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‘WESTERN’ WASHINGTON STATE POST-CRUISE ITINERARY (9-Days)

DAY 1

Disembark cruise ship in Seattle

Pick up rental car

Catch Washington State Ferry to **Bainbridge Island**. www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/

Enjoy a 30-minute crossing to Bainbridge Island and follow WA-305N (20-minute drive) to:

Suquamish Museum

6861 NE South Street

Suquamish, WA 98392

www.suquamishmuseum.org

Contact: Janet Smoak, Museum Director, jsmoak@suquamish.nsn.us

The museum is located on the Port Madison Indian Reservation, displaying relics and records related to the Suquamish Tribe. Nearby, see the gravesite of Seattle's namesake, Chief Seattle.

Drive 40 minutes to Chimacum via WA-307N to WA-104W to WA-19N for cider tasting and lunch at:

Finnriver Farm and Cidery

124 Center Road

Chimacum, WA 98325

www.finnriverfarm.com

Contact: Crystie Kisler, Co-owner and Co-founder, crystie@finnriverfarm.com

The Finnriver crew farms and ferments on 80 acres of organic fields and orchard in the Chimacum Valley along a restored salmon stream. Finnriver is on the forefront of the Pacific Northwest hard cider revival that both honors historic hard cider traditions and offers fresh perspectives on the possibilities of the fermented apple.

Drive 15 minutes to downtown Port Townsend for some 'retail therapy':

Port Townsend is steeped in fascinating history, from its early Native American roots to its Victorian architecture and maritime legacy, while boasting two National Historic Landmark Districts. This charming village-by-the-sea has an artistic soul and is the perfect place to embrace new adventures or simply relax. (www.enjoypt.com)

Drive 25 minutes via WA-20 to WA-104W to:

Northwest Native Expressions Art Gallery

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1033 Old Blyn Highway
Sequim, WA 98382
www.northwestnativeexpressions.com

Discover Native American crafts, baskets, gifts and more. Ask for information about the totem pole carving shed.

Overnight: **7 Cedars Resort (opening summer 2020)**
270756 Highway 101
Sequim, WA 98383
Tel. 360.683.777
www.7cedarresort.com
Contact: Debbie Wardrop, Hotel Manager, 7 Cedars Resort, tel. 360.681.6771,
dwardrop@7cedarsresort.com

DAY 2

Continue heading west on WA-104 to Sequim, well-known for its lavender. Stop by:

Sunshine Herb & Lavender Farm
274154 US-101
Sequim, WA 98382
www.sunshinelavender.com

For two decades, Sequim and the surrounding Dungeness Valley have been internationally recognized as premier growers of lavender, drawing thousands of visitors each summer to the area.

Pick up supplies for an Olympic National Park picnic in Sequim and drive to:

Olympic National Park's Hurricane Ridge

At almost one million acres including 73 miles of Pacific Ocean coastline, the park is the epicentre of the **Olympic Peninsula**. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve, almost 95 percent of the park is designated wilderness. The park is also home to 26 endemic species and visited by over three million people a year, placing it among the top 10 most visited national parks in the USA. www.olympicpeninsula.org

At an elevation of 5,242 feet (1,598 meters), Hurricane Ridge is a mountain citadel that puts you at the edge of the park's jagged peaks. From the summit, a superb 360-degree view embraces the surrounding mountains and the San Juan Islands.

Explore nearby short trails for stunning views and enjoy your picnic. Stop in the Visitor Center for additional information, gift shop and restrooms.

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TIP To enjoy truly memorable experiences in the Olympic Peninsula, consider a guide. **Olympic Hiking Company** provides transportation and guide services. Contact: Tommy Farris, Owner, **Olympic Hiking Company**, Tel. 360.457.2259, discover@hikolympic.com, www.hikeolympic.com

Drive 1.25 hours to:

Overnight: **Lake Crescent Lodge**
416 Lake Crescent Road
Port Angeles, WA 98363
Tel. 360.896.3818
www.olympicnationalparks.com/lodging/lake-crescent-lodge/
Contact: Dane' Murphy, Regional Director of Sales & Marketing, Aramark,
Tel: 360.288.2915, Murphy-Dane@Aramark.com

Historic Lake Crescent Lodge was built in 1915 and is an ideal base camp for exploring Olympic National Park, while experiencing the charm of a turn-of-the-century resort.

