



## **NATIVE AMERICAN HIGHLIGHTS OF WASHINGTON STATE & OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK (10 day) Fly-Drive**

Native American culture in the Pacific Northwest is unique and celebrated through the bold art and style of the diverse Northwest Coastal tribes that have been connected to one another for thousands of years through trade. This link is apparent in their art - masks, canoes, totem poles, baskets, clothing and bentwood boxes - using cedar, copper and other materials readily accessible in nature. Their art tells the stories of their lives through the centuries, passing history and wisdom from generation to generation.

Native American culture is present in everyday life in Seattle from the totems that grace the parks and public spaces to the manhole covers on the streets. Along your journey, you will experience Seattle's unique urban attractions, Bellingham's historic seaport ambiance and the wild beauty of the Olympic Peninsula from lush old-growth forests to spectacular, untamed beaches. En route you'll encounter the many ways Native American culture is woven into the fabric of the Pacific Northwest.

Day 1            Arrive Seattle

### **Pike Place Market**

85 Pike Street

Seattle, WA 98101

[www.pikeplacemarket.org](http://www.pikeplacemarket.org)

Pike Place Market is a hot spot for fresh food sourced from nearby farms, cocktails created by favorite mixologists and a place to rub elbows with both Seattle locals and visitors. From flying fish to street musicians to gorgeous flowers and an array of delicious food options, this 100+ year-old national historic district is a vibrant neighborhood, welcoming over 10 million visitors annually to this super cool hub.

### **Steinbrueck Native Gallery (Near Pike Place Market)**

2030 Western Avenue Seattle, WA

98121

[www.steinbruecknativegallery.com](http://www.steinbruecknativegallery.com)

Highlights: Works by long-established First Nations masters and talented emerging artists.

**Northwest Tribal Art** (Near Gum Wall)

1417 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

[www.northwesttribalart.com](http://www.northwesttribalart.com)

Highlights: Showcases museum-quality Northwest American Native and Inuit artwork for collectors.

**Eighth Generation** (In Pike Place Market)

101 Pike Street Seattle, WA  
98101

[www.eighthgeneration.com](http://www.eighthgeneration.com)

Highlights: Partners with community-based Native artists around the country to design, manufacture and market beautiful wool blankets and gifts.

**Stonington Gallery** (Historic Pioneer Square)

125 South Jackson Street  
Seattle, WA 98104

[www.stoningtongallery.com](http://www.stoningtongallery.com)

Highlights: Features contemporary Northwest Coast art with totem poles, masks, works on paper, blown glass and more.

Overnight: Seattle

Day 2

**Seattle Art Museum (SAM)**

1300 First Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101  
Tel. 206.654.3100

[www.seattleartmuseum.org](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org)

Explore the “Art and Life Along the Northwest Coast” exhibit of First Peoples art and see the creative expressions of generations of artists who created forms for daily life, for potlatch ceremonies and for spiritual balance.

**Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center**

4705 West Marginal Way SW Seattle, WA  
98106 Tel. 206.431.1582

[www.duwamishtribe.org](http://www.duwamishtribe.org)

Experience the traditional longhouse, which served as a residence and gathering place for several families, often numbering up to eight per family, and learn about

the culture and heritage of the Duwamish Tribe. The tribe has been in the greater Seattle area since time immemorial. Their stories tell of the last Ice Age and an Ice Weir breaking over the Duwamish River. They are known as the People of the Inside.

### **Space Needle**

400 Broad Street Seattle,  
WA 98109 Tel.  
206.905.2100  
[www.spaceneedle.com](http://www.spaceneedle.com)

Catch your breath as you soar upwards 605 feet (nearly 185 meters) where you'll land on one of two levels of thrills. From an all-glass floor on the lower level to floor-to-ceiling glass on the upper level, relish the spectacular 360-degree views spanning from the Cascade Mountains in the east to the Olympic Mountains in the west with stunning Elliott Bay and Puget Sound sparkling below.

### **Chihuly Garden and Glass**

305 Harrison Street Seattle, WA 98109  
Tel. 206.753.4940  
[www.chihulygardenandglass.com](http://www.chihulygardenandglass.com)

Home to the work of internationally acclaimed artist Dale Chihuly, providing the most comprehensive collection of his remarkable, colorful work found in the world.

