, east until turning south on Haugen Road for a private gathering at Parrett Mountain Cellars (arranged by Ken and Karlene Dilger). Return to Hwy. 99W south to return to Corvallis/Albany/Eugene.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: We have been checking hotel/motel information in the Astoria area for the night of Monday, Sept. 28, and have some suggestions. For those that were on the 2019 NCM Caravan many joined hotel/motel chain rewards programs and you may want to consider using some of those points. Here is what we have found:

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| Warrenton: | Shiloh Inn & Suites | no rooms available that night |
| Astoria: | Best Western | AAA rate / king \$127.60 + tax |
| | Astoria Riverwalk Inn | King \$124/ 2 Queens \$134 + tax |
| | Comfort Inn & Suites | King \$143/ 2 Queens \$143 + tax |
| *** | Hampton Inn | AAA \$136 + tax |
| Long Beach, WA: | Chautauqua Lodge | Budget \$139 + tax/ Standard \$149 + tax |
| (15 miles from Astoria) | Adrift Hotel | King \$127/ocean view \$150 Queen \$112 + tax |
| | Ocean View Inn at The Arch | View \$140/no view \$130 for 2 Queens View \$140/no view \$130 for King |

As noted above, because of points we accumulated on the Caravan we are using points and money to stay at the Hampton Inn. It is located east of the downtown area on the Riverwalk. We thought that wherever you stay in Astoria you can ride the Astoria Riverfront Trolley (\$1 all day) to any of the many restaurants located along the waterfront but it may still be closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Vic & Suzi Blomquist have stayed at the Chautauqua Lodge and report that it is clean and on the ocean.

Remember this is PRELIMINARY. Mostly wanted to get this information out so you can decide (1) if you would like to join the tour and (2) make a reservation at the hotel/motel of your choice because as you can see the Shiloh is already sold out. **If you think you will be going please let us know at duckvett@comcast.net – we will be setting up a special mailing list to send updates on rest rooms, food stops, sightseeing opportunities, etc. but will only be sending that information to those who have expressed an interest in the trip.**