



ITINERARY

Best of Washington state Hiking Tour

TRIP 1

FIRST TOUR SEP 5-17

SEPTEMBER 5 DAY 1 SATURDAY Leavenworth

- 8:30AM Our *Royal Excursion* motor coach arrives at SMC Niles campus.
- 9:00AM Bus promptly leaves for your hiking adventure in Washington state. Coach will distribute brochures on the wonderful village of Leavenworth (one per couple).
- 1:03PM Alaska Air flight AS0579 departs O'Hare airport.
- 3:41PM Arrive to Seattle airport and load our *Mustang* deluxe motor coach.
- 6:25PM Bus arrives at our lodging, *Icicle Village Resort* in downtown Leavenworth. Dinner at our hotel or at a nearby restaurant. This is a really cool Alpine wilderness village. *Enchantments* hikers will shop for breakfast and trail lunch supplies.

SEPTEMBER 6 DAY 2 SUNDAY Leavenworth

- 4:30AM Local shuttles from our hotel to *Enchantments Traverse* trailhead (20.1). Lunch on the trail.
- 7:00AM Breakfast starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM Local shuttle from our hotel to *Colchuck Lake* trailhead (10.6). Lunch on the trail. Others are free to explore this wonderful Alpine Village and do the *Blackbird Island* trail (1.9).
- 6:00PM Dinner at our hotel or downtown restaurants 10 minutes from our hotel.

SEPTEMBER 7 DAY 3 MONDAY Leavenworth

- 7:00AM Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:30AM Repair Day: Explore this wonderful Alpine Village and do the *Blackbird Island* trail (1.9). Other hike options will be announced.
- 6:30PM Dinner at our hotel or downtown restaurants (10 minutes from our hotel).

SEPTEMBER 8 DAY 4 TUESDAY Anacortes

- 7:00AM Breakfast starts at hotel.
- 9:00AM Checkout and load bus for 2 hour 45 minute drive to the *Maple Pass Loop* (6.6) hike in the *North Cascade National Park*
- 3:30PM Load bus to Anacortes on Fidalgo Island in the San Juan Islands chain.
- 6:30PM Arrive at lodging: *Cap Sante Inn* in Old Town Anacortes. Many dining choices nearby.

SEPTEMBER 9 DAY 5 WEDNESDAY Anacortes

- 7:00AM Breakfast on your own at nearby restaurants. [*Calico Cafe* is 450' and opens at 7AM.]
- 8:30AM Load bus for a short drive to *Deception Pass bridge* and *Goose Rock* hike (5.4)
- 1:45PM Load bus for 10 minute drive to our private charter Whale Watch cruise (optional).
- 5:30PM Whale Watch cruise returns. Load bus for return to our hotel.
- 6:00PM Several dining choices nearby.



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SEPTEMBER 10 DAY 6 THURSDAY Anacortes

(Breakfast on the ferry.)

- 6:45AM Bus leaves for the 7:30 ferry to Orcas Island for a hike on Mt. Constitution (7.6).
- 1:30PM Lunch in Orcas Village on Orcas Island not far from the ferry dock.
- 4:00PM Ferry departs to Anacortes (Arrive 30 minutes early).
- 5:00PM Load bus for return to our hotel.
- 5:30PM Several dining choices near our hotel.

SEPTEMBER 11 DAY 7 FRIDAY Olympia

- 7:00AM Breakfast on your own at nearby restaurants. [*Calico Cafe* is 450' and opens at 7AM.]
- 9:00AM Checkout and load the bus for 2 hour 10 minute drive to *Mt. Rainier National Park* to hike the *Skyline Loop* trail (5.6).
- 6:00PM Check in at our lodging, *DoubleTree* on the bay.
- 6:30PM Dinner on your own in our hotel or at nearby restaurants.

SEPTEMBER 12 DAY 8 SATURDAY Olympia

- 6:30AM Breakfast starts in our hotel.
- 9:00AM Load the bus for 1 hour 15 minute drive to the *Olympic National Park* and the *Staircase Park* hike (7.1). Following the hike we'll make a lunch stop en route at the charming seaside village of *Hoodsport*.
- 6:30PM Dinner on your own in our hotel or at nearby restaurants.

SEPTEMBER 13 DAY 9 SUNDAY Port Angeles

- 6:30AM Breakfast starts in our hotel.
- 7:30AM Checkout and load the bus for 2hr 11min ride to the beautiful *Quinault Rainforest* hike (7.3). The hike will finish at the *Quinault lodge* for lunch. Then it will be another 2 hours through the *Olympic National Park* where we will stop at *Ruby Beach* on the Pacific Ocean.
- 7:00PM Arrive at lodging: *Red Lion hotel* in Port Angeles.
- 7:30PM Dinner on your own at our hotel or nearby restaurants.

SEPTEMBER 14 DAY 10 MONDAY Port Angeles

- 6:30AM Breakfast starts in our hotel.
- 9:00AM Bus leaves for 2hr drive to our coastal hike at *Cape Alava* (9.4) on the *Pacific Crest Trail*.
- 4:30PM Dinner on your own at our hotel or nearby restaurants.



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SEPTEMBER 15 DAY 11 TUESDAY Seattle

- 6:30AM Breakfast starts in our hotel.
- 9:00AM Checkout and bus leaves for short 18 mile drive to *Hurricane Ridge* hike. (5.6).
- NOON Lunch in Port Angeles.
- 1:30PM Load bus for drive to Seattle.
- 4:00PM Arrive at lodging: *SkyBridge hotel*. Our hotel is conveniently located to the light rail transportation system and walking distance to the airport terminal. Today we say goodbye to our *Mustang* bus driver who leaves tomorrow. You are on your own to explore Seattle. [Just two blocks south of our hotel, \$3.25 takes you anywhere in Seattle on their *Link Light Rail* system.]
- Dine at our hotel (to 11PM) or take light rail into Seattle.

SEPTEMBER 16 DAY 12 WEDNESDAY Seattle

- 6:00AM Breakfast in our hotel.
- 10:00AM Meet in lobby for the light rail trip to downtown Seattle and the *Ron and Emily's Great Seattle Urban Hike* (8.0). This hike includes Pike Place Market, REI (oldest & largest), Waterfront Pathway, Space Needle, Pioneer Square, Chihuly Garden and Glass, and lots of great shops and restaurants. A special trip to Discovery Park can be arranged.
- Dinner while exploring Seattle or at our hotel (to 11PM).

SEPTEMBER 17 DAY 13 THURSDAY Travel

- 6:00AM Breakfast on your own at our hotel or nearby.
- 7:00AM Checkout and take hotel shuttle or walk to airport terminal.
- 11:35AM Depart on Alaska Air AS0429 to Chicago.
- 6:04PM Arrive at Chicago O'Hare to meet our *Royal Excursion* shuttle back to Niles.
- 8:30PM ETA in Niles.

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Assistant Tour Guides:

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