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Washington State is known for its coffee, software companies, airplanes and music scene, but it's home to so much more.

Located in the northwestern corner of the United States, this state offers dramatically diverse landscapes, enchanting islands, active volcanos, dazzling skylines, authentic tribal experiences and mystical rain forests.

Washington has it all from world class vineyards in high-desert regions of eastern Washington, to the only temperate rainforest in the lower 48 states on the Olympic Peninsula.

No other state offers a richness of experience like Washington. Kayak in Orca whale territory in the San Juan Islands, dine 500 feet above the city of Seattle, stroll along our rugged coastline and hike with elk surrounded by ancient trees that wear lush beards of emerald green moss.

Let your imagination soar in Washington state creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The Go West delegates of Washington State humbly invite you to our home. Come share the magic with us!

Seven Days Exploring Washington State:

Day One: Arrive / Overnight at Sea-Tac

Day Two: Seattle

Day Three: Snohomish

Day Four: Bellingham

Day Five: Olympia

Day Six: Yakima

Day Seven: Spokane

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Detailed Itinerary:

Day One: Arrival

Arrival at the [Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport](#)

The Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport is conveniently located on International Boulevard, just steps from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's runway with complimentary 24-hour airport transportation to and from the hotel. Red Lion Sea-Tac, hosts on site restaurant, espresso, late night karaoke!



Day Two: Seattle

Want to tour Seattle by land and water?

[Ride the Ducks of Seattle](#) will engage and inform you with humor, fun facts, funky music and an incredibly wacky tour guide on this amphibious one of kind experience! Voted BEST CITY TOUR OF SEATTLE for 9 years! You'll see the Space Needle, Seattle's Waterfront, Pioneer Square, Pike Place Market and then splash into Lake Union for a wonderful view of the Seattle skyline. Tours available year round!



After your Duck tour, you'll be steps away from [Seattle Center](#), home of the [Space Needle](#), and some of the city's top attractions. From the Observation Deck viewfinders provide opportunities to see the Olympic Mountains, Lake Union and even Mount Rainier up close. Next don't miss the [Chihuly Garden and Glass](#), a museum featuring the work of Washington's own Dale Chihuly, internationally renowned glass artist.

Other favorites include Seattle Children's Museum and MoPOP ([Museum of Pop Culture](#)), a colorful building with interactive exhibits about music and pop culture. The museum features a ceiling-high sculpture of guitars, a fantasy exhibit with a dragon, and the Sound Lab, where guests can play musical instruments.

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Detailed Itinerary:

Day Two: Seattle

Depart the Seattle Center with a ride back into downtown on the [Seattle Center Monorail](#). The trip takes two minutes and is a fun and uniquely Seattle experience. Our visitors love the downtown waterfront, where views and fun sights are found on every pier.



Welcome Aboard [Argosy Cruises](#)! With five public sightseeing cruises - Harbor Cruise, Locks Cruise, Lake Union Cruise or Lake Washington. Fun and informative narrators highlight history, marine life and neighborhoods. The most popular cruise is the four hour Tillicum Excursion to Blake Island State Park which offers cultural insight to our local native history, a traditional NW salmon bake and a Coast Indians storytelling presentation with live dancers! 4.5 stars on TripAdvisor and Google!

[Pike Place Market](#), near the downtown waterfront, is a perfect place to experience the sights and smells of Seattle. The historic market is packed with colorful flower, food, and craft stalls. Exploring the many shops in the market and enjoying the music from street performers can take hours.

Don't miss the Gum Wall in Post Alley – it's a favorite of visitors, who love to chew a piece of gum and add it to the growing collection on the wall. There's also a seafood vendor that throws fish through the air, a giant piggybank named Rachel, and Beecher's Handmade Cheese, where people can watch cheese being made through the window as well as the original Starbucks location.

A variety of overnight options abound in the Pike Place Market area: The Alexis, The Thompson, The Historic Edgewater Hotel just to name a few - go to [Visit Seattle](#) for more lodging options in the city.

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Detailed Itinerary:

Day Three: Snohomish

Travel north to visit Paine field in Everett. Be amazed at the [Museum of Flight Restoration Center](#) restoration of 1920 thru 1960 vintage aircraft. At the [Future of Flight](#), you'll be inspired as you view the aviation industry progressing literally right before your eyes at the site of Boeing 747, 757, 767 & 787 production line. [The Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum](#) offers a rare private collection of WWII era aircraft, tanks, combat armor and displayed alongside multimedia exhibits like "Why War?" - The Causes of Conflict.



Visit the four diamond [Tulalip Resort Casino](#) for some gaming or visit their incredible [Hibulb Cultural Center](#) to take a step back in time. Also on site at Tulalip are the [Seattle Premium Outlets](#), featuring an upscale collection of over 130 designer names (including Kate Spade, Coach, Armani & much more). Overnight at Tulalip Resort and enjoy any of their seven amazing restaurants or indulge in a native inspired spa ritual at the T Spa!

Day Four: Bellingham

Bellingham—home to 100 miles of shoreline, where you can take a [whale watching](#) trip through the San Juans. Take a walking tour of [Historic Fairhaven](#), with its colorful past and irascible characters. Head for the hills and drive the Mt. Baker Scenic Hwy. to Mt. Shuksan and Picture Lake or (seasonally) to Artist Point.



Treasure hunt in search of murals in [Lynden](#), Blaine and Ferndale or explore Bellingham's arts district – anchored by Old City Hall, the Lightcatcher Museum, Allied Arts, Mindport, Pickford Film Center. The [SPARK Museum of Electrical Invention](#), and the 'Cage of Doom' invites up to three audience members (aged 18+) into the Cage while over 4 million volts of electricity blasts out of one of the largest Tesla coils in the country! Overnight in Bellingham.

For more options visit: [Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism](#)

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Detailed Itinerary:

Day Five: Northwest Trek & Olympia

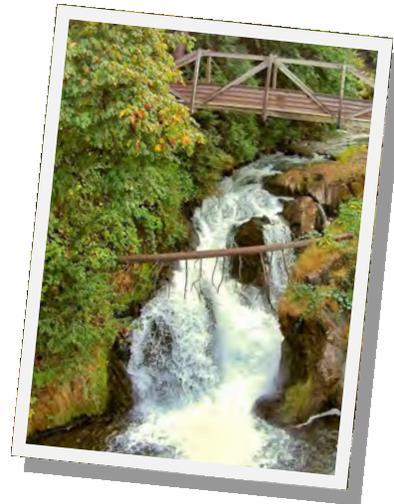
You'll travel south today to visit [Northwest Trek Wildlife Park](#) where you'll enjoy a comfortable Discovery Tram Tour through 435 acres of stunning meadows and forests. For 50 minutes, you'll get an eye-to-eye view of fascinating animals like moose, Roosevelt elk, bison, and more as they explore their natural habitat.



Then go WILD on five exhilarating [zip line/ challenge courses](#) run through breathtaking tree canopy. Each course contains sections of zip line separated by barriers that must be walked over, climbed or crawled over, or clambered through.



Once in Olympia, take a tour of [Tumwater Falls](#), one half mile walking trail highlighted by cascading waterfalls, reflective pools and massive rocks. Have dinner at [Fish Brewing Company](#). Overnight at the [Governor Hotel](#), a member of the Coast hotel group that includes a complimentary buffet breakfast for each guest.



Day Six: Olympia and Yakima

For farm fresh cider, visit [Lattin's Country Cider Mill](#) or enjoy a boxed lunch and tour of the [Evergreen Valley Lavender Farm](#). Tour the [Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge](#) where freshwater combines with the saltwater of Puget Sound to form an estuary rich in nutrients that support a web of sea and bird life. For more ideas visit [Experience Olympia](#).

After lunch cross the [White Pass Scenic Byway](#) en route to Yakima.



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Detailed Itinerary:

Day Six: Yakima

The Yakima Valley is the birthplace of Washington's wine industry. Blessed with over 300 days of sunshine, it's a year round destination. Go white water rafting with [Osprey Rafting Company Inc.](#) then grab a beer at [Bron Yr Aur Brewing Company.](#)



Taste wine by horseback at [CherryWood Bed Breakfast and Barn.](#) Get your hands on some [Chukar Cherries](#) chocolate to pair with your wine from [14 Hands Winery,](#) then end your stay in one of the tiny houses at [Alexandria Nicole Cellars.](#) Grab breakfast at Brewminatti and watch hot air balloons rise skyward at the [Great Prosser Balloon Rally.](#) For more info see [Visit Yakima Tourism.](#)

Day Seven: Spokane

Heading east you'll find that nature and city life mingle perfectly in Spokane. In [Green Bluff,](#) pick fruit directly from the trees and watch farmers in action. While you're there, sip cider, mead and wine made from locally grown fruit. Hike through the majestic ruggedness of [Mt. Spokane State Park.](#) Step back in time at [Frank's Diner,](#) a 1906 railroad car serving comfort food for over 100 years. Amid the charm and bustle of urban downtown Spokane you'll find the Spokane River gorge.



The SkyRide at [Riverfront Park](#) offers a breathtaking journey over the Spokane Falls, which roars with power. Enjoy pathways of color in the Duncan Gardens at Manito Park. Stay at the [Hotel RL Spokane](#) at The Park.



For more ideas and fun see [Visit Spokane.](#)

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