



## **Wine, Wings and Whales - GO WEST PRE-FAM**

**Aug 28, 2020 - Aug 30, 2020**

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## Trip Summary

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### August 28 - SAT- Willamette Valley

- 8:00 AM Depart Portland from the DoubleTree
- Walking Tour McMinnville
- 9:30 AM See the Spruce Goose at Evergreen Aviation Museum
- 12:15 PM Lunch and Wine Tasting at Left Coast Estate
- Birding at Baskett Slough
- Check in at Independence Hotel
- Dinner at Valkyrie Wine Tavern

### August 29 - SUN- Coast

- Breakfast at Territory Restaurant (at The Independence)
- Drive from Independence to Lincoln City - 1 hour
- Site Tour and Lunch at Surftides
- Whale Watching Cruise
- Visit the Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- Check in at Overleaf Spa
- Dinner at ONA

### August 30 - MON- Coast/Willamette Valley

- Breakfast at Green Salmon Coffee
- Hike at Cape Perpetua
- Scenic Coastal Drive
- Lunch at Nosh Eatery in Florence
- Cascade Raptor Center
- 5:00 PM Return to Portland

## August 28 - SAT- Willamette Valley



**8:00 AM** - Pacific Daylight Time

### Depart Portland from the DoubleTree

Pick-up will be at the DoubleTree Hotel in Portland. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure for luggage loading. The van will leave promptly at 8:00 a.m.



### Walking Tour McMinnville

*Kitri McGuire with Visit McMinnville will meet the group and guide the walking tour of McMinnville.*

Stop at Flag and Wire Coffee in McMinnville to grab a warm drink to take on your walking tour of charming and historic downtown and granary district. This community is quickly become the boutique shopping, foodie and wine tasting hub of the North Willamette Valley.



**9:30 AM** - Pacific Daylight Time - 1 hr 30 min

### See the Spruce Goose at Evergreen Aviation Museum

The Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum is best known as the home of the world's largest wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules "Spruce Goose," the SR-71 "Blackbird," and the Titan II SLV Missile. In addition, there are more than 200 historic aircraft, spacecraft and exhibits on display, along with Oregon's biggest large-format 3D theater.



**12:15 PM** - Pacific Daylight Time - 2 hr

### Lunch and Wine Tasting at Left Coast Estate

Enjoy lunch and a wine tasting at Left Coast Estate. Lunch will be wood fired pizza paired with Willamette Valley wine staples like Pinot noir, gris or Chardonnay to name a few. Left Coast makes wines exclusively with estate grown fruit where they are deeply connected to their 490 acres. The family-owned vineyard practices Salmon Safe, LIVE Certified and biodynamic farming in order to give back to the land that bares so high quality fruit. Left Coast is also one of nine that fall within the Van Duzer AVA (American Viticultural Area), the newest Sub-regional designation in the Willamette Valley. What makes the Van Duzer Corridor unique are the Van Duzer Winds that blow through the coastal range thickening the grape skins often producing a darker, fuller bodied Pinot.



### Birding at Baskett Slough

Baskett Slough is a 2,558-acre (1035 hectre) refuge that offers excellent wildlife observation areas, trails that meander through wetlands, upland prairies and oak/ash forest and interpretive exhibits. Created for Dusky Canada Geese, this refuge has expansive wetlands, fields, and oak savanna and woodland. Trails, pullouts, observation platforms and overlooks provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.

The group will take a 1 mile (1.6 km) guided walk through the park with binoculars to view these magnificent birds in their natural habitat.



### Check in at Independence Hotel

Enjoy an overnight at The Independence, the Willamette Valley's newest boutique hotel. Designed for the Wine Country traveler, with cycling amenities and a close relationship to the Willamette River. Experience what brought pioneers to the valley over 200 years ago and the richness that has survived and thrived all that time. The Independence Hotel will provide the place for you to start your exploration. Whether you are in town for the wine, beer, cycling, river adventure, work, education or a special event. The Independence provides the perfect place for relaxation and gathering.



