



The Ultimate Pacific Northwest Road Trip

DAY 1

Disembark cruise ship in Seattle

Pick up rental car in downtown Seattle.

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

After the 35-minute crossing to Bainbridge Island and follow WA-305N (9 miles / 14 kilometers; driving time: 15 minutes) to:

Suquamish Museum
6861 NE South Street
Suquamish, WA 98392
www.suquamishmuseum.org

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 to Chimacum via WA-307N to WA-104W to WA-19N, (27 miles / 43 kilometers; driving time: 35 minutes), for cider tasting and lunch at:

Finnriver Farm and Cidery
124 Center Road
Chimacum, WA 98325
www.finnriverfarm.com

The Finnriver crew farms and ferments on 80 acres (32 hectares) of organic fields and orchards in the Chimacum Valley along a restored salmon stream.

Drive 10 miles / 16 kilometers, (driving time: 20 minutes), to downtown Port Townsend for some 'retail therapy':

Port Townsend is a charming village-by-the-sea with an artistic soul, steeped in fascinating history, from its early Native American roots to its Victorian architecture and maritime legacy, while boasting two National Historic Landmark Districts. (www.enjoypt.com)

Drive 25 miles / 40 kilometers, (driving time: 35 minutes), via WA-20 to WA-104W to:

Northwest Native Expressions Art Gallery

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**
270756 Highway 101
Sequim, WA 98383
Tel. 360.683.777
www.7cedarresort.com

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Continue heading west on WA-104 to Sequim, (6 miles / 10 kilometers; driving time: 10 minutes), 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.

Pick up supplies for an Olympic National Park picnic in Sequim and drive to:
(34 miles / 55 kilometers; driving time: 1 hr. 10 minutes),
Note the road from Port Angeles to Hurricane Ridge is a very steep, windy, narrow mountain road.

Olympic National Park's Hurricane Ridge

At almost one million acres (40,000+ hectares) including 73m/117k of Pacific Ocean coastline, the park is the show-stopper 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.

TIP To enjoy truly memorable experiences in the Olympic Peninsula, consider a guide. **Olympic Hiking Co.** provides transportation and guide services.
www.hikeolympic.com

Continue on Highway 101, (39 miles / 62 kilometers; driving time: 1.5 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/

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

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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 on US-101W to **Forks**, (37 miles / 59 kilometers; driving time: 40 minutes), home of the novels and movies - *Twilight*.

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

Drive via US-101S to Upper Hoh Road, (31 miles / 50 kilometers; driving time: 50 minutes), to the Visitor Center 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 12ft/4m of rain per year. Keep a watchful eye out for the majestic local Roosevelt Elk herd.

Drive via US-101S to **Ruby Beach**, (32 miles / 52 kilometers; driving time: 45 minutes)

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 hike will provide access to the beach and breath-taking views out over the Pacific Ocean.

Continue driving for 10 minutes, (8 miles / 13 kilometers), on US-101S to:

Overnight: **Kalaloch Lodge**
157151 US-101
Forks, WA 98331
Tel. 866.662.9928
www.thekalalochlodge.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.

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Enjoy the incredible coastline views from Kalaloch and a hearty breakfast before traveling 40 minutes, (33 miles / 53 kilometers), via US-101S to:

Lake Quinault Lodge
345 W. Shore Road
Quinault, WA 98575
Tel. 888.896.3818
www.olympicnationalparks.com/lake-quinault-lodge/

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. Walk along the beach and find the famed 'Tree of Life.'

Drive one hour, (44 miles / 70 kilometers), on US-101S to:

Discover **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.discovergrays Harbor.com/things-to-do/kurt-cobain-tour/.

