

# Pacific Northwest and California



After beginning in Seattle, visit the Mt. St. Helen's area, then head to Portland to explore its downtown waterfront area. Visit the Mill Casino in North Bend, Oregon, before heading to Eureka, California. Round out your trip with an excursion to San Francisco.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Seattle, Mount St. Helen's Visitor Center, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Hood River, Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Newport, Bandon State Natural Area, Rogue River Cruise, Redwood National Park, Avenue of the Giants, San Francisco

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1: July 13, 2025: Seattle**

Your tour opens with an overnight stay in Seattle, dubbed the "Emerald City" for its lush green surroundings. Get to know your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

### **Day 2: July 14, 2025: Seattle — Mt. St. Helen's — Portland, Oregon**

Explore Seattle's colorful waterfront area and historic Pioneer Square with a local guide. Mingle with artisans at the lively Pike Place Market, a famous fish and vegetable market dotted with restaurants and shops. Travel by Washington State Ferry across Puget Sound to Bremerton – Seattle's skyline is spectacular from the water! Back on land, travel south through Olympia, stopping at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. Learn about its 1980 volcanic eruption as well as the history and geology of the state park. Continue to Portland, Oregon for a two-night stay in the picturesque "City of Roses."

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

### **Day 3: July 15, 2025: Portland — Columbia River Gorge — Portland**

Drive along the Mt. Hood route to the lush Columbia River Gorge. Take in the unforgettable views of Mt. Hood as you leave the valley and enter the Cascade

Mountains. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes of the magnificent Columbia River and Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot-tall roaring cascade. Later, learn about the lavender growing process during a walking tour of the farm where this beneficial perennial herb is grown. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 4: July 16, 2025: Portland - Willamette Valley - Newport - North Bend (Oregon Coast)**

On the way to the Oregon coast, journey through the Willamette Valley. Today known for its wine that rivals that Napa, this was once the "Promised Land" for the pioneers who followed the Oregon Trail. On the coast, stop at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse, a 93-foot tower buffeted by wind and rain since 1872. Enjoy time at the interpretive center or make your way down to Cobble Beach to explore the tide pools of colorful sea anemones and starfish. Stop in the seaside town of Newport before traveling further along the coast. End your day strolling North Bend's lively boardwalk, perched along scenic Coos Bay.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 5: July 17, 2025: North Bend — Bandon Natural Area — Redwood National Park — Eureka, Calif.**

Drive to Bandon State Natural Area. Take in the breathtaking scenery as we travel along the striking Beach Loop. See Bandon Rocks and Face Rock, famous for their American Indian legends. Stop to enjoy a cruise up the spectacular Rogue River, taking you into Oregon's rugged wilderness for a chance to see bald eagles, cormorants, seals and blue heron. Continuing south to California's redwood country, travel through Redwood National Park, home to trees that can reach nearly 300 feet. See for yourself why the sun seldom hits the ground.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Day 6: July 18, 2025: Eureka — San Francisco**

Return to the majestic beauty and splendid grandeur of the redwood forest as you traverse the "Avenue of the Giants," a scenic highway loaded with towering redwoods. Next, drive over the legendary Golden Gate Bridge and arrive in "the City by the Bay," San Francisco. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in this eclectic city.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

**Day 7, July 19, 2025: San Francisco**

Join a local guide to see a few of San Francisco's natural settings where scenery and the outdoors are the focus. Visit the recently developed Presidio Tunnel Tops garden for panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands and San Francisco Bay. Enjoy a brief walk to the hilltop neighborhood of Alamo Square Park to see the Victorian homes known as the "Painted Ladies." After a farewell lunch, the remainder of your day is at leisure to explore San Francisco independently.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Day 8: July 20, 2025: San Francisco — Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close today, but the memories will stay with you forever.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## **AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & WHAT TO PACK**

**Average Temperatures:**

San Francisco has an average high around 68° in July, and an average low of around 54°F. Seattle's average July temperatures range from about 56 to 75 degrees, while Portland's generally fall between 59 and 83.

### **What to pack:**

Now that you have reviewed the luggage restrictions, it is time to think about what to pack. If you are taking prescription medication, please be sure to take an adequate supply for your tour and a few additional days in original prescription containers. Medication should be packed in your carry-on baggage. Do not place it in your checked luggage. You may want to carry an extra prescription in a separate bag in case medication is lost.

Plan to dress casually, and be sure to pack comfortable walking shoes!

As this tour runs in the summer and includes California, the temperatures of which vary greatly by region, travelers should prepare for a range of temperatures. For warm, sunny weather, pack sunscreen, a hat or a bandana/scarf to protect your neck from sunburn. For cool, rainy weather, pack a light raincoat, travel umbrella, waterproof shoes and a thin pair of gloves.

Pack items that may leak in plastic bags. Do not pack any articles of value in your checked luggage.

As a precaution, we suggest you divide your suitcase's contents with your traveling companion.

Avoid over-packing, and leave room for souvenirs that you plan to bring home.

## **TRIP DETAILS**

- Dates: July 13-20, 2025
- Length of Trip: 8 Days •12 Meals
- Vendor: Collette
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