

OREGON COAST EXPLORER

September 19, 2018 - 9 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$2435 double/twin

\$3090 single

\$2235 triple



> Tour is exempt from GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$120 discount on first 15 seats; \$60 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 58 points from this tour.

Redeem **58 points** if you book by **July 18**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 9 days
- 8 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Redwoods National Forest
- Rogue River Jetboat tour
- Shore Acres State Park and Garden
- Oregon Connection Myrtlewood Factory
- Oregon Sand Dunes buggy ride
- Sea Lion Caves
- Cape Perpetua Visitors Center
- Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- Marine Discovery cruise in Yaquina Bay
- Oregon Coast Aquarium with dinner among the sea creatures
- Evergreen Aviation Museum
- Gratuities for crew on Rogue River and Newport Harbor vessels and dune buggies
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **17 meals:** 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

An Oregon Coast Experience

Oregon's nearly 550 km 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. Join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, US Highway 101, past a smorgasbord of one-of-a-kind attractions between the California border and Lincoln City. The 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. Stroll the beaches and do some beachcombing. Wonder at the unique myrtlewood crafts. Explore an aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Get up close and personal with a myriad of marine life. Yell out loud as you ride the sands in a dune buggy. Watch waves crashing into the narrow slot of Devil's Churn. Get ready for the Oregon Coast!

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Itinerary

Wednesday, September 19: *Meals: D*
We cross the border at Osoyoos and drive across the volcanic tablelands of central Washington. Our overnight stop is at Oxford Suites in **Yakima**.

Thursday, September 20: *Meals: B,L,D*
After crossing Satus Pass, we drive through the scenic **Columbia Gorge** with views of several waterfalls such as 188-metre high Multnomah Falls. We skirt Portland and follow I-5 into southern Oregon with an overnight stay at Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino.

Friday, September 21: *Meals: B,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 magnificent 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 Sure-Stay Resort for two nights.

Saturday, September 22: *Meals: B,L*
Today's adventure takes us 54 km up the famous **Rogue River** on board a comfortable jetboat. This scenic five-hour cruise travels through the canyons, gentle rapids, 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.

Sunday, September 23: *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 #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. In nearby Coos Bay, we stop at the **Oregon Connection** to shop for exquisite myrtlewood products. Our destination is **Florence**, where we stay at Driftwood Shores Resort, right on the beach.

Monday, September 24: *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 60 km along the coast. This one hour tour may be some of the most fun you have had on sand! Next we ride an elevator down into the **Sea Lion Caves**, the world's largest sea cave which is home to hundreds of Steller sea lions during winter and spring (some stay year round). We enjoy a terrific view at Cape Perpetua Visitor Center and admire the crashing surf at Devil's Churn. There are many lighthouses along this 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 Oceanfront Suites in Newport. Weather permitting, we enjoy a bonfire with smores at nearby Nye Beach!

Tuesday, September 25: *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.

Wednesday, September 26: *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, a huge atrium, and complimentary drinks.

Thursday, September 27: *Meals: B*
There are shopping stops at **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham and the Duty-Free Store, then we cross the border and travel home via the Coquihalla.

Activity Level 2:



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 will 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. The ramp to the boat dock for the Rogue River jetboat could be steep at low tide. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. The coach cannot carry a scooter. 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 \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 18, 2018.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$120 discount on first 15 seats and \$60 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 18.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 18, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 19 to August 17, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 17, there is no refund.

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.

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