Drive 1.5 hours, (72 miles / 15 kilometers), via US-101S to the Long Beach Peninsula

The **Long Beach Peninsula** has the longest silver sand beach on the west coast of the USA and is home to wildlife, amazing bird watching and vibrant communities with exceptional dining. Seafood is pulled from the Pacific Ocean, delivered to working ports and purchased by chefs all in a single day. Willapa Bay is among the USA's most prolific and prized oyster grounds. (www.visitlongbeachpensinsula.com)

The Discovery Trail is an 8.5m/14k paved trail and 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 far from true to its name! Keep your eyes peeled—whales and other sea life are often spotted here from the land. Positioned at the confluence of the mighty Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean, there are unparalleled viewpoints along this watery area known for centuries as the 'Graveyard of the Pacific', due to the 2,000+ shipwrecks.

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

An eco-friendly hotel with ocean views where you can fall asleep to the sound of the waves.

Day 5

Depart for Astoria, Oregon (19 miles / 30 kilometers; driving time: 30 minutes)

Astoria is at the mouth of the Columbia River, where the Lewis and Clark Expedition spent the last winter at the end of their historic journey west in 1805/1806. www.travelastoria.com.

Drive two hours, (96 miles / 154 kilometers), via US-30E to Portland

Overnight: **Portland**

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Portland, Oregon's largest city, sits on the Columbia and Willamette rivers, in the shadow of snow-capped Mount Hood. It's known for its parks, bridges and bicycle paths, as well as for its eco-friendliness and its microbreweries and coffeehouses. You can visit the world's largest indie bookstore, see iconic attractions, enjoy tax-less shopping or wander peaceful gardens. www.travelportland.com

Overnight: **Portland**

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Drive 2.5 hours, (110 miles / 177 kilometers), 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

The site of one of the world's most famous volcanic eruptions, enjoy multiple award-winning films, listen to ranger talks, observe the landscape or set off on a hike.

Drive 1 hour 55 minutes, (105 miles / 168 kilometers), 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, and 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

Home of the state's government, discover the architecture, memorials and sweeping views of the historic Washington State Capitol Campus.

Drive 40 minutes, (31 miles / 50 kilometers), via I-5N to:

Tacoma, known for its car museum and bridge of glassworks. 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

Overnight:

Hotel Murano
1320 Broadway
Tacoma, WA 98402
Tel. 253.238.8000
www.hotelmuranotacoma.com

A luxury hotel downtown, celebrating museum-like glass art.

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Take time to explore the iconic land of Ice and Fire at **Mt. Rainier National Park**, www.visitrainier.com.

Drive 2 hours, (66 miles / 106 kilometers), via Chinook Pass Hwy and WA-410E to **Crystal Mountain Resort**.

Crystal lies on the sunny side of Mt. Rainier, just six 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, (30 miles / 45 kilometers), 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 6,400feet (2,000 meters), 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, (32 miles / 51 kilometers) via Sunrise Park Road and WA-123S to:

Grove of the Patriarchs Trail is 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 ten minutes, (37 miles / 60 kilometers) to Ashford, WA

Overnight: **Nisqually Lodge**
31609 WA-706
Ashford, WA 98304
Tel. 360.569.8804
www.whitepasstravel.com/nisqually

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Drive 1.5 hours (70 miles / 111 kilometers), to **Seattle Southside** to explore further before departure.

Check out shopping at **Westfield Southcenter**, the largest shopping center in the Pacific Northwest. www.seattlesouthside.com. The drive to Sea-Tac is 10 minutes.

Depart from **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport**.

Tips for creating or booking a Pacific Northwest Itinerary:

Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours has a packaged fly-drive of The Ultimate Pacific Northwest Road Trip. Contact: Chris Pilley, CEO, Rocky Mountain Holidays Tours, Tel. +970.482.5813, Chris@rmhtours.com, [www. RMHTours.com](http://www.RMHTours.com). There are numerous options in the region for FIT packages, Fly-Drives and Groups. Get the insider knowledge and expertise that will differentiate your product and provide the ultimate memorable experiences today's travellers are seeking.

For additional customised itinerary planning and development for Seattle, Washington State and the Pacific Northwest, please contact the Port of Seattle Australia & NZ representative, Amanda McCoy amanda@linkdtourism.com

