

# **PACIFIC NORTHWEST WITH COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE, US**

## **8 Nights/ 9 Days**

### **DAY 1 - Arrive in Portland**

Arrive in Portland, located at the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette rivers. Transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight:** Portland

### **DAY 2 - City Tour of Portland, Columbia River Gorge**

The morning drive through Portland accents this city, with its streetcars and pedestrian friendly downtown. Continue towards the Columbia River Gorge, a twisting river canyon 80 miles long, cutting the only sea-level route through the Cascade Mountain Range. Stop at Bonneville Dam & Locks and the Fish Hatchery for a visit of this hydropower facility. Afterward, have lunch on your own at Cascade Locks and view the cantilever Bridge of Gods that spans the river between Cascade Locks, Oregon, and Washington State. Enjoy scenic viewpoints as you make your way to Multnomah Falls.

**Overnight:** Portland

### **DAY 3 - Depart Portland, Willamette Valley, Newport**

The drive from Portland passes historic towns and scenic bikeways to the fertile Willamette Valley, Oregon's famed wine country. Enjoy lunch with a vineyard tour and tastings at a nearby winery. Afterward, on to the Oregon Coast and the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. Arrive in Newport, nestled between the mountains, Pacific Ocean, and Yaquina Bay. Check into your hotel and spend time at leisure

**Overnight:** Newport

### **DAY 4 - Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Travel to Grants Pass**

This morning, travel along the rugged edge of the coast to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. This large expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America extends for 40 miles along the coast. The wind-sculpted dunes stretch approximately 500 feet above sea level. Ride on a dune buggy that takes you through this region. Later, continue to Grants Pass for overnight

**Overnight:** Grants Pass

### **DAY 5 - Crater Lake National Park**

Begin the day with a drive to Crater Lake in southern Oregon with its crystal-blue waters surrounded by cliffs almost 2,000 feet high. Explore the park which encompasses the caldera of Crater Lake, a remnant of a destroyed volcano, Mount Mazama, and the surrounding hills and forests. Linger a while for independent discoveries before returning to Grants Pass for an evening at leisure

**Overnight:** Grants Pass

### **DAY 6 - Depart for Eureka, Redwood National & State Parks**

As you enter California, drive through Redwood National Park. In this unique park look for wildlife and learn more about the history of the park, designated a World Heritage Site. In the afternoon, travel toward Eureka, California's lumber center on the edge of giant Humboldt Bay. Here, you can see Victorian architecture, including the ornate Carson Mansion, former home of a lumber baron, and the newly revitalized waterfront.

**Overnight:** Eureka

**DAY 7 - Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Travel to San Francisco**

Depart Eureka and continue to the "Avenue of the Giants," a road that winds through panoramas of ancient redwood trees. Then, arrive at Humboldt Redwoods State Park, encompassing over 17,000 acres of ancient old-growth coastal redwoods. At Founders Grove, see the tree commemorating founders of the "Save the Redwoods" movement and the fallen Dyerville Giant. At the Humboldt Redwood Interpretive Center, view interactive displays and wildlife exhibits. Lunch on your own en route to San Francisco. The rest of the day is free

**Overnight:** San Francisco

**DAY 8 - City Tour of San Francisco**

A scenic morning drive takes you to the historic Presidio. Transformed by the U.S. Army from windswept dunes to a military post, this area is now a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Returning to the city, view Nob Hill, Union Square, Chinatown, and Ghirardelli Square. Look out over Golden Gate Bridge to Alcatraz Island. Remainder of the day is free to explore San Francisco.

**Overnight:** San Francisco

**DAY 9 – San Francisco Departure**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

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