

West Coast Adventures

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO. Choose from any number of downtown locations. Take the time to visit **San Francisco** and stay in the heart of the city to truly get the full flavor of its personality.

OVERNIGHT SAN FRANCISCO. Visit www.sanfrancisco.travel for a list of hotels, attractions, and restaurant recommendations.

DAY 2

SPEND THE DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO and visit sites like **China Town, Union Square, and Coit Tower.** Tour boutique shops and gourmet restaurants at the **Ferry Building**, cross the street to catch one of the famous **cable cars**, or take an old-time trolley to the **Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39, and Ghirardelli Square**, a beautifully converted chocolate factory. Ride the ferry to **Sausalito**, taking in the sights as you pass by the famous **Golden Gate Bridge**.

OVERNIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

DAY 3

TRAVEL TO LAKE TAHOE, one of the bluest, purest, clearest bodies of water in the world, featuring everything from **swimming to water skiing to cruises.** Enjoy **hiking, fishing, camping, golf, tennis, mountain biking** and over a dozen **world-class ski resorts** with amazing nightlife featuring **24-hour gaming, cabaret shows, live music and dancing.**

OVERNIGHT IN LAKE TAHOE. For lodging, restaurant, and attraction options visit www.visitlaketahoe.com

DAY 4

HELLO SOUTHERN OREGON! Your next three days will be filled with **world-class wines, Tony Award-winning performances** at the **Oregon Shakespeare Festival, thrilling jetboat rides** down the pristine Rogue River, and award-winning culinary creations. Stay in **Medford, Oregon**, the heart of this adventure paradise, where **great performances are daily experiences.**

OVERNIGHT IN MEDFORD For a list of group accommodations, restaurants, and attractions visit www.travelmedford.org/groups

DAY 5

HEAD TO THE ROGUE RIVER in Grants Pass and board **Hellgate Jetboat Excursions** for brunch on the Wild & Scenic Rogue River. This 4-hour, 36-mile excursion down river runs through the spectacular **Hellgate Canyon** and is highlighted by a sumptuous weekend **Champagne Brunch** or weekday lunch, served family style on the open-air deck at the **O.K. Corral Restaurant.**

Spend the afternoon traveling through the **Applegate Valley**

Wine Region, sipping **award-winning wines** at one of 18 boutique wineries. End with dinner in **Jacksonville**, where the entire town is on the historic registry. What a great day!

OVERNIGHT IN MEDFORD.

DAY 6

SAMPLE THE TASTE OF THE REGIONS BEST CULINARY ARTISANS.

Tour Harry and David, the world's largest gourmet gift basket producer; savor **Rogue Creamery's award-winning cheese** named **"Best in the World"** at competitions in England, France, and New York; try the sweet flavors of **Lillie Belle Farms'** handmade chocolate truffles filled with locally-grown, organic ingredients.

Head to the artistic town of **Ashland** for **boutique shopping, art galleries, wine bars, and specialty stores**—all within walking distance. Select from over 30 downtown restaurants and enjoy an evening at the **Oregon Shakespeare Festival.** Another great day in **Medford & The Rogue Valley!**

OVERNIGHT IN MEDFORD.

DAY 7

Pack up, have a hearty breakfast and get an early start for **Crater Lake National Park** (www.nps.gov/crla/index.htm). The lake has inspired countless people over the years with its unique combination of deep blue waters, two-thousand foot high cliffs, and picturesque islands. **Crater Lake** lies inside a caldera, or volcanic basin, created with the 12,000 ft. high Mt. Mazama collapsed 7,700 years ago, following a large eruption. At 1,943 feet deep, it is the seventh deepest lake in the world and the deepest in the US. There are many hikes around the lake, but the more adventurous can try the hike down to the boat launch. **Daily boat rides to Wizard Island** are offered after the snow melts, through mid September. After lunch at the Lake head northeast to **Bend, OR.**

If you would like to extend your tour we suggest overnight accommodations at **Crater Lake Lodge, Mazama Village or **Historic Prospect Inn.***

Stop at Central Oregon's **High Desert Museum** (www.highdesertmuseum.org), which brings the high desert to life. A combination of outdoor recreation and **cosmopolitan sophistication** make Bend a truly unique destination. Few places have had as much praise heaped on them in recent years as Bend—a testament to the former mill town turned adventure playground's emergence as the high desert mountain town that's got it all.

