



STATE OF WASHINGTON TOURISM

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.

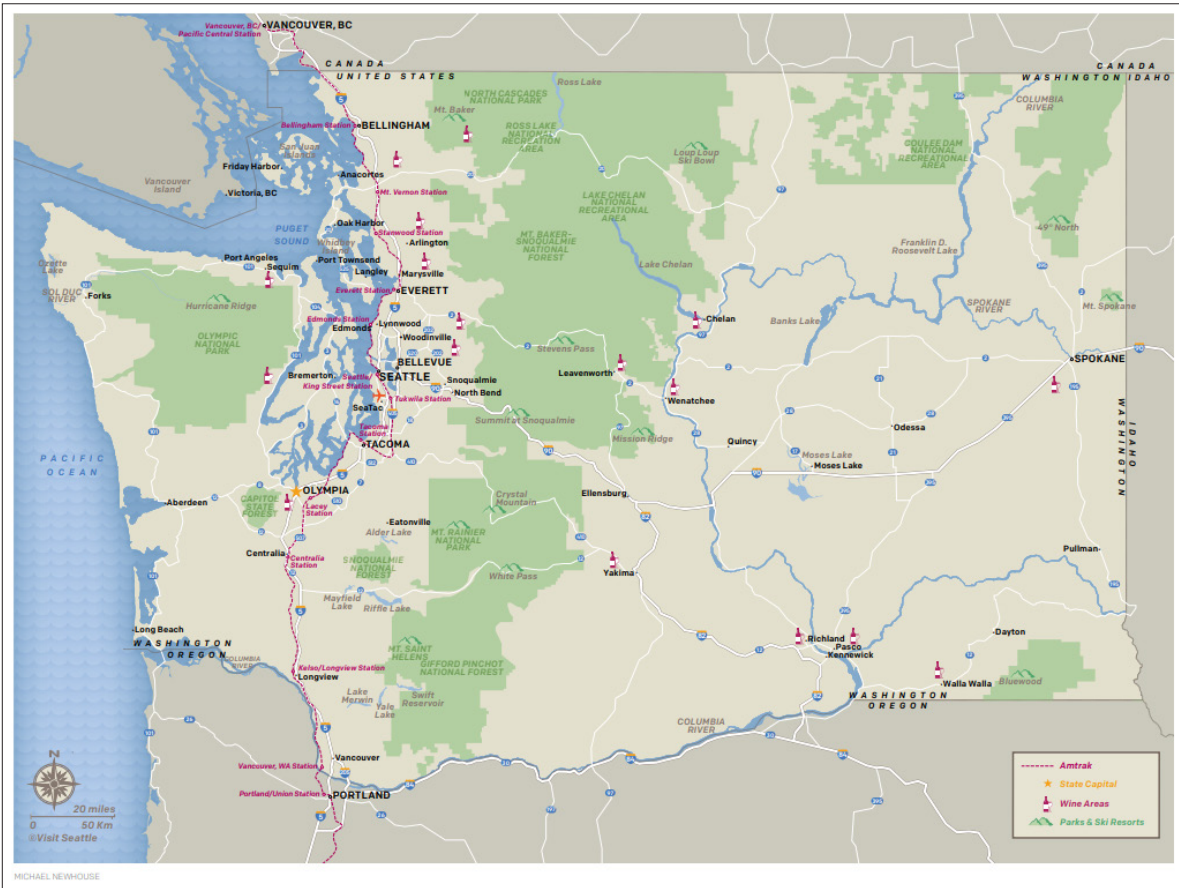
The Go West delegates of Washington State humbly invite you to our home.

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CLIMATE

The Cascade mountain range divides Washington state into two distinct regions. The warm Pacific current gives Western Washington a mild and temperate climate year-around. Summers are typically dry and warm with average highs around 24°C/75°F, while winters are cooler with an average high of 8°C/45°F. The Cascades catch most of the precipitation, including up to 200 inches of snowfall, creating a paradise for winter sports enthusiasts. Eastern Washington is much drier and warmer in the summer and cooler in the winter. The average summer highs are in the upper 80s to mid 90s (27° to 34° C) and in winter, average daytime temperatures can range from the upper 30s to just above 0° F (3° to -17° C). Visitors can ski in the winter, hike in the spring, sail in the summer and cycle in the fall—all just a short hop from a comfortable city hotel.

