



Dune Buggy

OREGON COAST EXPLORER

September 16, 2022 – 9 Days

With 4 nights at oceanfront hotels

Oregon's nearly 550 km of pristine, public coastline is made up of diverse terrain that boasts of rugged cliffs, lush evergreen forests, Sahara-like sand dunes, and pristine beaches. Join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway between Coos Bay and Lincoln City. Stroll the beaches and look for treasures washed up by the constant waves. Explore a world-class aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Get close to a myriad of marine life during a Yaquina Bay cruise. Yell out loud as you ride the sands in a dune buggy. Tour the fabulous Shore Acres estate and gardens. Shop for crafts made from the rare Oregon myrtlewood. Watch waves crashing into the narrow slot of Devil's Churn. There are so many awesome sights along Oregon's splendid coastline.

Activity Level: 2



17 Meals Included:

8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

Fares per person:

\$3,175 double/twin; \$4,010 single; \$2,900 triple
Tour is exempt from GST.

Early Bookers:

\$150 discount on first 15 seats; \$75 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 67 points on this tour.

Redeem 67 points if you book by July 14, 2022.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



Oregon Coast Aquarium

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Day 1: Friday, September 16

We take an afternoon flight from Vancouver to Kelowna and stay overnight.

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Airport

Day 2: Saturday, September 17

We meet the BC Interior travellers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley, then cross the border and drive across the volcanic tablelands of the Columbia Basin to Yakima.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn

Day 3: Sunday, September 18

We drive through the scenic **Columbia Gorge** with a stop at the Discovery Center in The Dalles. Later, there are views of waterfalls such as impressive 188-metre high Multnomah Falls. Every room is a spacious suite at our hotel in downtown Portland, the Embassy Suites. Built in 1912 as the Multnomah Hotel, a total restoration in 1998 brought this beautiful structure back to life. Visit with fellow travellers at the evening reception with complimentary wine, beer, and cocktails.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Portland

Day 4: Monday, September 19

In Salem, Oregon's capital, we stop at the **Willamette Heritage Center** which contains a restored woollen mill and several pioneer buildings. We head west to **Florence** and stay two nights with all rooms overlooking the beach.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Driftwood Shores Resort

Day 5: Tuesday, September 20

We join Highway 101, the scenic byway that meanders along the Oregon Coast and head south to Coos Bay. **Shore Acres State Park** is perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific and was once the grand estate of lumber baron Louis Simpson. Stroll through the five-acre garden filled with exotic plants from around the world. A fisherman meets us in Charleston, so we can chat about a working life out at sea. There is also a stop at a **myrtlewood store** to buy some of these beautiful wood products. The rest of the afternoon is leisure time at the hotel. Enjoy the beach!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Driftwood Shores Resort

Day 6: Wednesday, September 21

Get ready for an exciting adventure on the **Giant Dune Buggy Tour** at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. This is the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America, stretching 60 km along the coast. This hour-long tour may be some of the most fun you have had on sand! Heading north, we admire the panoramic vistas at Cape Perpetua and thrill to the crashing surf at **Devil's Churn**. We have a two-night stay at Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites in Newport which also has wonderful ocean views from every room. A beach bonfire with smores is planned tonight!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites

Day 7: Thursday, September 22

There are many lighthouses along this stretch of coastline, and we visit the museum and grounds of **Yaquina Head Lighthouse** at Newport. Opened in 1873 and still active, it has recently undergone restoration to preserve its important history. This afternoon, we board *MV Discovery* for a two-hour **sea-life cruise** around Yaquina Bay featuring sea lions, seals, marine birds, some whales, and maybe a pot full of Dungeness crabs. Tonight, we go to the fabulous **Oregon Coast Aquarium**. There is time to enjoy its many exhibits, then we have a unique experience: a private dinner among the aquarium tanks with a great variety of marine life swimming around us.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites

Day 8: Friday, September 23

We leave the Oregon Coast at Lincoln City and head inland. The Evergreen Aviation Museum is home to 50 historic aircraft and Howard Hughes' incredible plane, the giant **Spruce Goose**. In the afternoon, our drive continues through Portland and Olympia. Our last night is in south Seattle at the lovely Embassy Suites which features indoor pool, a huge atrium, and complimentary drinks.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Sea-Tac

Day 9: Saturday, September 24

There are shopping stops at **Bellis Fair Mall** and the Duty-Free Store, then we cross the border and travel home.

Meals included: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Vancouver to Kelowna
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Coach transportation for 8 days
- 8 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
- Willamette Heritage Center
- Shore Acres State Park and gardens
- Visit with a Charleston fisherman
- 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
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **17 meals:** 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners



Activity Level 2: Moderate activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. Walks such as Yaquina Head Lighthouse and Devil's Churn are optional, but you would miss these attractions if you cannot participate. The dune buggy ride can be rough and bumpy which may be hard for delicate backs and necks; consider opting out or taking motion medication. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 2 could be challenging, you are urged to 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 frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some tour days.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 14, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$150 discount on first 15 seats and \$75 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 14, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 14, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From June 15 to July 14, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From July 15 to August 14, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 14, 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.

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.

Home pickups are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$50 per person round trip. Transfer is to YVR and home from the coach route to Tsawwassen. Please request no later than at final payment.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 67 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until July 14, 2022.

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