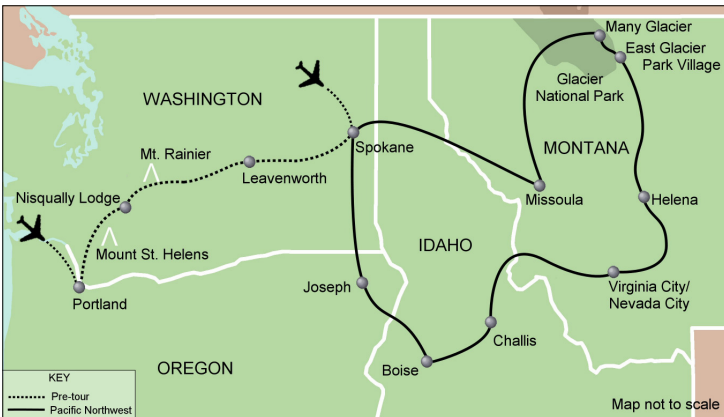


# Walking the Pacific Northwest 2011



Big Sky Country—Montana

WITH WALKS AND SIGHTSEEING IN IDAHO, MONTANA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON!



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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July 10–21, 2011 | 12 Days | \$3150

#### INCLUDING

- Airport to hotel group transfers on first and last day\*\*
- All land travel as outlined aboard deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach
- Superior tourist-class (3-star or better) hotel accommodations
- 14 meals: all breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners as listed (BLD)
- 7 AVA-sanctioned walks
- Fees for walking credit
- WAI guide service throughout
- Tips for the coach driver
- Single Supplements are available: \$650

#### Scenic backroads driving:

- Palouse Scenic Byway – Washington
- Hells Canyon Scenic Byway – Oregon/Idaho
- Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway – Idaho
- Salmon River Scenic Byway – Idaho
- Montana Scenic Loop – Montana
- Blackfeet Scenic Drive – Montana
- Going-to-the-Sun Road – Montana
- Mission Valley Scenic Road – Montana

*\*\*Details of transfers provided are listed in Adventure Advice memo sent upon receipt of tour registration.*

#### Entrance fees/admission to:

- Wallowa Lake Tramway – Oregon
- Wallowa Band Nez Percé Interpretive Center – Oregon
- Hells Canyon Jetboat ride – Oregon
- Big Hole National Battlefield – Montana
- Glacier National Park – Montana
- Professional trail guides – Glacier NP – Montana
- Red Jammer bus ride on Going-to-the-Sun Road – Montana
- More fun stops than we can list!

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION

- Virginia City Melodrama – Montana (DAY 6)

### DAY 1: JULY 10: ARRIVE SPOKANE, WA

Travelers arrive from around North America today in anticipation of a rare glimpse into life off the beaten track in some of the most remote and pristine corners of the American Northwest! The only activity today is the Orientation reception at our hotel this evening at 7:30 pm. Make sure to arrive in time for this fun and important Adventure kickoff!

### DAY 2: JULY 11: SPOKANE – JOSEPH, OR (BD)

*Spokane River Walk – 10 km, rated 1*

This morning's inaugural walk takes us among many architectural icons of historical Spokane, through Riverfront Park, along the Centennial Trail by the Spokane River, and onto the campus of Gonzaga University. Leaving Spokane, we drive south on the *Palouse Scenic Byway* through a patchwork of quilted farmland adrift in an ocean of rolling wheat fields. Our destination is across the Oregon border in the remote Wallowa Mountains. We stay two nights at the lovely Eagle Cap Chalets, set in the forest.

### DAY 3: JULY 12: ACTIVITIES IN JOSEPH AREA (B)

*Wallowa Mountains Walk – 10 km, rating unknown*

A full day of activities in the breathtaking Wallowa Mountains includes a ride up the Wallowa Lake Tramway; a walk amongst

high Alpine lakes with outstanding valley vistas; a visit to a bronze foundry, a craft for which Chief Joseph is justly famous; and a visit to the Nez Percé Trail National Historic Park to pay our respects at the gravesite of Chief Joseph and hear Part 1 of the Nez Percé story we encounter again later in the Adventure.

#### DAY 4: JULY 13: JOSEPH – BOISE, ID (BL)

Another amazing day in the Northwest begins with an eye-popping drive through the majestic Wallowa Mountains and into the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area along the *Hells Canyon Scenic Byway*. From the Hells Canyon Overlook, views into this, the deepest canyon in North America (deeper than Grand Canyon), are stunning. The second part of our day culminates with a Jetboat ride on the canyon floor through Hells Canyon on a wild ribbon of water called the Snake River.



