



## FAMILY-FRIENDLY WASHINGTON STATE HUB & SPOKE TOUR Including Mt. Rainier National Park

Highlighting western Washington's varied and fun activities for all ages, from exciting attractions in Seattle an electrifying museum and whale watching in Bellingham to Mt. Rainier National Park, discovering Olympia's fascinating history and a haven for wolves, this trip offers something for everyone in the family.

After a year of separation and isolation, *Brand USA* says, "Our in-market PR teams are interested in pitching a multi-generational/family travel story to European media as our consumer sentiment research shows that Europeans have expressed interest in spending more time with family." This low-mileage family road trip uses a hub and spoke approach to adventures for ease of traveling with children.

**Day 1** Arrive **SEA**, transfer to downtown hotel. **SEA** is conveniently located 14 miles / 21 km south of downtown Seattle. Transportation options include:

- Public Transit
  - o Link Light Rail
  - o Metro Bus Service
- Taxis
- Rental Cars
- Shared ride door-to-door service
- App based services: Lyft, Uber, etc.

For comprehensive airport information download the free **SEA** App.

Check-in downtown Seattle hotel.

Or, shuttle to Seattle Southside hotel (budget friendly SEA area with light-rail link to downtown).

### Visit **Pike Place Market**

Just a short walk from most downtown hotels, Pike Place Market is at the heart of Seattle's downtown. Pike Place Market is a vibrant neighborhood comprised of hundreds of farmers, craftspeople, small businesses and residents. This historic district serves as an incubator and supporter of 96 farmers, 230 artisans and 225 small businesses and restaurants. Don't miss the flying fish and Rachel the life-sized piggy bank under the clock at the entrance at 1<sup>st</sup> & Pike.

Overnight Seattle or Seattle Southside

### Day 2

Morning Monorail to Seattle Center

### **Seattle Center Monorail**

The nation's first full-scale commercial monorail system and a beloved Seattle landmark. The Monorail provides a fun, quick, convenient link between downtown Seattle and Seattle Center. The Monorail departs approximately every 10 minutes connecting the Westlake Center Station (5th Avenue and Pine Street) and the Seattle Center Station (adjacent to the Space Needle). The 0.9 mile / 1.4 km journey is about 2 minutes.

### **Seattle Center**

A 74 acre / 28-hectare urban park originally built for the 1962 World's Fair. An active civic, arts and family gathering place in the heart of the city, Seattle Center is home to more than 30 cultural, sports and entertainment organizations offering thousands of events per year. Highlights include:

- **Space Needle** (CityPASS)  
If you see one thing in Seattle, see everything. Explore jaw-dropping 360° views on the Observation Deck: majestic mountains, sparkling waters, towering skyscrapers and beyond.
- **Chihuly Garden and Glass** (CityPASS)  
Immerse yourself in a world where curiosity, creativity and color come to life. Throughout the Galleries, ever-changing Garden and signature Glasshouse, you'll be inspired by artist Dale Chihuly's innovation and passion.
- **Pacific Science Center** (CityPASS)  
Hands on features including IMAX movies and laser shows in addition to ever-changing exhibits that include displays on dinosaurs, whales, robots and much more. A fun-filled and educational place to take children but adults will learn and enjoy themselves too.
- **Seattle Children's Museum**  
Fun museum for kids 0-8 years as well as the whole family. Enter a world of imagination where interactive displays allow children to learn in creative and interesting ways. Visit and explore the wonders of a mountain forest, sail the seven seas to exotic lands and test your creativity in an Imagination Studio.

### **Lunch**

#### **Seattle Center Armory**

Seattle Center Armory - the "Center of the Center" - features fresh foods and beverages from several businesses including local merchants. Taste the new savory and sweet offerings for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and take in Seattle Center views on the Armory outdoor deck.

### **Afternoon**

- **MoPOP** (CityPASS)  
Experience the power of pop culture at MoPOP's colorful Frank Gehry-designed building! Explore some of the most significant moments in rock music, science fiction and popular culture with hands-on experiences, iconic artifacts and award-winning exhibitions.
- **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center**, (across street from MoPOP)

The goal of the foundation is to enhance education, healthcare and eliminate poverty. Interactive exhibits allow visitors to think critically on world issues and try to come up with their own solutions.

Return via monorail to downtown

Overnight Seattle or Seattle Southside

### Day 3

#### Morning **Museum of Flight – Boeing Field**

The Museum is the largest independent non-profit air and space museum in the world. Explore the history of flight from the Wright Brothers to space travel. Full of an incredible collection of aircraft, spacecraft, artifacts, galleries, exhibits, facts and stories that embody the past, present and future of flight. Visit the Red Barn where the Boeing Company built their first aircraft, view Air Force One and climb aboard a 747. Set on an active runway there is truly something for all ages.