Overnight: Seattle

Day 3

Collect rental car

Seattle - Tulalip, (40 miles / 60 km)

### **Boeing Factory Tour**

8415 Paine Field Boulevard  
Mukilteo, WA 98275 Tel.  
425.438.8100 [www.futureofflight.org](http://www.futureofflight.org)

This is the only publicly available opportunity to tour a commercial jet assembly plant in North America. Here you can explore the dynamics of flight and experience new aviation innovations.

### **Hibulb Cultural Center** (Near Tulalip Resort – 5-minute drive)

6410 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE Tulalip, WA 98271 Tel. 360.716.2600  
[www.hibulbculturalcenter.org](http://www.hibulbculturalcenter.org)

This interactive cultural center features exhibits, a longhouse, research library and gift shop on a 50-acre natural history preserve. The center protects, collects and enhances the history, traditional cultural values and spiritual beliefs of the seven bands who comprise Tulalip Tribes.

**Seattle Premium Outlets** (Shopping)

10600 Quil Ceda Boulevard, Suite  
750 Tulalip, WA 98271 Tel.  
360.716.3905

[www.premiumoutlets.com/seattle](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/seattle)

Back to the 21st Century with time for shopping! Featuring an upscale collection of over 130 retailers with savings from 30%-65% off. Find the latest fashion, trends, shoes, and accessories with well-known brands.

Overnight:

**Tulalip Resort, Casino and Spa**

10200 Quil Ceda Boulevard  
Tulalip, WA 98271 Tel.  
360.716.6000

[www.tulalipresort.com](http://www.tulalipresort.com)

This resort and casino are owned and operated by the Tulalip Tribes of Washington.

Day 4 Tulalip – Bellingham via Chuckanut Drive, (65 miles / 104 km)

**Whatcom Museum** (Bellingham)

250 Flora Street Old City Hall, 121 Prospect Street Bellingham,  
WA 98225 Tel.

360.778.8983 [www.whatcommuseum.org/exhibition/people-of-the-sea-and-cedar/](http://www.whatcommuseum.org/exhibition/people-of-the-sea-and-cedar/)

Take time to meander through the exhibition, *People of the Sea and Cedar: A Journey Through the Tribal Cultures and History of the Northwest Coast*. The museum is located on the ancestral land of the Lummi People and the Nooksack People, who have lived in the region since time immemorial. The displays blend both historical and contemporary perspectives, providing hands-on experiences including Lummi and Nooksack weavers and carvers. Arts and crafts from local native artists are sold in the museum gift shop.

Walk around the **Fairhaven Historic District**, with its mixture of restaurants, art galleries and specialty shops. Locals and visitors enjoy an array of breweries, pubs, wine bars, cafes and casual eateries in downtown Bellingham – most of which make a concerted effort to source locally grown and made food.

**Bellingham San Juan Cruise – Crab Feast Dinner Cruise**

Bellingham Cruise Terminal/Alaska Ferry Terminal  
Bellingham, WA 98225 Tel.

360.738.8099 [www.whales.com/other-cruises/chuckanut-cracked-crab-evening-cruise/](http://www.whales.com/other-cruises/chuckanut-cracked-crab-evening-cruise/)

Enjoy cruising the diversely scenic “Chuckanut Coast” as you feast on the Northwest’s finest fresh Dungeness Crab served with Tuscan herbed chicken, refreshing sides, fresh bread and a decadent dessert while enjoying spectacular scenery.

Overnight: Bellingham

Day 5 Bellingham - Blyn, (87 miles / 139 km) + 35-minute ferry crossing

Take I-5 to Anacortes (Cross Deception Pass), down Whidbey Island to Coupeville - Port Townsend ferry.)

Lunch in **Port Townsend** with a walk-about downtown

Port Townsend is steeped in fascinating history, from its early Native American roots to its Victorian architecture and maritime legacy, boasting great shopping, fun restaurants—many on the waterfront, galleries showcasing local artists and historical districts. A totem pole located downtown, at the end of Water Street, honors the S’Klallam leader the early settlers called Chetzemoka. A walking, cycling and driving route begins by the totem pole, telling the story of the relationship between the 19<sup>th</sup> century European settlers and Chief Chetzemoka.

**Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Center** (Blyn) [www.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.jamestowntribe.org)

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe has been carving totem poles for over 25 years. Today, more than 35 totems grace their tribal campus in Blyn.

Inhabiting this area for more than 10,000 years, the S’Klallams possessed a rich social and religious culture based on the abundant natural resources of the Northwest Coast. S’Klallam derives from the original Salish language name meaning “strong people.” The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe is one of three S’Klallam bands.

