



OREGON'S LIGHTHOUSES & COVERED BRIDGES

FEATURING ASTORIA, NEWPORT, BANDON, DUNES, ROGUE RIVER, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, EUGENE

JUNE 23-30, 2013 ~ 8 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

From the lighthouses and famous rock formations to historic cities like Astoria and Eugene to quaint beach communities like Newport and Bandon... from wine tasting in the Willamette Valley to taste testing at the Tillamook cheese factory... from a mail jet boat ride on the Rogue River to a sealife cruise and a ride on a 4-wheel vehicle over the Oregon dunes... this comprehensive journey features incredible sights, unique experiences, the captivating sights and sounds of the Oregon Coast and the nostalgic and romantic covered bridges.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Travel the iconic coast route (US-101) and visit Oregon's most scenic beaches and lighthouses including Haceta Head Lighthouse, Yaquina Bay Lighthouse and Cannon Beach
- ♦ Board a giant dune buggy for a guided tour of Oregon coast dunes, a sealife cruise in Newport and a guided Rogue River cruise on a jet boat that's a descendant of original mail boats
- ♦ Tour the Willamette Valley with a local guide to see the picturesque covered bridges and a guided winery tour and wine tasting lunch
- ♦ Tour the Tillamook cheese factory and the Oregon Coast Aquarium
- ♦ Visit Astoria, the oldest American settlement and visit Fort Clatsop, the winter encampment for the Lewis & Clark expedition
- ♦ Stay 5 nights along the Oregon coast in ocean-front hotels and at a quaint inn



Haceta Head Lighthouse

♦DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE OREGON, ASTORIA♦

Start with optional transfers from home or our departure points this morning to LAX for a nonstop flight to Portland, Oregon. Upon our arrival a deluxe motorcoach will be waiting to transport us for the next eight days. We will venture westward from Portland, following the **Columbia River** to the historic city of **Astoria**, the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies. A visit to **Fort Clatsop National Memorial**, the winter headquarters of the Lewis and Clark expedition and the first U.S. military post west of St. Louis. Enjoy lunch and browsing at leisure in historic downtown Astoria before we continue our journey south along the coast route. Our overnight accommodations are located just steps from the pristine beach and ocean front promenade. An included **welcome dinner** this evening at a local favorite. (Dinner)

♦DAY 2 ~ BEACHES, TILLAMOOK♦

Following an included breakfast we continue south following US-101 and the spectacular Oregon Coast. As we leisurely make our way on this scenic route we'll find magnificent panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean along with lighthouses, sheer cliffs, pristine beaches, pounding surf and the warm hospitality of the merchants and residents. Enjoy time at leisure

in the artsy village of **Cannon Beach** where you may want to watch the kite flyers or photograph **Haystack Rock**, the famous landmark towering 235 feet above sea level. This is the third largest coastal monolith in the world and its closeness to the beach will astound you. A brief stop in **Rockaway Beach** to see **Twin Rocks**. We then arrive in **Tillamook**, a city synonymous with the dairy industry. We'll tour the factory and you'll have a bird's-eye view of the cheese making and packaging teams in action, churning out 167,000 pounds of Tillamook Cheese each and every day – and they have samples too! We continue on following the breathtaking **Three Capes Scenic Drive** and visiting the unique **Lookout Gift Shop**, perched high above the Pacific at **Otter Rock**. A visit to **Yaquina Head Lighthouse**, Oregon's tallest lighthouse. We arrive in **Newport** for a two-night stay at one of the finest hotels on the Oregon coast. Located high on a bluff overlooking the pristine beach and Pacific Ocean below, every room is oceanfront with a private balcony and fireplace. (Breakfast)



Haystack Rock

♦DAY 3 ~ NEWPORT♦

This morning, following an included breakfast we visit the **Oregon Coast Aquarium** where we can immerse ourselves in the mysteries of the ocean. This Aquarium is a world-class marine educational attraction nestled on 4½-acres on

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ♦ Night 1 Ocean View Resort Seaside, OR
- ♦ Nights 2-3 Elizabeth Street Inn Newport, OR
- ♦ Nights 4-5 Inn at Face Rock Bandon, OR
- ♦ Nights 6-7 Valley River Inn Eugene, OR

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ♦ 7 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 12 meals – 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 7 breakfasts
- ♦ Services of a professional tour director
- ♦ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ♦ Admissions per itinerary
- ♦ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ♦ Transportation on a luxury motorcoach
- ♦ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ♦ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double \$1,499 / Single \$1,999 • Deposit \$250
Roundtrip group airfare available from \$310
Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

RESERVATIONS

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

◆ Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)

◆ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip airport transfers are available as follows:

From one of our departure points: \$69 p.p.