#### Afternoon **Seattle’s Walkable Waterfront**

Enjoy lunch at one of numerous restaurants along Seattle’s waterfront. From fish and chip bars to fine dining, hot dog stands to seafood feasts, bakeries to hamburgers, there are numerous family friendly options at local restaurants, many with stunning views.

- **Argosy One-Hour Harbor Cruise (CityPASS)**  
This one-hour, fully narrated tour takes you through Elliott Bay and offers fun and unique facts about the city of Seattle and views of the ever-evolving Emerald City skyline. Featuring great photo ops of the surrounding Olympic and Cascade Mountain ranges – plus Mt. Rainier. You’ll even get an up-close look at the shipping containers in the Port of Seattle.
- **Seattle Great Wheel**  
Built in 2012, the 175-foot/53 m, tall, Ferris Wheel sits on Seattle’s waterfront over the Puget Sound on Pier 57 near the Pike Place Market and Seattle Aquarium. It carries 42 enclosed, heated and air-conditioner gondolas holding up to 8 people each. See the fantastic view of the city, harbor and mountains while listening to a narration describing Seattle’s waterfront history. The wheel is the only one of its kind to be built over water.
- **Wings Over Washington**  
Take a ride in the state of the art “flying theater” that will transport you on an aerial adventure above one of America’s most beautiful and scenic states. Wings Over Washington is currently the most state-of-the-art theater in the world. Once you are strapped in to your theater seat you will experience an amazing journey as a “spirit eagle” sweeps you upward into flight across the state of Washington
- **Seattle Aquarium (CityPASS)**  
Discover playful sea otters, graceful octopuses, luminous moon jellies and more. Be amazed by the Window on Washington Waters, a 120,000-gallon exhibit with daily diver shows. Touch live sea creatures in tide pools. Immerse yourself in the Underwater Dome’s 360° view.

- **Washington State Ferries**

Two of the routes in the largest ferry system in the USA depart from Pier 54. Walk on board one of the iconic green and white boats and enjoy the 35-minute ride to Bainbridge Island. Explore the unique small-town charm of Winslow. Eclectic boutiques, wineries, breweries and excellent dining options all combine to provide an authentic American experience.

Overnight Seattle or Seattle Southside

**Day 4** **Seattle to Bellingham** – 90 miles / 145 km, (1 hour 30 minutes)

Time to collect your rental car from downtown Seattle or SEA car rental facility.

**Morning** **Drive to Bellingham via I-5 and Chuckanut Drive**

Hugging the shoreline just south of Bellingham, Chuckanut Drive is Washington State's original scenic byway. Shown on maps as WA State Highway 11, the route begins at I-5 exit 231 in Burlington and continues 20 miles north to Bellingham. Completed in 1896, Chuckanut Drive was the first land access to the Bellingham Bay community of Fairhaven. At milepost 14, Chuckanut Drive passes **Larrabee State Park**, the first designated State Park in Washington. With access to the beach, tidepools and trails. Encompassing 2,000+ acres, Larrabee is a favorite among locals and tourists.

**Afternoon** **Explore Downtown Bellingham**

At the heart of this vibrant city is the up-and-coming Arts District, centered on Bay Street, just up the hill from the water and the exciting marina district. On any visit to town, it's a must to explore Bay Street and the myriad fun activities it has to offer.

**Spark Museum of Electrical Invention**

The Spark Museum of Electrical Invention provides exciting and educational experiences for audiences of all ages and backgrounds through innovative programs and a world-class collection of artifacts representing the historic development of electricity, radio and early technology. Spark embraces the wonder and mystery of electricity.

Overnight Bellingham

**Day 5**

**Morning** **Explore Fairhaven Historic District**

Fairhaven Historic District is known for its colorful 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture and history as well as for its artsy shops and cafes. Many red brick buildings of Fairhaven's Victorian era survive in the federally designated historic district. Most of these are now home to a variety of unique local businesses, art galleries, restaurants, pubs and one of the best independent bookstores in the nation.

**11:00 -  
17:00**

**Wildlife & Whale Watching Cruise with San Juan Cruises**

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the incredible marine wildlife that live in the scenic San Juan Islands. Look for Orca whales, bald eagles, seals, porpoises, sea lions, Humpback whales, Minke whales and more, as the captain tells you about the history, wildlife and geology of the area. Lunch included. (May – October).

Overnight

Bellingham

**Day 6**

**Mt. Baker Scenic Highway**

Mount Baker Highway is State Route 542, stretching from East Bellingham towards snow-capped Mt. Baker. Bellingham's urban feel gives way to rolling farmland and alpine vistas. The highway was built in the late 1800's as an access road for the lucrative logging industry, and its rich history is well documented. Between mileposts 5 and 34 the road passes through the close-knit communities of Nugent's Corner, Deming, Kendall, Maple Falls and Glacier. At Glacier, the road passes into Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest and is a designated National Forest Scenic Byway. Towering evergreens and leaf maples line the road along with glimpses of the Nooksack River. In summer months the highway ends at Milepost 58 with gives access to Artist Point and spectacular views of Mt. Baker's 10,781 foot / 3286 m peak.

