



WANDERING WASHINGTON WATERWAYS

From the Puget Sound to the Salish Sea, Washington's waterways include captivating seaport towns lined with unique shops and restaurants plus historic and cultural attractions. World-class whale-watching, kayaking, cycling, hiking, farm-to-table dining and historic to luxury lodgings await!

DAY 1

Disembark cruise ship and take a taxi to:

Mayflower Park Hotel

405 Olive Way
Seattle, WA 98101
Tel. 206.623.8700

www.mayflowerpark.com

Find yourself in the heart of downtown Seattle at the Mayflower Park Hotel. It is centrally located next to Westlake Center, the monorail to Seattle Center and Sound Transit Light-Rail to SEA International Airport. The hotel is home to the award-winning cocktail bar Oliver's and to the locally popular restaurant, Andaluca.

Take a twenty-minute walk to the historic Pioneer Square neighborhood to learn about Seattle's unique history. www.pioneersquare.org

Bill Speidel's Underground Tour

600 1st Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

www.undergroundtour.com

Seattle's most unusual attraction – a humorous stroll through intriguing subterranean storefronts and sidewalks entombed when the city rebuilt on top of itself after the Great Fire of 1889. The 75-minute guided walking tour begins at Doc Maynard's Public House then spills out into historic Pioneer Square, Seattle's birthplace, before plunging underground for an exclusive time capsule view of the buried city.

Just 5 minutes away visit:

Smith Tower Observatory

506 2nd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
www.smithtower.com

Once the tallest building west of the Mississippi River, the Smith Tower is home to the iconic world-famous Smith Tower Observatory with its historic Otis elevators, stunning 360-degree views and open-air viewing deck.

After strolling through nearby Occidental Park visit:

Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park Visitor Center and Museum

319 2nd Avenue S
Seattle, WA 98104
www.nps.gov/klse/index.htm

Seattle flourished during and after the Klondike Gold Rush. Merchants supplied people from all over the world passing through this port city on their way to a remarkable adventure to seek gold in Alaska. Today the park is your gateway to learn about the Klondike Gold Rush, explore the area's public lands and engage with the local community.

On the way back to your hotel visit the:

Sky View Observatory at Columbia Center

700 4th Avenue, Suite 73
Seattle, WA 98104
www.skyviewobservatory.com

At 902 feet (275 meters), it offers the tallest public viewing area in the Pacific Northwest. The 360-degree panoramic view includes Mt. Rainier, Bellevue, the Cascade Mountains, Mt. Baker, Elliott Bay, Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains and the city of Seattle.

Enjoy dinner, a short two-block walk from the hotel, at:

Dahlia Lounge

2001 4th Avenue
Seattle WA 98121
www.dahlialounge.com or www.tomdouglas.com

Dahlia Lounge is the quintessential Seattle dining experience. Tom Douglas, Seattle-based chef and James Beard Outstanding Restaurateur has been cooking up Pacific Northwest cuisine since 1984. With numerous restaurants, a cooking school and a product line that includes rubs, sauces and mustards to enjoy seasonal foods inspired by the freshest Pacific Northwest ingredients.

DAY 2

Take a two-minute walk to Pike Place Market.

Pike Place Market

85 Pike Street
Seattle, WA 98101
www.pikeplacemarket.org

Pike Place Market, a national historic district, is a vibrant neighborhood housing the city's beloved public market – home to farmers, artisans and small businesses. Join a food tour to experience the sights, sounds and flavors of this historic 100+ year-old landmark. Meet the Market's lively characters and hear their memorable stories. See fish fly, cheese being made, the "oldest" Starbucks store and off-beat attractions like the Gum Wall and Rachel the Pig.

Walk down the Pike Street Hill Climb to:

Seattle's Waterfront, overlooking Elliott Bay the waterfront offers unique attractions, restaurants, seafood bars and shops.

Visit the:

Seattle Aquarium

1483 Alaskan Way

Seattle, WA 98101

www.seattleaquarium.org

Prioritizing marine animals native to the Pacific Northwest, the Seattle Aquarium is the region's premier resource for hands-on experiences and conservation education, offering fun, exciting ways to discover more about amazing Puget Sound and the world's oceans.

