

SEP 8 PAC NW TEAM ITINERARY
Oregon & Washington 2016
SEP 8 – 18

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(SEP 8) DAY 1

- 07:30AM** Shuttle bus available at SMC Niles Campus for loading. Dress for a hike after lunch.
DIRECTIONS: SMC Niles Campus, Intersection of M60 & US12 bus., Niles
- 07:45AM** Bus leaves for O'Hare Airport.
- 12:15PM** United flight 549 leaves for Portland, OR.
- 02:43PM** Land at Portland. We will load our charter bus then take a short ride to esoteric [Edgefield](#) for a late lunch. Following lunch we will take the 52 mile ride to [Trillium Lake](#) for an extremely scenic 2 mile hike around the lake. After the hike we will take the 15 minute ride to our lodging at the [Best Western Mt. Hood](#). Enjoy the [Mt. Hood Brew Pub](#) next to our hotel for dinner.

(SEP 9) DAY 2

- 06:00AM** Deluxe continental breakfast begins.
- 08:30AM** Leave hotel on bus for the 60 mile ride to [Multnomah Falls](#) for hikes ranging from 2 to 6 miles. The premier hike is a 5.8 mile point to point hike. Following rehydration at the lodge we will journey 25 miles to the really cool city of Hood River for lunch. After our lunch we will return to the hotel.
- 07:00PM** Pasta buffet banquet at the Mt. Hood Brew Pub.

(SEP 10) DAY 3

- 06:00AM** Deluxe continental breakfast begins.
- 08:15AM** Leave hotel for bus transfer up to the [Timberline Lodge](#).
- 09:00AM** Begin hikes ranging from 2.3 to 22.1 miles. Our bus and park buses will run shuttle back down to the lodge.

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(SEP 11) DAY 4

- 06:00AM** Deluxe continental breakfast begins.
- 08:15AM** Check out and load bus for our 3 hour drive to our spectacular coastal hike near Pacific City, Oregon. Dress for point to point hikes ranging from 2.7 to 7.4 miles. After a cool beach rehydration station we will take the short drive to [Pelican Brewery](#) for a late lunch. Following lunch we will drive 70 miles to our lodging: The [Best Western Ocean View](#) in [Seaside, Oregon](#). Lots of great places to wine and dine in this coastal city.

(SEP 12) DAY 5

- 07:00AM** Deluxe continental breakfast starts.
- 08:15AM** Check out and load bus for the scenic 3 hour drive to [Lake Quinault](#), Washington and our rain forest hikes ranging from 2.9 to 9.4 miles. Following the hikes we will dine in the charming and historic Lake Quinault Lodge before taking the 2 ½ hour drive to our lodging: The [Super 8 hotel](#) in [Port Angeles, Washington](#). Lots of great food choices

(SEP 13) DAY 6

- 06:00AM** Deluxe continental breakfast begins.
- 09:00AM** Leave hotel for the 55 minute drive up to [Hurricane Ridge](#) for hikes ranging from 1.2 to 7.6 miles. Return to Port Angeles for a late lunch.
- 04:30PM** Leave hotel for the 16 mile drive to [Lake Crescent](#) and an optional 2.3 mile hike to [Marymere Falls](#) and the [Moments in Time Trail](#). After rehydration on the beautiful Lake Crescent shoreline we will return to Port Angeles for dinner.

(SEP 14) DAY 7

- 06:00AM** Deluxe continental breakfast starts.
- 09:00AM** Check out and load the bus dressed to hike for the scenic ride to the Staircase Wilderness Area of [Olympic National Park](#) for a beautiful hike. Following the hike we will go to the iconic, original, genuine, [Hama Hama Oyster and Seafood Market](#) for a really neat lunch on the beach. This is *PURE WASHINGTON!* Then we will take the scenic drive along the Hood Canal to the cool with a hippie influence capital of the state of Washington-Olympia. Our lodging is at the [DoubleTree Inn](#) on the wharf and close to all the action. Lots of great places to wine and dine for dinner and I have them all scouted out!

(SEP 15) DAY 8

- 06:30AM** Deluxe continental breakfast starts.
- 10:00AM** Team meeting in the hotel lobby to discuss the *Great Olympia Urban Hike*. It will include a popular farmers market, the promenade, Budd Bay hike, the Priest Point Park old-growth forest loop, downtown Olympia, Capitol Lake, switchbacks to the State Capital and Tumwater Falls, and the walk along the sound to [Tugboat Annie's](#)-my favorite restaurant in Olympia-for a late lunch. Our bus will make drop-offs and pickups. Then you have the rest of the day to enjoy Olympia. They also have a great REI store that is just a \$10 cab ride away but you may want to wait for the ultimate REI in Seattle.

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(SEP 16) DAY 9

06:30AM Deluxe continental breakfast starts.

08:30AM Board our bus in hiking gear for the 1 hour 45 minute drive to Mt. Rainier. Our hikes will range from 3.2 to 7.4 miles on the [Naches Peak Trail](#), the [Pacific Crest Trail](#) and the [Lake Dewey Trail](#). These hikes will feature outstanding Alpine Meadows and Mt. Rainier views. Our lunch stop is the rustic Naches Tavern before we return to the DoubleTree and one more evening in Olympia.

(SEP 17) DAY 10

06:30AM Deluxe continental breakfast starts.

08:00AM Check out and load bus for 60 minute drive to Bremerton to catch the 10:00AM Washington State Ferry for the 60 minute ride to Seattle. I will have a detailed *Ron's Great Urban Hike of Seattle* map for everyone which includes Pike Place, the Space Needle, the Elliot Bay promenade, Lake Union, and REI. Following your day in Seattle clear directions will be given for riding the Link Light Rail back to our lodging at SeaTac airport-the Clarion Hotel. Our hotel is right in front of SeaTac airport and only one half block from the train station, and they have a Jacuzzi. Our bus driver will deliver our luggage to the hotel and you will either pick up at check in or it will already be in your room. Today will be a real Seattle experience!

(SEP 18) DAY 11

10:30AM Meet in the lobby and check out. Breakfast will be on your own. Everyone will have the option to walk to the airport or to take the hotel shuttle.

02:01PM United flight 670 leaves for Chicago.

07:56PM Land at O'Hare Airport.

11:30PM ETA at Niles campus.

~COMMENTS~

- 1) Activities for days 8 & 9 will be switched for the second trip – the Farmers Market is not open on Wednesday.
- 2) All times are local.
- 3) Note Day 11 flight is different for each trip.

Coach Ron Gunn