

Pacific Northwest

Featuring the Columbia River Gorge Area, Port Angeles, Victoria & Seattle!

Aug. 26-Sept. 8, 2021

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Pitchfork Fondue & Medora Musical
Landmarks of the Gorge Cruise
Mount St. Helens Visitor Center
Mount Rainier National Park
LeMay Car Museum
City Tour of Victoria, BC
Buschart Gardens
Olympic National Park
Space Needle
Boeing Future of Flight
& Much More

MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast (B): 13 Lunch (L): 4 Dinner (D): 1

PRICE PER PERSON

Reservation Deposit:	\$200
Double (2 people/room):	\$3250
Triple (3 people/room):	\$3230
Quad (4 people/room):	\$3210
Single (1 person/room):	\$4225

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Final Payment Due:	7/12/21
Cancel for a Full Refund:	7/26/21
Passport Required?	Yes

Riley's purchases a Group Deluxe Protection Plan with Trip Cancellation/Interruption on behalf of all tour participants/travelers

Day 1 Medora, ND

A great journey begins today as we skirt across North Dakota to the historic town of Medora. Upon arrival we'll check-in to our hotel before attending the **Pitchfork Fondue** and the **Medora Musical**. (D)

Day 2 Missoula, MT

We enter "Big Sky Country" today. Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as we travel through Montana to Missoula, nestled in the heart of the Northern Rockies. (B)

Day 3 Hood River, OR

Today we travel west into Washington and make our way to Oregon. We'll arrive in Hood River, where we will check-in to our hotel for the next two nights. (B)

Day 4 Hood River, OR

Enjoy an leisurely morning before we board the **Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler** for a cruise on the Historic Columbia River Scenic Waterway. Glide past such natural landmarks as Multnomah Falls, Beacon Rock, Bonneville Locks and Dam, and many others. Meals onboard include a **continental breakfast** as you board, followed by a **delicious lunch** and **complimentary hot coffee, tea and dessert**. Afterwards, we will go to the **Bonneville Dam Visitor Center** to learn about it's history and how it provides

electricity and flood control for this area. We'll return to our hotel for the rest of the evening on your own. (B, L)

Day 5 Tacoma, WA

Our sightseeing begins this morning as cross into Washington and stop at the **Mount St. Helens Visitor Center**. Here, we will learn about the eruption of Mount St. Helens, the landscape before and during the eruption and the results it had on the ecosystems. **Lunch is included** this afternoon as we drive through **Mount Rainier National Park**. Mount Rainier, a 14,411-foot stratovolcano. The mountain rises abruptly from the surrounding land with elevations in the park ranging from 1,600 feet to over 14,000 feet. It is the highest point in the Cascade Range and is surrounded by valleys, waterfalls, subalpine meadows, and 91,000 acres of old-growth forest. More than 25 glaciers descend the flanks of the volcano, which is often shrouded in clouds that dump enormous amounts of rain and snow. We'll continue to the Tacoma area for this evenings lodging after exploring the park. (B, L)

Day 6 Port Angeles, WA

We'll spend the morning at the **LeMay-America's Car Museum**. It consists of many automotive artifacts, 250



automobiles from the last 100 years plus another 100 vehicles loaned from private collectors. We'll stop for lunch on your own before heading to the **Museum of Glass**, located right on the Tacoma's waterfront. Experience breathtaking works of art by artists like Dale Chihuly and others. Enjoy glass art making demonstrations from molten glass in "The Hot Shop." You'll even have the chance to walk across the Chihuly Bridge of Glass, a 500-foot-long pedestrian overpass that links the Museum to downtown Tacoma. We make our way to Port Angeles enjoying beautiful scenery along the way as we travel along the Washington Peninsula. Upon arrival, we will check-in to our waterfront hotel located on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. (B)