**Jamestown S’Klallam Carving Shed**

15673 Woodcock Road  
Sequim, WA 98382

**Northwest Native Expressions Art Gallery** (Blyn)

1033 Old Blyn Highway Sequim, WA 98382 Tel.  
360.681.4640

[www.northwestnativeexpressions.com](http://www.northwestnativeexpressions.com)

Highlights: Offers traditional and contemporary art forms of Northwest Native American art, culture and history.

Overnight:

**7 Cedars Hotel**

270756 Highway 101  
Sequim, WA 98382 Tel.  
360.683.7777  
[www.7cedars.com/hotel](http://www.7cedars.com/hotel)

This resort and casino are owned and operated by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

Day 6

Blyn – Hurricane Ridge, Olympic National Park – Lake Crescent – Sol Duc Hot Springs.

(64 miles / 102 km)

**Olympic National Park Visitor Center**

3002 Mount Angeles Road  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
Tel. 360.565.3130  
[www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm](http://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm)

At almost one million acres including 73 miles (117 km) of Pacific coastline, the park is the epicenter of the Olympic Peninsula. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve, almost 95 percent of the park is designated wilderness.

**Hurricane Ridge**

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.

**Lake Crescent with an optional hike to nearby Marymere Falls** (1.8 miles / 2.8 km roundtrip)

Surrounded by giant fir and hemlock trees, the pristine, glacially carved Lake Crescent is known for its brilliant blue water and exceptional clarity. Area trails will take you along the lake shore, through the forest or out to spectacular **Marymere Falls**.

Overnight:

**Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort** (Aramark)

12076 Sol Duc Hot Springs Road

Port Angeles, WA 98363 Tel.

360.327.3583

[www.olympicnationalparks.com/lodging/sol-duc-hot-springs-resort/](http://www.olympicnationalparks.com/lodging/sol-duc-hot-springs-resort/)

Enjoy the rustic charm and natural beauty of the area, surrounded by towering evergreens in a picturesque valley. Indulge in the serenity and supremely relaxing hot springs. Take a hike to **Sol Duc Falls**, a stunning signature falls of Olympic National Park.

Day 7 Sol Duc - Neah Bay – Forks, (106 miles / 170 km)

**Makah Cultural & Research Center Museum** (Neah Bay)

1880 Bayview Avenue

Neah Bay, WA 98357

Tel. 360.645.2711

[www.makahmuseum.com](http://www.makahmuseum.com)

The Makah Museum is an archaeological and anthropological museum interpreting and housing 300-500-year-old artifacts recovered from the Ozette Archaeological Site. There are also other historic and replica pieces and photographs related to the Makah Tribe on display.

The Makah were extremely skilled mariners with their tradition of whaling, traveling in their cedar canoes through the rough seas of the Pacific Ocean and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. They had a sophisticated navigational system and outstanding maritime skills, paddling great distances across the water to obtain food or to trade with other tribes.

**Cape Flattery** (1.5 miles / 2.4 km roundtrip)

Grab a hiking pole, left by previous hikers at the trailhead to Cape Flattery, and head out to the spectacular overlook of the most northwesternmost point in the contiguous USA. The trail winds its way through thick, ancient forests as you walk on the ancestral, sacred land of the Makah Nation. You'll catch your breath at the first sight of the Pacific Ocean—a view treasured by the Makah for centuries.

Overnight: Forks

Day 8 Forks – Lake Quinault, (66 miles / 106 km)

Visit Olympic National Park's **Hoh Rain Forest** (+ 36 miles / 58 km roundtrip, 1 hour total drive time) and hike the famous 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 (almost 4 meters) of rain per year. Keep a watchful eye out for the majestic local Roosevelt Elk herd.

### **Ruby Beach**

This 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 breathtaking views out over the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight:

#### **Lake Quinault Lodge** (Aramark)

345 South Shore Road

Quinault, WA 98575 Tel. 360.288.2900

[www.olympicnationalparks.com/lodging/lake-quinault-lodge/](http://www.olympicnationalparks.com/lodging/lake-quinault-lodge/)

This grand, rustic lodge was built in 1926. Unwind in front of the majestic fireplace or out on the deck with a spectacular lakeside view. In the autumn of 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited the lodge and nine months later, he signed a bill creating Olympic National Park.

Day 9 Lake Quinault - Bainbridge Island (148 miles / 238 km)

**Suquamish Museum** (Kitsap County) 6861

NE South Street

Suquamish, WA 98392 Tel.

