



ITINERARY

Best of Washington State Hiking Tour

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TRIP 1

FIRST TOUR

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.
- 1:03PM Alaska Air flight AS274 departs O'Hare airport.
- 3:44PM Arrive to Seattle airport and load our Deluxe Motor Coach.
- 6:25PM Bus arrives at our lodging, *Icicle Village Resort* in downtown Leavenworth. Dinner at our hotel or at a nearby restaurants. This is a really cool Alpine wilderness village.

SEPTEMBER 6 DAY 2 SUNDAY Leavenworth

- 7:00AM Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:30AM Load bus for 3 hour drive to Mt. Rainier: *Naches Peaks & Dewey Lake* (6.1) on PCT (Pacific Crest Trail)
- 6:00PM Dinner at our hotel or downtown restaurants (10 minutes from our hotel).

SEPTEMBER 7 DAY 3 MONDAY Leavenworth

- 4:30AM Local shuttles from our hotel to *Enchantments* hike (20.1) trailheads. Lunch on the trail. Other options: Catch local shuttle from our hotel to trailheads for out and back hike on *Enchantments* trail. Explore this 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 8 DAY 4 TUESDAY Anacortes

- 7:00AM Breakfast at hotel.
- 9:00AM Checkout and load bus for 2hr 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.
- 6:00PM Arrive at lodging: *Cap Sante Inn* in Old Town Anacortes. 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.]
- 9:00AM Load bus for a short drive to *Deception Pass bridge* and *Goose Rock* hike (5.4)
- TBA Afternoon Whale Watch cruise (optional).
- 5:00PM Dining choices nearby.

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 (12.6) on Mt. Constitution. Lunch in Eastsound on Orcas Island with over a dozen dining options. 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 2hr 30min drive to Olympia.
- 11:30AM Stop at *Priest Point* for a 7.5 urban hike that includes an old growth forest, trail along *Budd salt water Inlet*, *Capital Lake*, switchbacks to the state capital and *Tumwater Falls*. Lunch on your own en route to our lodging.
- 4:00PM Earliest check in at our lodging, *DoubleTree* on the bay.
- 5-10PM Dinner on your own in our hotel or at nearby restaurants.



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SEPTEMBER 12 DAY 8 SATURDAY

Olympia

- 6:30AM Breakfast in our hotel.
- 9:00AM Load the bus for 1hr 24 min drive to the *Olympic National Park* and our hike at *Mt. Ellinor* (13.2). Following the hike we will have lunch at *Hama Hama Oyster Company* on the bay where they farm the oysters. They also have grilled cheese on sourdough bread.
- 5-10PM Dinner on your own in our hotel or at nearby restaurants.

SEPTEMBER 13 DAY 9 SUNDAY

Port Angeles

- 6:30AM Breakfast 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 *Salmon House lodge* for lunch. Then it will be another 2 hours through the *Olympic National Park* to *Crescent Lake* and an easy 2.4 hike on the *Moments in Time trail* to *Marymere Falls*.
- 7:00PM Arrive at lodging: *Red Lion hotel* in Port Angeles.
- 4:30-9PM Dinner on your own at our hotel or nearby restaurants.

SEPTEMBER 14 DAY 10 MONDAY

Port Angeles

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

SEPTEMBER 15 DAY 11 TUESDAY

Seattle

- 6:30AM Breakfast on your own at hotel or nearby.
- 9:00AM Checkout and bus leaves for short 18 mile drive to *Hurricane Ridge* hike. (3.3).
- 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 bus driver and 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.]
- to 11PM Dine at our hotel or take light rail into Seattle.

SEPTEMBER 16 DAY 12 WEDNESDAY

Seattle

- 6:00AM Breakfast on your own at our hotel or nearby.
- 10:00AM Meet in lobby for the light rail trip to downtown Seattle and the *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.
- to 11PM Dinner while exploring Seattle or at our hotel.

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.
- 10:52AM Depart on Alaska Air AS429 to Chicago.
- 5:01PM 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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