DAY 3

The Lodge is set among giant fir and hemlock trees, along the shores of pristine Lake Crescent. Area trails will take you along the lake shore and through the forest. Enjoy an early morning hike out to breath-taking **Marymere Falls**

Drive 45 minutes on US-101W to **Forks**, home of the novels and movies - *Twilight*.

Pick up picnic supplies in Fork for lunch in the rainforest.

Drive 50 minutes via US-101S to Upper Hoh Road to the visitor centre at:

Olympic National Park's **Hoh Rain Forest** and hike the Hall of Mosses trail.

The **Hoh Rain Forest** is one of the largest temperate rain forests in the USA. The lush green canopy of this mystical forest is kept moist and green by over 12 feet of rain per year. Keep a watchful eye out for the majestic local Roosevelt Elk herd.

Drive 50 minutes via US-101S to **Ruby Beach**

Known as one of the crown jewels of Olympic National Park, Ruby Beach is one of the most photographed beaches on the west coast with its sea stacks, huge surf-tossed logs and bald eagles. A short 0.25-mile hike will provide access to the beach and breath-taking views out over the Pacific Ocean.

Continue driving for 10 minutes on US-101S to:

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Overnight: **Kalaloch Lodge**
157151 US-101
Forks, WA 98331
Tel. 866.662.9928
www.thekalalochlodge.com
Contact: Jim Stellmack, Director of Sales & Marketing, Delaware North Parks and Resorts, Tel. 209.917.0840, JStellmack@delawarenorth.com

Set high on a bluff overlooking a wild stretch of Pacific Northwest coast, the lodge offers classic oceanside lodging with full access to the wilderness and recreation of the Olympic National Park.

DAY 4

Enjoy the incredible coastline views from Kalaloch and a hearty breakfast before traveling 40 minutes via

US-101S to:

Lake Quinault Lodge
345 W. Shore Road
Quinault, WA 98575
Tel. 888.896.3818
www.olympicnationalparks.com/lake-quinault-lodge/
Contact: Dane' Murphy, Regional Director of Sales & Marketing, Aramark,
Tel: 360.288.2915, Murphy-Dane@Aramark.com

This grand, rustic lodge was built in 1926, where you can relax in front of the majestic fireplace, dine in the Roosevelt Dining Room or explore the rainforest surrounding the lake.

Drive an hour on US-101S to:

Aberdeen and walk the path of Kurt Cobain, Nirvana's lead singer, in his hometown. Check out the Kurt Cobain Under Bridge Memorial on Young Street and other significant places by following the Kurt Cobain Tour
www.discovergraysharbor.com/things-to-do/kurt-cobain-tour/.

Drive 1.5 hours via US-101S to the Long Beach Peninsula

The **Long Beach Peninsula** welcomes visitors to an authentic Pacific Northwest coastal experience that is timeless, delicious and invigorating. Bordered by ocean, bay and river, the peninsula boasts exceptional dining, welcoming accommodations, unique shopping and fine art galleries. Seafood is pulled from the Pacific Ocean, delivered to working ports and purchased by chefs all in a single day. Willapa Bay is

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among the USA's most prolific and prized oyster grounds.
(www.visitlongbeachpensinsula.com)

The Discovery Trail is 8.5 miles long, paved and offers mixed use trail runs from the bustling Port of Ilwaco at the mouth of the Columbia River through a forest of ancient Sitka Spruce and along the sand dunes of the Pacific Ocean. The trail is dotted with interesting historic and educational installations with art and offers wonderful birding and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Cape Disappointment State Park is positioned at the confluence of the mighty Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. Unparalleled viewpoints along this watery area have been known for centuries as the "Graveyard of the Pacific," due to the 2,000+ shipwrecks. There are two working lighthouses in the park and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center perched high upon the rocky cliffs above the bird rookeries. Keep your eyes peeled—whales and other sea life are often spotted as well! Down below, the cove known as Waikiki Beach always offers fabulous photo opportunities with its dramatic waves, occasional surfers and sea caves - all with the noble Cape Disappointment lighthouse as the back drop.

Explore **Oysterville**, a mid-nineteenth century boomtown placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. www.oysterville.org

Overnight: **Adrift Hotel**
409 Sid Snyder Drive
Long Beach, WA 98631
Tel. 360.642.2311
www.adrifthotel.com
Contact: Linh Depldege, Sales, linh@adrifthospitality.com

Day 5

Depart for Astoria, Oregon (about 15 miles or a 20-minute drive)

Astoria is at the mouth of the mighty Columbia River, where the Lewis and Clark Expedition spent the last winter at the end of their historic journey west. Check out the many things to see and do at www.travelastoria.com.

