



ITINERARY

Best of Washington State Hiking Tour

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TRIP 2

SECOND TOUR

SEPTEMBER 19 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 AS0579 departs O'Hare airport.
- 3:41PM 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 nearby restaurants. This is a really cool Alpine wilderness village.

SEPTEMBER 20 DAY 2 SUNDAY Leavenworth

- 4:30AM Local shuttles from our hotel to *Enchantments* hike (20.1) trailheads. Lunch on the trail.
- 7:00AM Breakfast at hotel.
- Other options: Catch local shuttle from our hotel to trailheads for out and back hike on *Enchantments* trail. From our hotel 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 21 DAY 3 MONDAY 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 chain.
- 6:00PM Arrive at lodging: *Cap Sante Inn* in Old Town Anacortes. Dining choices nearby.

SEPTEMBER 22 DAY 4 TUESDAY 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.
- 5:00PM Dining choices nearby.

SEPTEMBER 23 DAY 5 WEDNESDAY 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.
- 4:30PM Dining choices near our hotel.

SEPTEMBER 24 DAY 6 THURSDAY 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 Drop off 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.

SEPTEMBER 25 DAY 7 FRIDAY Olympia

- 6:30AM Breakfast in our hotel.
- 8:30AM Load bus for 2 hour drive to Mt. Rainier: *Naches Peaks & Dewey Lake* (6.1) on PCT (Pacific Crest Trail)
- 6:00PM Dinner on your own in our hotel or at nearby restaurants.



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- SEPTEMBER 26 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. Don't like oysters? They also have a great grilled cheese on sourdough bread.
5:30PM Dinner on your own in our hotel or at nearby restaurants.
- SEPTEMBER 27 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.
4:30PM Dinner on your own at our hotel or nearby restaurants.
- SEPTEMBER 28 DAY 10 MONDAY Port Angeles**
6:30AM Breakfast 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.
- SEPTEMBER 29 DAY 11 TUESDAY Seattle**
6:30AM Breakfast in our hotel.
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 11:00PM Dine at our hotel or take light rail into Seattle.
- SEPTEMBER 30 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 *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.
- OCTOBER 1 DAY 13 THURSDAY Travel**
6:00AM Breakfast in our hotel.
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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