Overnight

Bellingham

**Day 7**

**Bellingham to Olympia** – 150 miles / 241 km, (2 hours 30 minutes)

**Morning**

**Drive to Olympia**

**Afternoon**

**Washington State Capitol**

The iconic State Capitol sits perched atop the hill in all its majestic glory. The Washington State Capitol is the tallest freestanding masonry dome in North America and home to the world's largest Tiffany chandelier. A visit to the Washington State Capitol Campus isn't complete without a guided tour of the Legislative Building. These free, walking tours are offered daily and typically last about 50 minutes. You can also wander Capitol Campus and take in the many memorials and gardens.

**Wolf Haven International** – Tenino, WA., 12 miles / 20 km south of Olympia

Internationally recognized wolf sanctuary that has rescued and provided a lifetime home for 300 displaced, captive-born animals since 1982. The mission is "To conserve and protect wolves and their habitat". Many of the relocated wolves were privately owned, others came from zoos, roadside attractions or other unfortunate situations. The wolves are given exceptional care, quality food, a variety of enrichment items and progressive medical treatment. Guided scheduled 50-minute walking visits offer guests a rare close-up view of the wolves.

Overnight

Olympia

## Day 8

### Morning

#### **Olympia Farmers Market**

The second largest farmers market in the state of Washington. Visit a variety of vendors including crafts, farms with fresh organic produce and fruits, meats, fresh seafood, fresh cut flowers and live entertainment. This is a perfect place to pick up a picnic for your next adventure.

#### **Nisqually Wildlife Refuge**

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge is located where the freshwater of the Nisqually River meets the saltwater of south Puget Sound, creating the Nisqually River Delta. The delta is a biologically-rich and diverse area that supports a variety of habitats including the estuary, freshwater wetlands and riparian woodlands. It is considered the last unspoiled major estuary in Puget Sound. The Nisqually Delta has been designated as a National Natural Landmark because of its national significance as one of the best examples of this kind of coastal salt marsh system remaining in the North Pacific.

### Afternoon

#### **Lattin Family Cider Mill & Farm**

Wander around the flower and vegetable gardens, picnic, and feed the animals. Kids will enjoy the play area including a wooden maze that's open all year. Be sure to visit the farm store. All year long you can buy award winning apple cider, fresh Washington fruit, farm fresh eggs, fruit syrups, dried fruit, honey, jam, smoked salmon, Johnson's Smokehouse meat & cheese products, crisp apples, and delicious pies.

### Overnight

Olympia

## Day 9

### Morning

#### **Northwest Trek Wildlife Park – Eatonville WA, 37 miles / 60 km**

Since 1975, Northwest Trek Wildlife Park has been the best place to see native Pacific Northwest wildlife. Options include walking paths around core animal habitats, Wild Drives, Keeper Adventure Tours, and Photo Tours. Over 40 species of Native Wildlife call Northwest Trek home including grizzly bears, black bears, wolves, bobcats, cougars, Roosevelt elk, bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goats.

### Afternoon

#### **Paradise – Mt. Rainier National Park, 35 miles / 55 km, from NW Trek**

Nestled on the south slopes of the glacier-shrouded volcano Mt. Rainier, at an elevation of 5,400-feet, 1645 meters, among wildflower meadows punctuated with glistening snowfields and groves of gnarled firs and hemlocks; there are few locations within the entire national park system this stunning. Mt. Rainier National Park's busiest and most dramatic visitor center, the aptly named Paradise, is rightfully the park's classic showcase. It is also in Paradise where you'll find some of the parks' most popular hiking trails. Start your visit at the Henry M. Jackson Visitor Center.

Overnight Olympia

**Day 10 Olympia to SEA, 52miles / 84 km**

Option **Westfield Southcenter Mall, 10 minutes from SEA.**

With 154 stores and 50 restaurants this is the ideal place for all of your last-minute shopping needs. From Apple to Van's and everything in-between find the latest fashions, home goods and technology.

Depart for **SEA** and return flight home. Please note the Rental Car Return Facility is off-site from **SEA**. Free shuttles are provided to the Main Terminal Building.

### **Tips for creating/ booking a Pacific Northwest Family Friendly Itinerary:**

**ATP** has a packaged **FAMILY-FRIENDLY WASHINGTON STATE HUB & SPOKE TOUR** available upon request. Contact: Gisa Kusserow-Hanson, Senior Product Manager, ATP, +1 (407) 313 1910, [gisa.hanson@atptravel.com](mailto:gisa.hanson@atptravel.com), [www.atptravel.com](http://www.atptravel.com).

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