#### DAY 5: JULY 14: BOISE – CHALLIS, ID (B)

*Boise Capital Walk – 11 km, rated 1*

We walk through the historic center of Idaho's capital today, along sections of the Oregon Trail and on winding trails beside the lovely Boise River. Leaving Boise, we join the *Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway* north through the historic mining town of Idaho City and into rugged panoramas in the Sawtooth Mountains. The winding Payette River then leads us between two huge wilderness areas – the Sawtooth Wilderness and the Salmon-Challis National Forest, which, when combined with the adjacent Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, contain more contiguous acres of roadless wilderness than anywhere else in the lower 48 states! From Banner Summit, at 7,056 feet, we drop down into the Stanley Basin, then follow the *Salmon River Scenic Byway* along one of the Northwest's prettiest rivers to Challis.

#### DAY 6: JULY 15: CHALLIS – NEVADA CITY, MT (B)

First stop today is the Big Hole National Battlefield, site of the largest and most violent battle between Chief Joseph's Nez Percé tribe and the 7th Infantry Regiment of the US Army. The epic, yet tragically unsuccessful, five month retreat of the Nez Percé towards Canada is immortalized at multiple national parks sites spanning four states. Today's journey ends in the 1860's mining town of Nevada City. We sleep in either rustic, but comfortable, pioneer cabins, or at the original Nevada City Hotel, a stage stop during the boom of the 1860's gold rush. *OPTIONAL: Join us after the dinner hour for a 19th century melodrama presentation at the nearby Virginia City Opera House. Details to be announced.*

#### DAY 7: JULY 16: NEVADA CITY – HELENA, MT (B)

*Virginia City Gold Rush Walk – 10 km, rated 3*

Virginia City was a gold rush town at the end of the Bozeman Trail during the 1860's. Life here was the stuff of which Wild West legends were made, complete with con artists, card sharks, really bad "bad guys", vigilantes, and every sort of excess that results from the lure of quick riches. Our walk introduces us to this colorful Old West jewel before another scenic drive north to Helena.

#### DAY 8: JULY 17: HELENA – EAST GLACIER PARK VILLAGE, MT (B)

*Helena Capitol Walk – 11 km, rated 2+*

Today's excellent walk features impressive Victorian-era mansions built with mineral wealth; Last Chance Gulch, site of another 1860's gold strike; and an attractive state capitol. From Helena, we join the *Montana Scenic Loop* to Glacier National Park. The Rocky Mountain Front rises dramatically to the west from the Montana plains as we pass through Big Sky classic western towns like Augusta and Choteau. Our route traverses the Blackfoot Indian Reservation en route to our home for tonight in the shadow of what the Blackfeet call the "Backbone of the World".

#### DAY 9: JULY 18: EAST GLACIER PARK VILLAGE – MANY GLACIER, MT (B)

*Glacier National Park Walk – 10 km, rated 2+*

The next two days offer one of the most spectacular collections of mountain vistas we've ever seen! After enjoying the *Blackfeet Scenic Drive* into the Many Glacier area, we meet a team of local professional guides (complete with a potent array of "bear spray"). Our guides know a hike crammed with stunning vistas and opportunities to see bighorn sheep, mountain goat, bear, moose, and any number of other Rocky Mountain critters. The afternoon is free to enjoy the venerable Many Glacier Lodge, on the shores of one of Glacier's prettiest lakes.

#### DAY 10: JULY 19: MANY GLACIER – MISSOULA, MT (B)

Vintage, 17-passenger red "jammer" buses, first put into service in 1937, are our mode of transport on the 52-mile *Going-to-the-Sun Road*, which offers some of North America's most enchanting alpine scenery. Following lunch, we rendezvous with our coach and drive south on the *Mission Valley Scenic Road* along the shores of Flathead Lake through more memorable Montana vistas into Missoula.

#### DAY 11: JULY 20: MISSOULA – SPOKANE, WA (BD)

*Coeur d'Alene Lake Walk – 10 km, rated 3*

An atypical stretch of interstate through the Rocky Mountains of Idaho takes us to the final walk of the Adventure. The charming resort town of Coeur d'Alene is the venue for today's trail, featuring wonderful views of spectacular Lake Coeur d'Alene. A short drive takes us across the border, and we arrive back in Spokane, looking forward to a Farewell Dinner and an opportunity to look back on all we've seen and experienced in this amazing northwest corner of America.



#### DAY 12: JULY 21: DEPART FROM SPOKANE (B)

Our hotel offers airport shuttle service, so we'll be departing at different times this morning according to flight schedules. We return home warmed by the camaraderie of memory-building with great friends *Walking the Pacific Northwest* together!

See insert for  
Highlights of  
Washington Pre-tour

