


Oregon Trail Dreams 2016 Portland to San Francisco

14 Days / 13 Nights

<p>Day 1: Portland</p> <p>Arrival in Portland. Meet your tour leader and driver at the base hotel Country Inn & Suites at 4 pm. Visit unique Portland rose test gardens with a beautiful view of the city. Get to know your travel companions at a nice restaurant located in scenic downtown.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Portland Rose Test Garden</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Portland city center</p>
<p>Day 2: Portland – Columbia River – Highway - Multnomah Falls – Mt. Hood</p> <p>Drive on the historic Columbia River Highway to Multnomah Falls, an aw-inspiring cascade, 611 feet tall exploring the area on a one-hour hike. Stop at the Columbia River Bonneville Dam. Enjoy the mountain scenery of volcano Mt. Hood, towering 11,250 feet high with a visit to historic Timberline Lodge, site of many famous movies. Hike around scenic Trillium Lake and picnic. End your day in Hood River on the mighty Columbia.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Columbia River Bonneville Dam</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Multnomah Falls</p>
<p>Day 3: Hood River – Pendleton - Enterprise</p> <p>Travel along the scenic Columbia River to a trailhead along the old “tunnel-route”. Two hours’ hike with great views of the Columbia River valley. Visit Pendleton for a tour of the historic famous Pendleton woolen mills. Explore a Native American cultural center run by local tribes. Evening and night in quaint small town Enterprise</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Umatilla Cultural Institute</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Pendleton Mills</p>
<p>Day 4: Enterprise – Wallowa Mountains - Sumpter</p> <p>After a short stop in Joseph with its many art galleries we reach beautiful Wallowa Lake and ride by tramway to the top of Mt. Howard for a hike in little Switzerland of Oregon. Visit Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and learn about the brave emigrants who traveled by wheeled wagon 2000 miles between the Missouri River and Oregon. Stay for the night in Sumpter, a gold mining town with impressive gold digging apparatus in the year one.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Wallowa Lake Tram</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Oregon Trail Interpretive Center</p>
<p>Day 5: Sumpter – Fossil Bed Monument - Bend</p> <p>Drive through Eastern Oregon. Visit historic Kam Wah Chung & Company Museum, illustrating immigrant Chinese life in the 19th century. Explore John Day Fossil Beds National Monument which preserves a world class record of plant and animal evolution over 40 million years. Hike through nearby Painted Hills which offer colorful rock formations. Reach Bend, largest city in Eastern Oregon. Stay two nights in Bend.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Sumpter Gold Dredge</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Painted Hills</p>

<p>Day 6: Day tour to Newberry Crater Volcano National Monument and High Desert Museum</p>		
<p>Short hike at Newberry National Volcanic Monument to explore a rare volcanic glass flow. Walk to the Paulina waterfall and picnic at beautiful Paulina Lake. Visit unique High Desert Museum, featuring exhibits of the natural and cultural history of the Pacific Northwest. Evening in Bend.</p>	<p>Newberry Volcano National Monument</p>	<p>High Desert Museum</p>
<p>Day 7: Smith Rock SP – Cascades – Pacific Ocean</p>		
<p>Visit Smith Rock state park, a climbers' paradise. Drive up into the Cascade volcanoes through scenic McKenzie Valley up to the Cascades volcanoes. Beautiful hike along McKenzie River through rainforest with imposing waterfalls. Picnic and optional boat tour at turquoise colored Clear Lake. Drive along scenic McKenzie River to the Pacific Ocean. Sunset and evening at a beautiful ocean resort in Yachats. 2 nights in Yachats.</p>		
<p>Day 8: Day tour to Newport</p>		
<p>Go for a hike along the beautiful Oregon coast and enjoy tide pooling at the beach resort near Yaquina Lighthouse. Optional whale watching boat tour can be reserved ahead of time. View seals in Newport harbor, and enjoy galleries and shops in Newport. Weather permitting, we enjoy the sunset at the beach or at a good restaurant.</p>		
<p>Day 9: Newport – Pacific Highway - Bandon</p>		
<p>Leave Yachats and drive along the Pacific Scenic Byway, called the "dream road of the world". Go for a short hike among famous Oregon Sand Dunes and the Oregon Coastal Trail. Picnic in a beautiful state park. Enjoy the evening and a unique sunset on the beautiful Pacific Coast of Oregon in Bandon. 1 night in Bandon.</p>		
<p>Day 10: Bandon – Redwood SP - Jacksonville</p>		
<p>Drive along scenic Pacific Highway 1. Visit Redwood State Park's giant Redwoods. Take a short hike among some of the largest and oldest trees in the world. Driving upcountry arrive at Jacksonville, an old mining town listed on the National Historic register. It's enjoyable taking a walk through this small pedestrian-friendly town. Eat a first class dinner at one of the local restaurants.</p>		
<p>Day 11: Day tour through Ashland, Mt. Ashland</p>		
<p>Explore Jacksonville's Victorian homes and historic store fronts. Drive to Mt. Ashland with great panoramic sights for a short hike on the famous Pacific Crest Trail. Visit Ashland featuring the famous Shakespeare Festival, interesting stores and a heritage park. Late afternoon wine tasting at a beautiful Southern Oregon Winery. Optional morning activity: float tour on Rogue River.</p>		

Day 12: Jacksonville - Crater Lake National Park – Klamath Falls – Mt. Shasta

Trip to famous Crater Lake National Park. Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the U.S. Its stunning blue water and peaceful setting provides a lasting impression on each visitor. Short hike along Crater Lake's rim. Drive along the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway passing the wonderful Klamath Lake. Stop at the Fort Klamath Visitor Center. Crossing the border to California continue to majestic 12000 feet high volcano Mt. Shasta. Night in Shasta City.



Crater Lake National Park



Favell Native Art Museum

Day 13: Shasta City – Napa/Sonoma Valley – Golden Gate Bridge – San Francisco

Leave early morning for a last day of adventures. Enjoy the scenic drive along deep blue Lake Shasta. Discover California's farmland with stops at the olive and fruit stands and get a taste of the highest quality olives. Travel through lovely wine country near Napa and Sonoma, a historically rich city with famous plaza, a remnant of the Mexican colonial past. Say good-bye at dinner in Sausalito with beautiful views of the skyline of San Francisco. Walk to a view point of Golden Gate Bridge and end the day in downtown San Francisco for the night.



Golden Gate Bridge



San Francisco view from Sausalito

Day 14: Tour ends.

We will be happy to arrange post tour accommodation if you wish to explore San Francisco for a day or two.



Goodbye und Aufwiedersehen!