Day 7 Port Angeles, WA

This morning we will board a **ferry to Victoria, British Columbia**. This capital city, sits on the craggy southern end of Vancouver Island. Upon arrival, we'll visit one of the world's most beautiful gardens, **Butchart Gardens**. Stroll through the gardens and view it's June blooms including the soft silky petals of the Paeonia and Peonies, more than 70 different varieties of Iris, the eye catching greenish white flowers of the Cornus kousa and many more that will be blooming. Lunch will be on your own at one of the restaurants at the Gardens. Later, we will meet up with a **local guide** who will give us a **tour** of this beautiful city. We will ferry back to Port Angeles. (B)

Day 8 Port Angeles, WA

Our adventure today will be one you won't forget! We'll board a boat for a **whale watching excursion** and head out into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, home of the famed "Humpback Comeback" of the Pacific Northwest, with hundreds of humpbacks now choosing these cold, nutrient-rich waters as their summer feeding grounds. After facing extinction in the early 1900's, protective measures have since helped humpback whale populations rebound.

Despite their size (40 feet long and weighing 40 tons), humpback whales have the reputation of being the most acrobatic of the whales. Few things compare to seeing a humpback breach! We will visit Race Rocks to marvel at elephant seals, Steller sea lions, and if we're lucky, maybe even a sea otter! (B)

Day 9 Seattle, WA

Departing Port Angeles, we'll travel through **Olympic National Park** as we make our way to Seattle. As we enter the park, we will be surrounded by it's lush forests until it opens up to the shoreline of Lake Crescent. A stop will be made for photos of the deep lake known for its brilliant blue waters and exceptional clarity. It's caused by a lack of nitrogen in the water which inhibits the growth of algae. We'll make our way to the **Hoh Rain Forest** which is located in the stretch of the Pacific Northwest Rainforest. Throughout the winter season, there is 140-170 inches of rain or 12-14 feet of precipitation here each year. The result, a lush, green canopy of both coniferous and deciduous species. Mosses and ferns that blanket the surfaces add another dimension to the enchantment of the rainforest. The Hoh is one of the finest remaining examples of temperate rainforest in the United States. We'll weave in and out of the park throughout the day seeing nothing but beautiful scenery as we make our way to Seattle. (B)

Day 10 Seattle, WA

A **local guide** will climb aboard our bus and give us a **city tour** this morning. We will see many of Seattle's sights including the Shopping District, the world's first Starbucks, Pioneer Square-Seattle's original downtown that is now a historic district with art galleries and trendy restaurants that border the sports stadiums for the Seahawks and Mariners. Lunch will be on your own at the **Pike Place Market**. It houses many restaurant and shops to keep you busy! This afternoon, we'll take

in the view from the **Space Needle**. With two floors of thrilling views, you can float over Seattle as you sit back on one of the inclined glass benches in the open-air observation deck and step out onto the world's first revolving glass floor seeing Seattle at your feet. (B)

Day 11 Spokane, WA

Our morning begins at the **Boeing Future of Flight**, an airplane assembly facility. Enjoy a 90-minute guided tour, which focuses on the assembly of the Boeing 747, 767, 777 and 787 twin-aisle airplanes. Then you'll have some time to explore the interactive exhibits in the Aerospace Gallery and take in the breathtaking Cascade mountain views. From there, we'll begin our travels back towards home. A stop will be made at the amazing **Snoqualmie Falls**. Lunch will be included today. We travel as far as Spokane, Washington this evening. (B, L)

Day 12 Billings, MT

As we continue our travels back towards home. Today is a travel day. Sit back, relax and enjoy Montana's beautiful scenery! (B)

Day 13 Rapid City, SD

Our first stop today is at the **Little Big Horn Battlefield**, located within the Crow Indian Reservation. This is where, in 1876, a group of Lakota, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho Native Americans defeated the United States 7th Cavalry Regiment in the Battle of the Little Bighorn, also called the Battle of the Greasy Grass or Custer's Last Stand. We'll head into town and grab a bite to eat at the **Trading Post Cafe**. They have best Indian tacos you'll ever have! From there, we'll travel I-90 to **Spearfish Canyon** thousand-foot-high limestone palisades in shades of brown, pink and gray tower to the right and left of Highway 14A as it twists through the 19-mile gorge. We'll arrive in Rapid City for our overnight. (B, L)

Day 14 Home

Today we'll skirt across South Dakota making our way back home. (B)