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

From home: \$159 and higher (contact us for quote)

Exact departure times are provided 2 weeks prior

SINGLE SHARE PROGRAM

Should a single traveler wish to take advantage of the double price, tell us when making your reservation that you wish to have a roommate. We will provide the contact information to others requesting a roommate and the two parties can determine if they would be a good fit and the price will be adjusted.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

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beautiful **Yaquina Bay**. Come face to face with the creatures living in offshore and near-shore Pacific marine habitats: frolicking sea otters, colorful puffins, pulsating jellyfish, and even a 60-pound octopus. Walk through a 200-foot underwater tunnel with 360-degree views of sharks, wolf eels, halibut, and a truly captivating array of sea life. Later we embark on a narrated **sealife cruise** with an onboard **naturalist guide** to look for marine mammals and birds in their natural environment. Aboard the deluxe 65-foot Discovery we'll enjoy the incredible scenery of Yaquina Bay featuring the largest fishing fleet on the Oregon coast. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure relaxing at the hotel or walking on the beach. An included dinner this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

◆ DAY 4 ~ LIGHTHOUSE, DUNES ◆

After an included breakfast this morning we continue south to the 19th-century **Haceta Head Lighthouse**, on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1894, the light emitted is the most powerful on the Oregon Coast, signaling ships up to 21 miles out to sea. Then, we'll gear up as we approach the **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area**, a natural wonder of endless shifting sand, unique tree islands and lots of interesting creatures. You'll board a four-wheel drive vehicle driven by an experienced guide for an exhilarating ride up and down these expansive tracts of sand that are almost 300 feet high. We continue south to **Coos Bay** and tour a **myrtle wood factory**, where you can see master craftsmen at work carving wooden items made from this native hardwood only found in Oregon and Israel. Later today we arrive in **Bandon-by-the-Sea** with its unique offshore rock formations for a two-night stay at a property within steps of the beach. (Breakfast)

◆ DAY 5 ~ BANDON, ROGUE RIVER ◆

An included breakfast this morning before we explore **Bandon State Natural Area**. You will be amazed by the scenery along the scenic Beach Loop with sights such as **Bandon Rocks** and **Face Rock**, known to many from the American Indian legend. Anticipation mounts as we travel south to **Gold Beach** for a thrilling ride aboard a high-speed jet boat through one of Oregon's great natural treasures, the scenic **Rogue River**. This Congress-designated National Wild and Scenic River tumbles and roars from high in the Cascade Range to the shores of the Pacific and is home to tons of native wildlife. Your **river boat guide** will point out any black bear, river otter, black-tail deer, bald eagles, great blue heron and Canada geese, all commonly seen along the river! You will be following in the foot steps of history along the '**Historic Mail Boat Route**' just as Rogue River pioneers have done since 1895 when mail and freight were prized commodities and road access did not exist. We return to Bandon

this evening with time to browse Bandon's Old Town featuring a number of unique galleries and shops. (Breakfast, Lunch)

◆ DAY 6 ~ WINE TASTING, EUGENE ◆

Oregon is known for its wildlife, and elk are some of the most majestic and interesting animals in the state. Following an included breakfast we travel to an **elk viewing area** to view this majestic creatures. Besides elk and lighthouses and spectacular beaches, Oregon is known for their wines. We continue over the Coastal Range to the **Willamette Valley** often compared with the wine-producing region of Burgundy, France because of similar latitudinal, soil and climatic conditions. We'll enjoy a tasting, tour and an included lunch at the **King Estate Winery** which uses organic farming and winemaking methods to produce award-winning wines. The beautiful estate of 1,033 acres is crowned by the charming, European-style winery. Later today we arrive in **Eugene** and begin a two-night stay at a unique resort-style hotel located along the quiet banks of the **Willamette River** and your room will include a river view. (Breakfast, Lunch)

◆ DAY 7 ~ COVERED BRIDGES ◆

Following an included breakfast we set out with a **local guide** to explore the nostalgic and romantic covered bridges in **Cottage Grove**, the "Covered Bridge Capital of Oregon". Oregon has the largest collection of covered bridges in the West and one of the largest in the nation. The covered-bridge-building tradition in Oregon dates from the 1850s when rugged pioneers armed with only hand tools, sweat and ambition began building covered bridges. With our guide we will visit some of the most picturesque and unique bridges in the area and get a look at a well-preserved past in the beautiful setting of the Pacific Northwest. An included **farewell dinner** this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)



Cottage Grove Covered Bridge

◆ DAY 8 ~ JOURNEY HOME ◆

Following an included breakfast this morning we travel north through **Salem** and arrive at the Portland Airport for our nonstop return flight to Los Angeles. We return home with images of Oregon's coast, lighthouses, covered bridges, and so much more forever ingrained in our memories. (Breakfast)