### Dinner at Valkyrie Wine Tavern

Enjoy a regionally sourced dinner at Valkyrie Wine Tavern on Main Street. This quirky tavern features locally grown food products on their menu paring with locally crafted wine. A bottle shop is available to bring your favorite bottle home with you.

## August 29 - SUN- Coast



### Breakfast at Territory Restaurant (at The Independence)

Breakfast is included with your stay at the Independence.

If you would like to venture on your own, and explore Main Street independence, Brew Coffee House is just up the road from the hotel and right next door is Oven Bird Bakery.



### Drive from Independence to Lincoln City - 1 hour

### Site Tour and Lunch at Surftides



Overlooking Lincoln City's beach, this nautical-inspired hotel has bright rooms with subtle seafaring details and feature private balconies, many with ocean views. A favorite for families, the hotel includes amenities such as a pool, outdoor fire pits and direct beach access. After the site tour, we'll enjoy lunch at the onsite restaurant, MIST. This warm, stylish seaside restaurant & lounge offers refined seafood with a phenomenal view.



### Whale Watching Cruise

Though the season for viewing migratory whales runs December - May, Depoe Bay is fortunate enough to have a pod of resident whales you can view all year. The central coastal town of Depoe Bay is one of the best locations in the state for whale watching and even operates a whale watching center for viewing from the shore. We'll embark on a one and a half hour cruise in search of these resident whales. Heated cabin is available on the boat for a comfortable viewing experience.



### Visit the Yaquina Head Lighthouse

Standing 93 feet tall on the west westernmost point of the basalt headland, Oregon's tallest lighthouse has been a bright beacon of the night, guiding ships and their supplies along the west coast since the light first lit in 1873.

From there the group will take in the wildlife views from the headland which extends one mile (1.6 km) out into the Pacific Ocean. Depending on the tides, there may be an opportunity to explore the tidepools at the base of the headland.



### Check in at Overleaf Spa

Renew your spirit at Overleaf Lodge, where every luxurious room overlooks the magnificent Oregon coast. An oceanfront trail meanders from the lodge to beautiful vistas, tidal pools, sandy beaches and hidden coves. Sunsets are framed in your picture window. Appreciate the unique artwork featured throughout the Lodge. Bring your swimsuit and enjoy the sea views from the soaking pool located at the on property spa.



### Dinner at ONA

Overlooking the Yachats River and the Pacific Ocean, Chef Michelle Korgan crafts classic dishes with a distinct ONA twist, inspired by her travels to Japan, Italy, South East Asia and the surrounding Pacific NW.

## August 30 - MON- Coast/Willamette Valley



### Breakfast at Green Salmon Coffee

Stop by for a quick caffeine fix and breakfast goodies at the Green Salmon Coffee and Tea House - a locals' favorite built on a firm foundation of conscious business practices.



### Hike at Cape Perpetua

Cape Perpetua is a large forested headland on the central Oregon Coast which projects into the Pacific Ocean. It's part of the Siuslaw National Forest and it is a great place to experience towering trees looming through a coastal fog, frothy surf crashing upon jagged shores, and majestic headlands offering clear views for miles.



### Scenic Coastal Drive

The iconic Highway 101 provides unforgettable sea views of the Pacific Ocean. We'll take a morning drive and stop at a few of the most stunning view points along the way, including Heceta Head Lighthouse and the Sea Lion Caves.



### Lunch at Nosh Eatery in Florence

We'll stop in the charming seaside town of Florence, gateway to the Oregon Dunes National Scenic Area.



### Cascade Raptor Center

Get up close and personal with many of the birds you might have seen from the bus on your scenic drives or at our wildlife refuges.

The Cascades Raptor Center has one of the largest collections of native raptor species in the Pacific Northwest. Visitors can view nearly 50 birds of prey in large outdoor aviaries. The Raptor Center is open to the public year-round.



**5:00 PM** - Pacific Daylight Time

### **Return to Portland**

Drop off locations based on participants hotels.

## Information & Documents

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