A walk across Waterfront Park leads to:

Miner's Landing

1301 Alaskan Way

Seattle, WA 98101

www.pier57seattle.com

Home of the:

Seattle Great Wheel

www.seattlegreatwheel.com

The Seattle Great Wheel is a giant Ferris Wheel perched at the edge of Elliott Bay. With an overall height of 175 feet (53.3 meters), it offers stunning views of downtown Seattle and Puget Sound.

and

Wings over Washington

www.wingsoverwa.com

Experience an amazing journey as a "spirit eagle" sweeps you upward into flight across the State of Washington. Dive down the seaside cliffs through the morning mists of the Olympic Mountains and Mt. Rainier to the San Juan Islands then enjoy the spectacular beauty of the Cascade Mountains and Eastern Washington.

Enjoy lunch at one of the many seafood bars or waterfront restaurants before continuing your walk north along the waterfront to Broad Street. Turn right and head a few blocks up the hill to Seattle Center. Home to many of the Emerald City's must-see attractions.

Space Needle

400 Broad Street
Seattle, WA 98109
www.spaceneedle.com

Built in 1962, the Space Needle served as the symbol for the World's Fair. It stands a towering 605 feet (nearly 185 meters) above ground, with spectacular views in every direction. From the snow-capped Cascade Mountains to the east, to the majestic Olympic Mountains in the west, there is inspiration aplenty from this perch.

Walk next door to see the **Chihuly Garden and Glass** with its giant glass creations by internationally acclaimed artist, Dale Chihuly.

Chihuly Gardens & Glass

305 Harrison Street
Seattle, WA 98109
www.chihulygardenandglass.com

Time-permitting visit:

MoPOP – Museum of Popular Culture

325 5th Ave N
Seattle, WA 98109
www.mopop.org

A fusion of textures and myriad colors, MoPOP's exterior conveys all the energy and fluidity of music. The interior houses permanent exhibits of Seattle's music history and traveling exhibits designed to offer experiences that inspire and connect communities.

Take the **Monorail** from the Seattle Center to the **Westlake Center** for some shopping "therapy" before exiting Westlake Center directly into the lobby of your hotel. Enjoy cocktails in Oliver's lounge at the Mayflower Park Hotel before choosing another Seattle dining experience.

Overnight: **Seattle – Mayflower Park Hotel**

DAY 3

Collect your car from a downtown car rental facility and drive 70 minutes (60 miles / 96 kilometers), north on I-5 to Exit 221, WA-534. Turn left to visit:

Snow Goose Produce

15170 Fir Island Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
www.snowgooseproducemarket.com

What was once a barn is now a beloved roadside stand, offering the best organic produce, smoked seafood, baked breads, artisan cheese and legendary ice cream.

Drive 15 minutes (7 miles / 11 kilometers), north to the waterfront town of La Conner.

La Conner, home to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival and voted best romantic getaway, this tiny town on the Swinomish Channel offers 10 blocks of rich history, eclectic shops and water views.

Follow La Conner Whitney Road / WA-120 to WA-11N / Chuckanut Drive for 30 minutes (19 miles / 30 kilometers).

Enjoy dinner at:

The Oyster Bar

2578 Chuckanut Drive
Bow, WA 98232
www.theoysterbar.net

Known for its seasonally inspired menu, spectacular Puget Sound views and friendly service. This wine cellar has been awarded the Best of Excellence by Wine Spectator every year since 1990!

Continue on WA-11N for 30 minutes (13 miles / 21 kilometers), to Fairhaven / Bellingham area.

Overnight: **Bellingham**

DAY 4

Drive 20 minutes (9 miles / 4 kilometers) south on Chuckanut Drive. Meet your kayak guide at **Larrabee State Park**.

Moondance Kayak Adventures

245 Chuckanut Drive
Bellingham, WA 98229
www.moondancekayak.com

Enjoy 2-3 hours of on-the-water kayak paddling and exploration, beginning with a “hands-on” introduction to safety procedures and equipment. Glide by Chuckanut Sandstone formations and keep an eye out for wildlife at a stop on a Nature Conservancy protected Island in the bay or on a beautiful, secluded beach.

Return 20 minutes (6 miles / 10 kilometers) to Fairhaven for lunch at:

Evolve Chocolate + Café

1200 11th Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
www.evolvechocolatecafe.com

Indulge your palate and your mind at this charming café, perched deliciously above Village Books.