Drive two hours via US-30E to Portland

Portland is Oregon's largest city and sits on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in the shadow of snow-capped Mt. Hood. www.travelportland.com

Overnight: **Portland**

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Day 6

Explore Portland

Overnight: **Portland**

DAY 7

Drive 2.5 hours north via I-5N and WA-504E to:

Mount St. Helens – Johnston Ridge Observatory

24000 Spirit Lake Highway

Toutle, WA 98649

www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/giffordpinchot/recarea/?recid=31562

Enjoy multiple award-winning films, listen to ranger talks, observe the landscape or set off on a hike.

Drive 1 hour 45 minutes via I-5N to:

Olympia is the capital of Washington State where “handcrafted” is a way of life. Check out the coffee roasters, brew pubs, eateries celebrating farm-to-table fare and, of course, take a tour of the capitol building. www.experienceolympia.com

Washington State Capitol

416 Sid Snyder Avenue SW

Olympia, WA 98501

Discover the architecture, memorials and sweeping views of the historic Washington State Capitol Campus. Tours leave on the hour from the top steps of the capitol building.

Drive 1 hour via I-5N to:

Tacoma has a wealth of fascinating things to do and see. It’s a town so hip, no one is talking about it yet! The city is full of charm and hidden gems with amazing food, sights, shops and parks. www.traveltacoma.com

While you’re in the area, check out:

Museum of Glass www.museumofglass.org

Tacoma Art Museum www.tacomaartmuseum.org

Chihuly Bridge of Glass www.atlasobscura.com

America’s Car Museum www.americascarmuseum.org

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Overnight: **Hotel Murano**
1320 Broadway
Tacoma, WA 98402
Tel. 253.238.8000
Contact: Karol Teague, Director of Sales, Hotel Murano, karol.teague@murano.com

Day 8

Time to explore the iconic **Mt. Rainier National Park**, www.visitrainier.com.

Drive 2 hours via Chinook Pass Hwy and WA-410E to **Crystal Mountain Resort**.

Crystal lies on the sunny side of Mt. Rainier, just 6 miles from the Northeast entrance to Mt. Rainier National Park, amid stunning forests, wildflower-filled meadows and pure Washington wilderness. Ride the Gondola to experience an unparalleled view of Mt. Rainier and the Cascade Range. www.crystalmountainresort.com

Enjoy a mountain-top lunch at the **Summit House** – the highest elevation restaurant in Washington State!

Drive 1 hour via Sunrise Park Road to:

Sunrise Visitor Center in Mt. Rainier National Park

Explore the Visitor Center and nearby trails
www.nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/sunrise.htm

At an elevation of 6,400 feet, Sunrise is the highest point that can be reached by vehicle in the park. In the summer, mountain meadows abound with wildflowers. Enjoy breath-taking views of Mt. Rainier, Emmons Glacier and a nearly 360-degree view of the surrounding valleys, the mountain and other volcanoes in the Cascade Range.

Drive 1 hour via Sunrise Park Road and WA-123S to:

Grove of the Patriarchs Trail for an easy 50-minute hike. There is a fun, picturesque suspension bridge to cross. www.visitrainier.com/grove-of-the-patriarchs-2/

Drive 1 hour via Skate Creek Road to:

Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum
54124 Mountain Highway E

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Elbe, WA 98330
Tel. 360.492.6000
www.mtrainierrailroad.com
Contact: Carrie Whitley, Director of Sales, American Heritage Railways,
carrie.whitley@me.com

The Mt. Rainier Railroad and Logging Museum is a heritage railroad offering steam train excursions through forests and foothills near Mt. Rainier National Park.

Overnight: **Nisqually Lodge**
31609 WA-706
Ashford, WA 98304
Tel. 360.569.8804
www.whitepasstravel.com/nisqually
Contact: Brian Gomi, Product Director, Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours,
products@rmhtours.com

Day 9

Drive to **Seattle Southside** to explore further.

Check out shopping at **Westfield Southcenter**, the largest shopping center in the Pacific Northwest.
www.seattlesouthside.com

Depart from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport