

Oregon Nature Trails



14 Days / 13 Nights

From Portland (Oregon) to Medford (Oregon)

Hiking Tour Highlights:

- * Wander gorgeous, secluded Pacific beaches without a person in sight
- * Hike small trails through untouched old growth forest and recent lava flows
- * Discover the excitement and history of a wild west past that still exists today
- * Walk a majestic volcano's rim at Crater Lake National Park, be dwarfed by the tallest trees at Redwood State Park
- * Mt. Hood National Forest, Mirror Lake
- * Ride to historical gold-mining town Sumpter on an original steam engine
- * Oregon Coast Aquarium where Keiko was trained for release, walk the Oregon coastal sand dunes, largest in America



Yaquina Head Lighthouse

See Insert for Dates and Pricing!

Pacific Coast State Oregon

The Undiscovered American Hiker's Paradise

Oregon is a very undeveloped state, and an area of endless natural beauty. From its towering Cascade mountains to jutting volcanoes, and from a quiet sandy or rugged coastline with romantic light houses to the endless vistas of high desert country, Oregon offers the picturesque escape into the Wild West that so many outdoor adventure lovers dream about.

Join us as we explore ancient forests thick with moss, mushrooms, ferns, unusual birds, wildlife, and only us. Hike through canyons, under overhang-cascading waterfalls, then walk to a lake in a glacial valley, discover dinosaur fossils, swim in a cool alpine lake, share the path with true cowboys, and watch the sunset over giant crashing waves.

Learn about and take part in America's pioneer history

In the mid 19th century, thousands of East Coast folks tried their luck on the famous Oregon Trail, looking for a fruitful land of paradise. Their treacherous journey brought them to this amazing state, where signs of their mining, herding, lumber and farming history lives on. Much remains untouched: high mountain wilderness lakes, rough volcanic coastlines with crashing waves, forests of enormous trees, fields of alpine flowers, churning rivers and lazy creeks; all this in one incredible state.



Mt. Hood National Forest



Portland Rose Garden

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Painted Hills - Oregon

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Day 1: The tour leader and driver will meet the group in Portland at 4:30pm. We drive to the famous hillside Portland International Test Rose Garden. Dinner on the banks of the Willamette River, where the tour guide will share important information on the upcoming tour and hand out travel documentation.

Day 2: Our journey begins along the scenic Historic Columbia River Highway where we will stop for our first hike, the Columbia River State Trail featuring magnificent views of the mighty Columbia River. Next stop at Multnomah Falls for incredible photo opportunity. Here we will hike to the beautiful hidden Wahkeena Waterfalls. A stop at the Bonneville Dam provides insight into a major Northwest hydroelectric power station. Two nights in Hood River on the banks of the Columbia.

Day 3: Today, we enjoy the unspoiled wilderness within Mount Hood National Forest. We start with a hike around Mirror Lake, where nearby Mount Hood reflects in the deep blue waters. In the afternoon we hike through Rhododendrons and across foot bridges at photogenic Ramona Waterfalls. If time allows we will visit the historic Timberline Lodge nestled on the flank of Mount Hood.

Day 4: An amazing drive along Columbia River Gorge goes to the unusually placed Maryhill Museum with its unique collection of art including sculptures by Rodin. Then walk through vineyards and stop at a nearby winery for great Washington wine tasting. In the afternoon we participate in a tour through a historic wool mill in Pendleton. We spend two nights in Enterprise, a small wild west town featuring exquisite galleries.

Day 5: Our first hike will lead through the Eagle Cap Wilderness along the Chief Joseph Trail. The area boasts beautiful wild flowers, mountain creeks and views over Wallowa Lake and the Wallowa Mountains. In the afternoon you are free to visit "little Switzerland" on top of the 7500 ft. high Mount Howard, reached by aerial tramway.

Day 6: First stop at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, then hike to see the 150-y.o. wagon ruts of the Oregon trail. In McEwen we board a historic steam train to Sumpter, a tiny gold town featuring a monstrous gold dredge. Here we stay in wild west style log cabins (w/ restroom & shower).

Day 7: In John Day we stop for a tour through the Kam Wah Chung Museum of Chinese pioneer history. The highlight today is the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument where several shorter hikes exhibit fossils and the famous Painted Hills of Oregon, a surreal landscape of colored hills. We travel to central Oregon city Bend for a two night's stay at a lodge with hiking trails to beautiful Deschutes river right out back.

Day 8: Morning hike through the fantastic Newberry National Monument, home of the region's largest volcano. Interpretive trails lead to very rare Obsidian flows. Hiking around secluded Paulina Lake. After a picnic we visit the giant High Desert Museum in Bend featuring natural and cultural history of the Pacific Northwest. The evening is spent in Bend; galleries and fine dining.

Day 9: We head westward over the volcanic Cascade Range with snow covered mountain peaks over 10,000 feet. Hike along a picturesque mountain lake fed by the springs of McKenzie River, over lava flows and along waterfalls. In the evening we arrive at the Pacific Coast and stay at a seaside resort with sunset views (or strolls!).

Day 10: Morning walks along the scenic Pacific Coast, tour to the top of working Yaquina lighthouse, explore tidepools. Oregon Coast Aquarium with many live exhibits. We can arrange an optional whale watching tour departing from Newport. Here we will spend the evening browsing through some fascinating galleries and enjoying the restaurants on the pier where seals can be observed. Sights include unusual Ripley's Believe It or Not and Wax Works.

Day 11: Wild surf crashes upon jagged shores at Devil's Churn where we stop for a walk. Cape Perpetua Scenic Area offers miles of ocean views. We drive along scenic Oregon Coast Highway 101 to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area for a longer hike through sand dunes. Night in a small harbor town with excellent clam chowder.

Day 12: Hwy 101 provides gorgeous views of the Pacific. We stop for a hike on the Oregon Coastal Trail through old growth forests and stunning overlooks. Crossing the California border we take a walk among the largest trees in the world in Redwoods State Park. Next stop is a rare plant preserve at the Darlingtonia Wayside. Spend two nights in picturesque gold mining town Jacksonville, listed on the National Historic Register.

Day 13: Our visit to Crater Lake National Park is a highlight of the tour. Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the United States. Its stunning blue water and peaceful setting provides a lasting impression on each visitor. On the way to Crater Lake we hike along beautiful wild Rogue River through a forest of Douglas Firs that are hundreds of years old. In the evening Travel Dream West invites you to a good-bye dinner.

Day 14: Tours Ends. Journey home, or we will gladly assist you in planning an extended stay.



The historic Oregon Trail