TRANSPORTATION

Sea-Tac International Airport serves as the gateway to Seattle, Washington state, and the larger Pacific Northwest for air travelers. It is the 9th busiest airport in the United States, with thirty-four passenger airlines serving 91 non-stop domestic and 28 international destinations. SEATAC is the primary hub for Alaska Airlines as well as a hub and international gateway for Delta Air Lines to Asia and Europe. Located only 22 kilometers/14 miles from downtown Seattle allows for easy access via taxis or rideshare apps, shuttles, charter buses, courtesy vehicles, or riding the Link light rail. Spokane International Airport is a commercial airport approximately 5 miles west of downtown Spokane, Washington. It is the primary airport to access the Inland Northwest. Five airlines serve this airport including: Alaska, American, Southwest, United, and Delta. Two main interstates run through Washington: I-5 runs north and south from Portland, OR through Vancouver, WA, Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle, Everett, Bellingham, and up into Vancouver, BC. I-90 runs east and west from Spokane through Ellensburg, North Bend, Issaquah, Bellevue and ends in Seattle.



MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Seattle
Tacoma
Olympia
Everett
Bellingham
Friday Harbor
Port Townsend
Port Angeles
Vancouver
Bellevue
Issaquah
Leavenworth
Yakima
Tri-Cities
Walla Walla
Spokane

NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS

Mt. Rainier National Park
Olympic National Park
North Cascades National Park
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument
San Juan Islands National Monument
Hanford Reach National Monument
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

ATTRACTIONS

Pike Place Market - Seattle
Space Needle - Seattle
Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum - Seattle
Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) - Seattle
Pacific Science Center - Seattle,
Museum of Flight - Tukwila
Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour - Mukilteo
Hibulb Cultural Center - Tulalip
Spark Museum - Bellingham
Museum of Glass - Tacoma
Snoqualmie Falls - Snoqualmie
Riverfront Park - Spokane
Reach Museum - Richland
Grand Coulee Dam - Coulee Dam
Lake Chelan - Chelan
Columbia River Gorge
Long Beach Peninsula
North Cascades Scenic Highway



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.

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.

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](#)

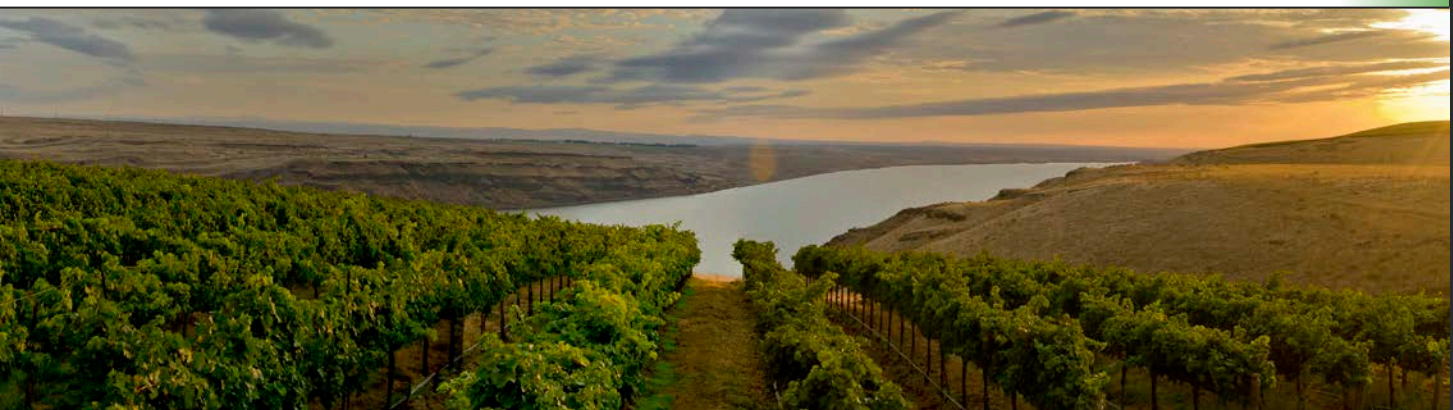


DAY FIVE: NORTHWEST TREK & OLYMPIA

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.



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DAY SIX: OLYMPIA & 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.

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 [Cherry Wood 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 Historic Davenport Hotel](#).

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





STATE FACTS

- Seattle gets less rainfall annually than Boston, New York, Houston and Miami.
- The Boeing plant in Everett, WA is the largest building in the world.
- San Juan County has more marine shoreline than any other county in the country (408 miles).
- Washington's Long Beach Peninsula has the longest drivable beach in the U.S. and the second longest in the world.
- Lake Chelan's surface is 1,000 feet above sea level; its bottom is nearly 400 feet below sea level.
- The Olympic Peninsula is home to the only temperate rain forests in the continental United States.
- Hells Canyon is the deepest gorge in North America at 8,000 feet.
- Snoqualmie Falls is 100 feet higher than New York's Niagara Falls.
- More than 77% of the U.S.'s hops are grown in Yakima Valley.
- Cape Alava in Olympic National Park is the westernmost point in the continental U.S.
- With more than 3,000 glaciers, Washington is the most glaciated state in the U.S.