360.394.8499

[www.suquamishmuseum.org](http://www.suquamishmuseum.org)

The museum is located on the Port Madison Indian Reservation, preserving and displaying relics and records related to the Suquamish Tribe. Their tribal name derives from the traditional Lushootseed phrase for "People of the Clear Salt Water." Known as expert fishermen, canoe builders and basket weavers, they've lived in harmony with the land and waterways for thousands of years. Chief Seattle, an Anglicized name, was a Suquamish and Duwamish chief known as Sealth or Si'ahl.

**Chief Seattle Gravesite**

In 2011, the Suquamish Tribe re-built a graveside monument honoring the important chief and promoting tribal and community knowledge of the great leader.

Overnight: Bainbridge Island

Day 10 35-minute Bainbridge Island ferry crossing to downtown Seattle

Take in breathtaking views as the ferry glides across the open water of Puget Sound. Step out on the deck for sweeping vistas of Seattle's skyline to glimpse the iconic Space Needle and the Great Wheel. On a clear day, Mt. Rainier's snow-capped peak looms in magnificence to the southeast and Mt. Baker is equally stunning to the north.

**NOTABLE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL STOPS IN WESTERN WASHINGTON**

Puyallup Tribe Historic Preservation Center – Fife [www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/ourtribe/](http://www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/ourtribe/)

Steilacoom Cultural Center – Steilacoom

[www.steilacoomtribe.business.site/?utm\\_source=gmb&utm\\_medium=referral](http://www.steilacoomtribe.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral)

Squaxin Island Tribe Cultural Center – Shelton

[www.squaxinlandmuseum.org](http://www.squaxinlandmuseum.org)

Skokomish Tribal Museum – Shelton [www.skokomish.org/culture-and-history](http://www.skokomish.org/culture-and-history)

Elwha Klallam Heritage Center – Port Angeles [www.elwha.org/departments/elwha-klallam-heritage-center/](http://www.elwha.org/departments/elwha-klallam-heritage-center/) Lake Quinault Museum and Cultural Center – Quinault <http://www.quinaultindiannation.com/>

## **NATIVE AMERICAN ETIQUETTE – JUST GOOD MANNERS**

Most tribes in Washington state are Sovereign Nations which means they have their own government inside of the United States that consists of a Tribal Council.

Each tribe makes decisions on how best to balance community and tradition, while providing visitors with enjoyable experiences. However, in an effort to avoid misunderstandings or violations of our customs, we ask that visitors follow basic procedures for conduct. Thank you for your assistance in helping protect these sacred and ceremonial areas including the preservation of historical artifacts.

- Please be attentive to signage and obey individual tribal rules and regulations.
- Please respect the privacy of residential communities.
- Ask before photographing or recording an individual, an event, or activity.
- Do not pick up or remove artifacts or objects, such as sand, rocks, shells, minerals, marine growth, driftwood from beach, eagle feathers, broken pottery, etc.
- Burial grounds and religious ceremonies are sacred and are not to be entered. Traditionally, our people are hospitable and generous in nature. However, spiritual teachings, sacred ceremonies and burial grounds are not openly shared with the public. We are proud of our teachings, and our heritage. They have been passed to us by our ancestors and represent thousands of years of our individual histories.
- Do not use clichés around Native Americans such as calling men “Chief,” even in fun. There really are tribal chiefs, so this would be considered very disrespectful. Never refer to females as “Squaws,” which is not an Indian word referring to women, but a derogatory one given by non-Indians.
- Ethnic regalia is never called a “costume.” That would be insulting. Regalia is most often worn during sacred ceremonies, but Native Americans often wear traditional accessories as a symbol of pride in their cultural heritage. Feathers are sacred. If a one falls, do not pick it up. Leave it where it is.
- Likewise, canoes are an important part of tribal culture, and are never to be referred to as “boats.”
- Native Americans highly value and respect the wisdom that comes with age. When eating, children and young adults serve the elders who always eat first. Never step ahead of someone in line who might be older than you, as this is considered very rude behaviour.

*Your patience and understanding of Native American traditions and cultures is appreciated.*

*Thank You.*

Sources:

Squaxin Island Tribe, Quileute Tribe

Port of Seattle

### **Tips for creating/ booking this itinerary:**

Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours has packaged the NATIVE AMERICAN HIGHLIGHTS OF WASHINGTON STATE & OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK fly/drive itinerary. For information, contact:

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