

Highlights of Washington Pre-tour 2011



DAY 1: JULY 6: ARRIVE PORTLAND, OR

Travelers participating in the *Highlights of Washington Pre-tour* rendezvous today in Portland, Oregon. We look forward to exploring the Evergreen State of Washington with stops at two National Park sites, two nights in the Alpine Bavarian town of Leavenworth, and a visit to Grand Coulee Dam, the largest hydroelectric project in the USA.

DAY 2: JULY 7: PORTLAND – NISQUALLY LODGE, WA (BD)

Mt. St. Helens Walk – 10 km, rated 3/3+

Most miles logged on this Adventure will be scenic backroads, and after just an hour of rare freeway driving, we turn onto the *Spirit Lake Memorial Highway*. This post-eruption road takes us through now placid forested landscapes, once violently shattered by the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980. Today's trail in Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument is a winding foot-path with awesome views (weather permitting) into the throat of this active volcano. From Mount St. Helens, we thread our way north to Nisqually Lodge, in the shadow of the tallest peak in the Cascade Range – Mount Rainier.

DAY 3: JULY 8: NISQUALLY LODGE – LEAVENWORTH, WA (BD)

Mt. Rainier National Park Walk – 10 km, rated 3

The stunning *Nisqually-Paradise Road* offers scenic viewpoints of Mount Rainier and a series of waterfalls en route to the Paradise visitor center, at an elevation of 5400 feet. Our nature trail takes us to the Grove of the Patriarchs, boasting massive Douglas fir, hemlock, and cedar trees with ages estimated at over 1000 years old. We continue east on the *White Pass Scenic Byway*, through more mountain montages to Leavenworth, a charming Alpine Bavarian village tucked away in the Cascade foothills. Upon arrival, we'll enjoy a special evening at the Red-Tail Canyon Farm. A home-cooked barbeque repast is followed by a fun hayride pulled by a team of beautiful Belgian draft horses raised on this working ranch!

DAY 4: JULY 9: ACTIVITIES IN LEAVENWORTH (B)

Leavenworth Walk – 10 km, rated 2+

We have all day to enjoy Leavenworth, beginning with a walk that takes in the scenery of the area along the Wenatchee River and then with an afternoon free to browse the picturesque Bavarian

shops and lanes. *OPTIONAL: Join us this evening for a special thespian treat. The Sound of Music is playing for its 17th year in a unique outdoor mountain theater overlooking the dramatic Enchantment Peaks. Estimated price: \$30*

DAY 5: JULY 10: LEAVENWORTH - SPOKANE, WA (B)

Our route continues east to the largest hydroelectric project in the USA. Grand Coulee Dam, built during the Great Depression, is still among the top 10 power-producing facilities in the world. After a tour of the dam, we continue to Spokane to meet travelers joining us for *Walking the Pacific Northwest*.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

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July 6–10, 2011 | 5 Days | \$1150

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
- 6 meals: all breakfasts and 2 dinners as listed in itinerary (BD)
- 3 AVA-sanctioned walks
- Fees for walking credit
- WAI guide service throughout
- Tips for the coach driver
- Single Supplements are available: \$275

Scenic backroads driving:

- Spirit Lake Memorial Highway – Washington
- Nisqually-Paradise Road – Washington
- White Pass Scenic Byway – Washington

Entrance fees/admission to:

- Mount St. Helens National Monument
- Mount Rainier National Park
- Red-Tail Canyon Farm
- Grand Coulee Dam
- More fun stops than we can list!

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

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

- Sound of Music outdoor theater – Leavenworth (DAY 4)