OVERNIGHT IN BEND. For information on lodging, attractions, and restaurants visit www.visitcentraloregon.com

DAY 8

Located approximately 30 minutes northwest of Bend is the small, western town of **Sisters** (www.sisterscountry.com). It's a great way to spend the morning strolling in and out of unique **antique stores, art galleries, crafts, clothing, and specialty shops**—right next door to many great places to eat.

Relax and enjoy the ride through the Cascade volcanic mountain range to **Woodburn Company Stores** (www.woodburncompanystores.com), Oregon's largest outlet mall, and shop till you drop.

OVERNIGHT IN NEWPORT. For coastal lodging and attraction information visit www.discovernewport.com. For restaurant information visit www.newportchamber.org.

DAY 9

SPEND THE DAY at the **Oregon Coast Aquarium** (www.aquarium.org), one of the nation's top ten aquariums. It is home to more than 15,000 marine animals including sea lions, sharks, and tufted puffins.

Step aboard **Marine Discovery Tours** (www.marinediscovery.com), a fun, hands-on, sea-life cruise offered by friendly naturalists featuring a safety route, whale watching, pulling crab pots & navigation lessons.

Experience **Mariner Square** (www.marinersquare.com), home of **Oregon Undersea Gardens, Ripley's Believe It or Not, and The Wax Works**. Set on the bustling causeway lining Newport's historic bay front, Mariner Square has long been a favorite vacation destination for travelers from near and far.

Be sure to stop by Newport's two lighthouses—**Yaquina Bay** and **Yaquina Head**.

OVERNIGHT IN NEWPORT.

DAY 10

DEPART EARLY IN THE MORNING FOR PORTLAND, Oregon's largest city, and a vibrant metropolis. Spend the afternoon at **Lan Su Chinese Gardens** (www.lansugarden.org), and shopping in the **Pearl District** (www.explorethepearl.com), **Pioneer Place** or other local **downtown boutiques** (www.downtownportland.org). Visit the **Portland Art Museum** (www.portlandartmuseum.org), the oldest of its kind in the Western US, featuring a wide array

of international art, including an extensive collection of Native American artifacts.

Explore the city on one of many unique tours: **Portland Walking Tours** (www.portlandwalkingtours.com), **EverGreen Escapes** (www.evergreenescapes.com), **America's Hub World Tours** (www.americashubworldtours.com), **Pedal Bike Tours** (www.pedalbiketours.com), **Brewvana** (www.experiencebrewvana.com), and **Big Pink Hop-on Hop-off Trolley** (www.graylineofportland.net).⁰¹

Check out Portland's acclaimed food scene. In 2010, TIME Magazine called Portland "*America's new food Eden, a confluence of every fertile trend in contemporary gastronomy.*" Fine-dining restaurants, neighborhood bistros, and myriad food carts celebrate the region's bounty with fresh, innovative creations.

OVERNIGHT IN PORTLAND. For a complete list of hotels, restaurants, and attractions—including farmers' markets and crafts—visit www.travelportland.com.

DAY 11

DISCOVER MORE OF PORTLAND in **Washington Park**, home to the **International Rose Test Gardens** (www.rosegardenstore.org) and the **Japanese Gardens** (www.japanesegarden.com) with lovely views of snowcapped Mt. Hood. Portland's **Rose Garden** features more than 8,000 rose bushes in bloom from June through autumn, giving Portland the nickname "The Rose City." And the exquisite Japanese Gardens are said to be the most authentic outside of Japan.

With over 50 breweries, Portland is also known as Beervana, so spend your afternoon visiting a brewery or two. Or a distillery. Or one of Portland's many coffee or tea shops. Portland's food scene is complemented by a thriving beverage culture!

End the evening with a delightful dinner cruise aboard the **Portland Spirit** (www.portlandspirit.com), with show-stopping views and delicious cuisine. The ship's vibrant setting, enhanced by dazzling city lights and sights, provide an evening filled to the brim with festive cuisine, locally-sourced and prepared fresh on board, with live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT IN PORTLAND

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