Fairhaven was founded by Dirty Dan Harris in 1888. The Fairhaven Historic District is known for its colorful 19th-century Victorian-era architecture and history.

Drive 15 minutes (4 miles / 6 kilometers) north to explore **Bellingham**, the epicenter of craft beer in Washington state. Use the Tap Trail (www.taptrail.com/btppassport) walking map to explore some 16 breweries, tap houses and cideries.

Join San Juan Cruises for a *Chuckanut Cracked Crab Dinner Cruise*. Departure from Bellingham’s Cruise Terminal.

San Juan Cruises

355 Harris Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225
www.whales.com

Relax on this un-matched crab dinner cruise experience sailing the Chuckanut Bay and dining on the northwest's finest Dungeness crab.

Overnight: **Bellingham**

DAY 5

Drive one hour (44 miles / 70 kilometers) south on I-5N and southwest on WA-20W to catch a Washington ferry to the San Juan Islands' Friday Harbor.

Anacortes Ferry Terminal – (Reservations Strongly Recommended)

2100 Ferry Terminal Road
Anacortes, WA 98221
www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

Drive aboard the largest ferry system in the USA, carrying over 23 million passengers a year. The San Juan Islands rise like emerald jewels from the sea. From the ferry's deck, observe island life on forested islands, sandy beaches and tiny coves.

Drive 15 minutes (7 miles / 11 kilometers) following the state scenic byway route southwest out of Friday Harbor for special stops:

Pelindaba Lavender Farm

45 Hawthorne Lane
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
www.pelindabalavender.com

This beautiful 20-acre organic lavender farm extracts essential oils in an on-site distillery for handcrafted products. The farm hosts a harvest festival each July.

Continue driving for 10 minutes (4 miles / 6 kilometers) turning right on Bailer Hill Road to Westside Road.

Lime Kiln Point State Park

1567 West Side Road
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
www.parks.state.wa.us/540/Lime-Kiln-Point

Also known as Whale Watch Park, as whale sightings are common from this shoreline. Lime Kiln Point State Park is a 36-acre / 15 hectare day-use park with a picturesque 1919 lighthouse.

Take a left onto Westside Road, turns into Mitchell, then take a left onto West Valley Road for 12 minutes (7 miles / 11 kilometers).

Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm and Country Store

3501 West Valley Road
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
www.krystalacres.com

Delight in the peacefulness of this scenic farm with an ever-growing herd of more than 50 alpacas. Bask on the gentle slopes of sunny pastures and relax in the shade of massive 100-year oak trees. Stroll around the farm, then browse an extraordinary selection of alpaca sweaters, coats and cuddly alpaca toys in the Country Store.

Head Northwest on West Valley Road for 0 minutes (4 miles / 6 kilometers) to Roche Harbor Road to Reuben Memorial Drive for lunch at:

Roche Harbor Resort

248 Reuben Memorial Drive
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
www.rocheharbor.com

Step back in time at Roche Harbor Resort with sweeping water views, restaurants, shops, beautiful gardens and an active marina. Discovered in 1787, this company town hosted the largest lime and concrete plant west of the Mississippi. The 20-room Hotel de Haro was built around the original Hudson Bay Trading Post in 1886.

The return drive from Roche Harbor to Friday Harbor is 20 minutes (9 miles / 14 kilometers).

Overnight: **Friday Harbor**

DAY 6

After breakfast, check out Friday Harbor's eclectic shops, restaurants and museums.

The Whale Museum at 62 First St North - www.whalemuseum.org

Historical Museum at 405 Price Street - www.sjmuseum.org

SJI Museum of Art at 540 Spring Street - www.sjima.org

Suggest lunch at:

San Juan Brewing Company

410 A Street
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
www.sanjuanbrew.com

Drive 15 minutes (5 miles / 8 kilometers) on Roche Harbor Road, take a left on Egg Lake Road for an adventure.

Zip San Juan

1959 Egg Lake Road
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
www.zipsanjuan.com

Experience the power of an unforgettable experience. Step outside your comfort zone and zip through the forested tree canopies and over a lake. Some walking and hiking required. Age and weight restrictions apply for safety.

