



COMMUNITY SERVICES EDUCATION

PRESENTS...

OREGON'S COAST & COVERED BRIDGES

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

JUNE 18-25, 2015 ~ 8 DAY TOUR

TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go
 ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Stay 2 nights in Eugene at a quaint inn with views of the Willamette River followed by 5 nights along the Oregon coast
- ◆ Tour the Willamette Valley focusing on the picturesque covered bridges and enjoy a guided winery tour, tasting and lunch
- ◆ Travel the iconic coast route (US-101) and visit a number of Oregon's most scenic beaches and lighthouses including Haceta Head Lighthouse, Yaquina Bay Lighthouse and Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach
- ◆ Unique coastal experiences including the Tillamook Cheese Factory, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the coast dunes aboard a giant dune buggy, a sea life cruise in Newport and a guided Rogue River cruise aboard a jet boat that's a descendant of the original mail boats
- ◆ Visit Astoria, the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies and visit Fort Clatsop, the winter encampment for Lewis & Clark

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 sea life cruise and a ride on a dune buggy 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.



Haceta Head Lighthouse

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. Besides a spectacular coastline and lighthouses, Oregon is known for their wines. The **Willamette Valley** is often compared with the wine-producing region of Burgundy, France because of similar latitudinal, soil and climatic conditions. We'll enjoy an included lunch and wine tasting at an award-winning winery. We return to the hotel with the balance of the day at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

◆DAY 1 - SALEM, EUGENE◆

Our journey to explore Oregon's coast and covered bridges begins at Los Angeles International Airport for a nonstop flight to Portland, Oregon. Upon our arrival a deluxe motorcoach will be waiting to transport us for the next eight days. Time for lunch at leisure in **Salem** before we continue south into the Willamette Valley. Later we arrive in **Eugene** to begin a two-night stay at a unique resort-style hotel (with river view rooms) located along the quiet banks of the **Willamette River**. An included **Welcome Dinner** at a local favorite this evening. (Dinner)



Cottage Grove Covered Bridge

◆DAY 2 - 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



Haystack Rock

◆DAY 3 - EUGENE TO BANDON◆

Following an included breakfast we travel over the Coastal Range and arrive at the Oregon coast. A visit to an **elk viewing area** to view these majestic creatures. As we leisurely make our way along the scenic coast 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. This afternoon we visit

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **Valley River Inn**
Eugene, OR
- ◆ Nights 3-4 **Inn at Face Rock**
Bandon, OR
- ◆ Nights 5-6 **Elizabeth Street Inn**
Newport, OR
- ◆ Night 7 **Inn at Cannon Beach**
Cannon Beach, OR

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 7 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 12 meals – 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 7 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Transportation on a luxury motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double **\$1,599** / Single **\$1,999** • Deposit **\$250**

Roundtrip group airfare available from \$395

Optional LAX airport transfers – see reverse

Travel Protection/Cancellation 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

This tour meets and departs from LAX

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.

LAND ONLY PRICES

We've listed land only rates with the optional airfare price separately. You have the option of taking advantage of our group discount or making your own air arrangements. Generally air prices get higher as the departure date approaches so it's best to book early.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

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Coos Bay to 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 we arrive in **Bandon-by-the-Sea** and begin a two-night stay at a property within steps of the beach. (Breakfast)

♦ DAY 4 ~ 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 footsteps 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 will disembark from the boat for an included family-style lunch at a river-front lodge. We return to Bandon with the balance of the evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

♦ DAY 5 ~ DUNES, LIGHTHOUSE ♦

After an included breakfast this morning we travel north along the coast and arrive at the **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area**, a natural wonder of endless shifting sand, unique tree islands and lots of interesting creatures. Here 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. Following lunch on own in Florence, we continue north to the 19th century **Haceta Head Lighthouse**, listed 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. Later we arrive in **Newport** for a two-night stay at a hotel located high on a bluff overlooking the pristine beach and Pacific Ocean below. Every room has an ocean view with a private balcony and fireplace. We'll enjoy an included dinner at a local favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦ DAY 6 ~ 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 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 **sea life 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. (Breakfast)

♦ DAY 7 ~ TILLAMOOK, CANNON BEACH ♦

Following an included breakfast we visit the **Yaquina Head Lighthouse**, Oregon's tallest lighthouse. We continue north following US-101 and the spectacular Oregon coast. Later we arrive in **Tillamook**, a city synonymous with the dairy industry. We'll see 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 making a brief stop in **Rockaway Beach** to see **Twin Rocks**. Later we arrive in **Cannon Beach**, home to **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. Our quaint inn is only one block from the beach. An included **Farewell Dinner** this evening at a local favorite in the artsy village of Cannon Beach. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦ DAY 8 ~ JOURNEY HOME ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we travel north to the historic city of **Astoria**, the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies. We'll visit **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 time for lunch at leisure in historic downtown Astoria. We continue eastward following the **Columbia River** to the Portland Airport for our non-stop 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)