



Oregon Coast



Dune Buggy

OREGON COAST EXPLORER

September 19, 2023 – 10 Days

With 5 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 gorgeous beaches. Join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway between Crescent City in northern California and Lincoln City, Oregon. Stroll the beaches and look for treasures washed up by the constant waves. Explore a world-class aquarium. Ride a jetboat into the Rogue River canyons. 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. Stroll the gardens of the fabulous Shore Acres estate. 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



19 Meals Included:

9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners

Fares per person:

\$3,660 double/twin; \$4,595 single; \$3,395 triple
Tour is exempt from GST.

Early Booker Bonus:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 78 points on this tour.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, September 19

Home pickups with a ride to Vancouver Airport are provided. We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna and stay overnight.

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Airport

Day 2: Wednesday, September 20

We meet the BC Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley. We cross the border at Osoyoos and drive across the volcanic tablelands of central Washington and the Columbia Basin to Yakima.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Oxford Suites

Day 3: Thursday, September 21

After crossing Satus Pass, we drive through the scenic **Columbia Gorge** with a stop at the Discovery Center in The Dalles. Later, there are views of several waterfalls such as impressive 188-metre high Multnomah Falls. We skirt Portland and follow I-5 to Canyonville in southern Oregon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino

Day 4: Friday, September 22

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 an oceanfront hotel for two nights.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Sure-Stay Resort

Day 5: Saturday, September 23

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 bears. At Agness, where the jetboat delivers the U.S. Mail, we have lunch at Cougar Lane Lodge. Back at Gold Beach, the rest of the afternoon is free to stroll the beach.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Sure-Stay Resort



Day 6: Sunday, September 24

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, known for its 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. 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. Our destination is Florence where we stay the night at Driftwood Shores Resort with all rooms overlooking the beach.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

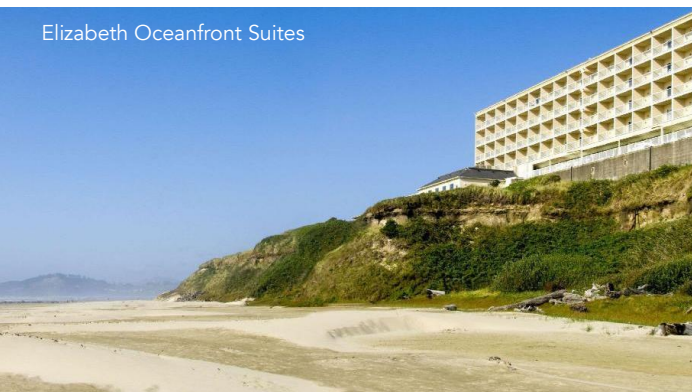
Accommodation: Driftwood Shores Resort

Day 7: Monday, September 25

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! 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 which also has wonderful ocean views from every room. A bonfire with smores is planned tonight!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites



Day 8: Tuesday, September 26

This morning, we board *MV Discovery* for a two-hour **sea-life cruise** around Yaquina Bay featuring

sea lions, seals, marine birds, and maybe some whales. In the afternoon, we explore the fabulous **Oregon Coast Aquarium**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites



Day 9: Wednesday, September 27

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 Lynnwood at the lovely Embassy Suites which features an indoor pool, a huge atrium, and complimentary drinks.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Lynnwood

Day 10: Thursday, September 28

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

- Home pickups and transfer to YVR
- Flight from Vancouver to Kelowna
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Coach transportation for 9 days
- 9 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
- Multnomah Falls
- Hiochi Redwoods Center
- Rogue River Jetboat tour
- Shore Acres State Park and gardens
- Visit with a Charleston fisherman
- Oregon Sand Dunes buggy ride
- Sea Lion Caves
- Cape Perpetua Visitor Center & Devil's Churn
- Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- Marine Discovery cruise in Newport Harbor
- Oregon Coast Aquarium
- Evergreen Aviation Museum
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **19 meals:** 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 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 sickness medication. There is some white water on the Rogue River trip. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. **Everybody** participating in this tour is expected to be capable of handling Activity Level 2. 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 18, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booker Bonus: 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 18, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 18, 2023, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From June 19 to July 18, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From July 19 to August 16, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 16, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Due to continuing after effects of the pandemic, sometimes we are notified about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a component of an extensive tour due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to 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.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. Please do not tell us about your food preferences, as restaurants ignore these requests. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Home pickups are offered complimentary in Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Surrey, and Richmond. Transfer is to YVR and home from the motorcoach route along Highway #17.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 78 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until July 18, 2023.

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