Drive 5 minutes (1 mile / 1.6 kilometers) back on Roche Harbor Road to:

San Juan Vineyard

3136 Roche Harbor Road
Friday, Harbor, WA 98250
www.sanjuanvineyard.com

For a delicious glass of wine, visit the San Juan Vineyard, a producer of award-winning estate-grown wines. Enjoy your wine in an 1895 remodeled school house tasting room surrounded by gardens.

Drive 10 minutes (4 miles / 7 kilometers) back on Roche Harbor Road to return to Friday Harbor.

Take a sunset walk on the pier and relax in small town life as seabirds call overhead.

Suggest a great dinner at a restaurant located on the water's edge:

Downriggers

10 Front Street

Friday Harbor, WA 98250

www.downriggerssanjuan.com

Overnight: **Friday Harbor**

DAY 7

Take the morning ferry back to Anacortes and drive 15 minutes (9 miles / 14 kilometers) on WA-20 Spur to WA-20W. A lovely Pacific Northwest treat is coming with:

Deception Pass Tours

5596 SR 20

Anacortes, WA 98221

www.deceptionpasstours.com

Take a one-hour unique ride on a seated open-deck boat and enjoy 360° unobstructed views passing through the waters under **Deception Pass Bridge**. At peak current, over 8 knots (9.5 mph), almost 900 million gallons of water pour through Deception Pass.

Continue South for 40 minutes, (23 miles / 37 kilometers), on WA-20W down Whidbey Island to Coupeville and lunch at:

Toby's Tavern

8 NW, Front Street NE

Coupeville, WA 98239

www.tobysuds.com

The tavern is on the shore of tranquil Penn Cove known for its abundant crops of mussels. A mercantile shop built in 1890, the structure has housed many businesses. Following prohibition, it became a beer parlor and has been a tavern/restaurant since the early sixties.

Drive 10 minutes (2 miles / 3 kilometers) on S Main, which turns into Hill Road, take a right onto Hill Road.

Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve

Ebey's Landing Road

Coupeville, WA 98239

www.nps.gov/ebla/index.htm

Hike a 3.5-mile loop on the Bluff Trail which runs along the bluffs overlooking the Puget Sound. At the halfway point, the trail drops with switchbacks to the beach. This stunning landscape at the gateway to Puget Sound with its rich farmland and promising seaport, lured the earliest American pioneers north of the Columbia River.

Return to S Engle Road and continue south 10 minutes (5 miles / 8 kilometers) to the Keystone Terminal.

Keystone Ferry Terminal - Reservations Strongly Recommended

1400 WA-20
Coupeville, WA 98239
www.wsdot.com/Ferries

Located on a wildlife refuge, this terminal offers a gorgeous view – crossing time: 30 minutes.

Suggested dinner in the lovely seaport of Port Townsend:

Bayview Café

1539 Water Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
www.ptbayview.com

Overnight: **Port Townsend**

DAY 8

Drive five minutes on Water Street to Point Hudson Marina for check-in

Puget Sound Express (tour is 4 Hours)

227 Jackson Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
www.pugetsoundexpress.com

For the ultimate Pacific Northwest thrill, don't miss this four-hour whale watching tour. Three generations of family have helped visitors have life-changing experiences with some of the most majestic creatures on the planet. Five different species of whales and other marine mammals call this area home. Tour extends over the lunch hour and passengers are welcome to pre-purchase a boxed lunch or bring food and beverage on-board.

Drive for 90 minutes (47 miles / 76 kilometers) on WA-20W to WA-19 S to WA-305 S for the 35-minute ferry ride back to Seattle.

Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal

270 Olympic Drive SE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

The Seattle skyline is a breathtaking sight from the water on the return ferry ride back to the Emerald City. Take time for that last selfie on the deck and take home the many fond memories made during this road trip to Washington State's Waterways and Seaport Towns.

Head for the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport or enjoy more time in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

USA-based receptive tour operator, **AmericanTours International, (ATI)**, can provide quotes for customized a Wandering Washington Waterways fly-drive tour.

Contact: **AmericanTours International, (ATI)**, Los Angeles International Airport, 6033 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045, USA Phone: (310) 641-9953, Fax: (310) 216-5807,

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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 travelers are seeking.

For additional customized itinerary planning and development for Seattle, Washington state and the Pacific Northwest, please contact the **Port of Seattle** Australia and New Zealand representative, Amanda McCoy, amanda@linkdtourism.com