

OREGON COAST EXPLORER

September 14, 2015 - 9 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$1995 double/twin

\$2555 single

\$1840 triple

Tour is exempt from GST.



>**Early Bookers:** \$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

>**TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3-Comprehensive
\$190 double/twin, \$243 single, \$175 triple

Redeem Experience Points: Book by **July 30** and redeem up to **49 e-points**

Includes

- Coach transportation for 9 days
- 8 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Ferry to Port Angeles
- Redwoods National Forest
- Rogue River Jetboat tour
- Shore Acres State Park
- Lifestyle talk by a fisherman at Charleston
- Oregon Connection Myrtlewood Factory
- Oregon Sand Dunes buggy ride
- Cape Perpetua Visitors Center
- Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- Marine Discovery cruise in Newport Harbor
- Oregon Coast Aquarium with dinner among the sea creatures
- Evergreen Aviation Museum
- Ferry to Swartz Bay
- Gratuities for 2 boat rides and dune buggy
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **16 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners

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Experience the Oregon Coast from South to North

Oregon's nearly 400 miles of pristine, public coastline is made up of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to lush evergreen forests to Sahara-like dunes and boundless sandy beaches. From Brookings on the southern tip to Lincoln City in the north, join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, US Highway 101, past a smorgasbord of one-of-a-kind attractions. The scores of quaint towns have a penchant for serving up legendary seafood, historic lighthouses, breathtaking viewpoints, stunning state parks, a cornucopia of galleries and museums, and a world class aquarium. This tour experiences many of the recreational opportunities and attractions that make the area unique. Wonder at the giant redwoods and spend hours idly beachcombing. Explore an aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Taste the treasures of the region, such as world famous cheese, cranberries, and seafood. Get up close and personal with sea lions and fishermen. Yell out loud as you cruise the sands in a dune buggy. Get ready for the Oregon Coast!

Itinerary

Monday, September 14:

Meals: L

We take the MV Coho ferry across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Port Angeles, then drive along the Olympic Peninsula. We stay overnight at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia.

Tuesday, September 15:

Meals: B,L,D

Our drive follows Interstate 5 through Portland and Salem. In southern Oregon, we stop overnight at the Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino.

Wednesday, September 16:

Meals: L

At Grants Pass, we head into the Coast Range and enter California. In the **Redwoods National Forest**, we stop at the Hiouchi Information Center to learn about the history and preservation of these giants. After lunch in Crescent City, we head north again and return to Oregon. **Welcome to the Oregon Coast!** At Gold Beach, we settle into the oceanfront Gold Beach Resort for a two night stay.

Thursday, September 17:

Meals: B,L

Today's adventure takes us up the **Rogue River** on board a comfortable enclosed jetboat for a scenic five-hour cruise through the canyons and forests of the back country. This roadless terrain is home to bald eagles, deer and bear. At Agness, where the jetboat delivers the U.S. Mail, we have lunch at Singing Springs. Back at Gold Beach, the rest of the afternoon is free to stroll the beach.

Friday, September 18:

Meals: B,L

Highway 101 is the scenic byway that meanders along the west coast of the state and is our main route for exploring the communities and attractions of the Oregon Coast. We travel to Port Orford, one of Oregon's oldest incorporated towns,

then Bandon, a charming town known for its lighthouse and giant sea stacks. A short spur off Hwy 101 takes us along a glorious stretch of coastline that includes six state parks, two National Wildlife Refuges, and a National Estuarine Research Reserve. Next is **Shore Acres State Park**, perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific and once the grand estate of lumber baron Louis Simpson. Explore the five acre garden filled with exotic plants from around the world. At **Charleston**, a major sea port and sport fishing centre, we chat with a fisherman about his trade and life on the sea, then enjoy a succulent seafood feast. Continue to Coos Bay for a stop at the **Oregon Connection** to shop for beautiful myrtlewood products. Our destination is **Florence**, where we stay at Driftwood Shores Resort, right on the beach.

Saturday, September 19:

Meals: B,D

Get ready for an exciting adventure on the **Giant Dune Buggy Tour** at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. Formed by the ancient forces of wind, water and time, these dunes are like no others in the world. They are the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America stretching 40 miles along the coast. This one hour tour may be some of the most fun you have had on sand! Heading north, we enjoy a terrific view at Cape Perpetua and admire the crashing surf at Devil's Churn. There are many lighthouses along this stretch of coastline, and we tour one at Newport, **Yaquina Head Lighthouse**. Opened in 1873 and still active, it has recently undergone restoration to preserve its important history. We have a two-night stay at Elizabeth Street Inn overlooking the ocean. Weather permitting, we enjoy a bonfire with smores on the beach!

Sunday, September 20:*Meals: B,D*

The morning is leisure time. Transportation is provided to Newport's Embarcadero for lunch and shopping. Then we board the **MV Discovery** for a two-hour sea-life cruise around Yaquina Bay featuring sea lions, seals, marine birds, some whales, and maybe a crab pot full of Dungeness crabs. We dock at the fabulous **Oregon Coast Aquarium**. There is time to enjoy its many displays, then we have a unique experience: a private dinner among the aquarium tanks with a great variety of marine life swimming around us.

Monday, September 21:*Meals: B,L*

We leave the Oregon Coast at Lincoln City and travel inland. We stop at the Evergreen Aviation

Museum, home to 50 historic aircraft and Howard Hughes' incredible plane, the giant **Spruce Goose**. In the afternoon, our drive continues through Portland, Olympia and Seattle. Our last night is in Lynnwood at the lovely **Embassy Suites Hotel** which features one-bedroom suites, indoor pool and huge atrium with trees and cascading streams. Complimentary drinks are included this evening.

Tuesday, September 22:*Meals: B*

There are shopping stops at **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham and the Duty-Free Store, then we cross the border and take an afternoon ferry to Swartz Bay.

**Activity Level 2 on this tour:**

Moderate activity including short distances to walk and steps. Some walks are optional such as at the Redwoods, Yaquina Head Lighthouse, and Devil's Churn, but you would miss these attractions if you cannot participate. The dune buggy ride can be rough with steep hills, and you should take motion medication if prone to this. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 30, 2015.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 30.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 30, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 31 to August 11, the cancellation charge is 30% of the tour fare. From August 12 to August 28, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After August 28, there is no refund.

TIC Insurance: In addition to Plan 3-Comprehensive, plans are available for Trip Cancellation & Interruption only and Extended Medical only. Policies can be purchased no later than at final payment.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and currency exchange rates, and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

E-points: This tour earns 49 E-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or E-points. 1 E-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until July 30.

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