

# NORTH CASCADES & OLYMPIC PENINSULA

Plus Mount Rainier, Tacoma and ocean beaches

September 9, 2018 - 9 Days



## a world to experience



### Fares Per Person:

**\$2695** double/twin

**\$3495** single

**\$2465** triple



> Tour is exempt from GST.

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

> **Experience Points:** Earn 53 points from this tour.

Redeem **53 points** if you book by **July 5**.

### Includes

- Transfer to/from Victoria Airport
- Flight from Victoria to Kelowna and return
- Coach transportation for 8 days
- 8 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Mount Rainier National Park fee
- Tacoma Glass Museum with glass-blowing demo
- LeMay Car Museum
- Lakewold Garden Estate
- Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge with guide
- Wine tasting at Westport Winery
- Olympic National Park fee
- Hoh Rainforest
- Port Angeles Underground tour
- Hurricane Ridge
- Ferry from Port Townsend to Whidbey Island
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **16 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

### Highlights of Western Washington

Just across the border, Washington State has many highlights for the traveller to enjoy. Mount Rainier is the highest mountain in the state, but our tours seldom travel as close to it as this one which visits delightful Paradise Inn at treeline. Contrasted with the National Park wilderness is the bustling city of Tacoma where we watch glass-blowing at the Tacoma Glass Museum, stroll among exquisitely restored cars at the LeMay Museum, and wander the grounds of Lakewold Garden Estate. Then we head west to the coast and an oceanview resort. Olympic National Park is next where we enjoy the surf at Kalaloch, the verdant hanging mosses of the Hoh Rainforest, and the stunning views from Hurricane Ridge. The circle is completed as we drive the North Cascades Highway across Washington Pass and stay our last night at fabulous Sun Mountain Lodge, perched on a mountaintop above Winthrop. All three of Washington's National Parks are included in this scenic tour which was first offered in 2017 as a Mystery Tour.

**Note:** If you prefer a shorter 7-day tour, you can take the ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria on Sept 16. You will miss the North Cascades Highway and Sun Mountain Lodge. Fare reduction is \$390 per person.

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## Itinerary

### Sunday, September 9:

A transfer is provided to the airport. We fly to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Best Western.

### Monday, September 10: *Meals: L,D*

We meet the Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley. We cross the border at Osoyoos and drive across the volcanic tablelands of central Washington. Our overnight stop is at Oxford Suites in **Yakima**.

### Tuesday, September 11: *Meals: B,L*

We follow Tieton Valley past Clear Falls and over White Pass to **Mount Rainier National Park**. Lunch is included at Paradise Inn, a quaint hotel nestled at treeline. This historic landmark was built in 1917 and features a lobby with cathedral ceiling, huge wooden beams, and massive stone fireplaces. Glacier-covered Mount Rainier dominates the view and rears to 14,400 feet, one of the highest mountains in the contiguous USA. Afterwards, we descend the western slopes of Rainier and stay two nights at Hotel Murano in **Tacoma**. This stunning hotel has adopted Tacoma's theme of glass artistry and the amazing works of international artists are on display throughout the lobby, halls, and bedrooms, making every step in the hotel an artistic journey. More than 40 innovative glass artists were handpicked for the hotel, including talent such as Bertil Vallien, Lucio Bubacco, Dale Chihuly, and Hiroshi Yamano.

### Wednesday, September 12: *Meals: B*

The **Tacoma Museum of Glass** is an integral part of the city's theme. We walk across Chihuly's remarkable Bridge of Glass into the Museum, and watch professional artists blow glass art. Next is the **LeMay Car Museum** which displays 350 beautifully restored unique cars. This afternoon, we admire the splendid gardens at **Lakewold Estate**. These were created in 1908 and have grown over the past century to become the premier show garden of the northwest.

### Thursday, September 13: *Meals: B,L,D*

**Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge** is a peaceful retreat and a naturalist leads a boardwalk stroll looking for birds and animals. Lunch is at Westport Winery with wine tasting. We stay overnight in **Ocean Shores** at Best Western Lighthouse Inn and it is a short walk to the fine sandy beach and surf.

### Friday, September 14: *Meals: B,L,D*

**Olympic National Park** protects a vast wilderness of mountains and seashores on the Olympic Peninsula. We drive scenic Highway 101, highlighted by a beach walk and picnic at Kalaloch, and the Hall of Mosses nature trail in the Hoh Rainforest. We stay two nights in **Port Angeles** at the Red Lion Hotel and all our rooms overlook the ocean.

### Saturday, September 15: *Meals: B*

This morning, we learn the history of Port Angeles with a guided walk through its hidden streets one storey below the modern streets. This afternoon, we drive up to 1,600-metre **Hurricane Ridge** for a panoramic view of mountains and ocean.

### Sunday, September 16: *Meals: B,L,D*

We ride the ferry from Port Townsend to Whidbey Island, then drive across the lofty Deception Pass bridge. Following the **North Cascades Highway**, we ascend through Washington Pass with splendid views of towering granite walls, jade-green Diablo Lake, and soaring Liberty Bell Peak. Our destination is luxurious **Sun Mountain Lodge**, perched on a mountaintop above Winthrop with incredible views of the Cascades. Enjoy the spa, pool, hot tub, or a walk on the trails.

### Monday, September 17: *Meals: B*

There is a stop at the Duty-free store at the Osoyoos border crossing. We take an evening flight from Kelowna to Victoria and a transfer is provided to your pickup point.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 5, 2018. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**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 5.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 5, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 6 to August 3, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From August 4 to August 17, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After August 17, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to currency exchange or taxes 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 departure.

**Travel Insurance:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

**Photo credit:** Roland Neave (Diablo Lake on North Cascades Highway)

 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps such as the underground in Port Angeles. There is a ½ km walk at Nisqually, a ½ km walk to the beach at Ocean Shores, and a 1 km walk at the Hall of Mosses. Seeing everything requires participation in these walks. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, 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. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require ongoing assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense. Travel insurance will probably not cover you.

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 53 points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until July 5.

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