

OLYMPIC PENINSULA 6-DAY & 5-NIGHTS ITINERARY:-

DAY 1:- Arrival (please be prepared for hiking & walking today).

We begin our visit to the Olympic Peninsula with a morning transfer at 9:00 A.M. from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. We will meet at the Delta ticket counter. (Those driving they may leave their vehicle in long term parking at the airport - those wishing to bring their car on the trip will need to call the office to go over those logistics).

Our drive brings us to the southwest corner of Olympic National Park where we will lunch on the shores of Lake Quinault. Our first hike explores the stunning rain forests along the Quinault Loop Trail, with towering trees, babbling creeks and the shoreline of Lake Quinault. Later, we check into the Quinault Lake Lodge and enjoy its expansive lawns along the lakeshore, or relax in front of its 12-foot wide fieldstone fireplace before we enjoy our first group dinner at the lodge.

Day 2:-

After breakfast at the lodge, we head for the beautiful Olympic Peninsula coastline. We explore the beauty of Ruby Beach, where sea stacks rise from the ocean floor. Walk along the pebbled beach beneath multi-colored cliffs to the mouth of the Hoh River, or just saunter along a sandy beach past sea caves. We may encounter large flocks of seabirds, including brown pelicans, and we'll watch for harbor seals. After lunch by the beach, we explore the tidal pools of Starfish Point, visit a very large cedar tree, and visit the eerie burl forest. Time permitting, we'll offer a short and lovely hike through beautiful western cedar forest to visit the park's largest western cedar before returning to Lake Quinault Lodge for dinner and lodging.

Day 3:-

Today we head north and explore the famous Hoh Rain Forest, where towering Sitka spruce, western hemlock and bigleaf maple are blanketed with mosses, lichens and ferns. Hike into the rain forest via the Hoh River Trail, or enjoy mesmerizing strolls along the Spruce Nature Trail and the "Hall Of Mosses" Trail. From the rain forest we travel to the shores of Lake Crescent and the Lake Crescent Lodge for dinner and comfortable sleep.

Day 4:-

Easy options begin at the door of your room as we walk along the lakeshore and through lush Douglas fir forests on the "Moments In Time" Nature Trail. We then walk past giant moss draped trees to the lovely Marymere Falls, before returning to Lake Crescent and lunch along the shore. In the afternoon, enjoy the quiet comfort of the lodge, or take a short shuttle to the trails of dramatic Sol Duc Falls. If you're ready for a challenge, take the day hike up to Mink Lake Meadows, then push yourself an additional mile to the ridgetop and wonderful

views. Return to Lake Crescent Lodge for dinner and lodging.

Day 5:-

This day we travel to the high country of the Olympic Mountains and spectacular trail on Hurricane Ridge. The drive up to the ridge is , in and of itself, a stunning ride as the mountains slowly come into view. Our morning hike follows the Hurricane Hill Trail. Wildflowers spread in all directions, dramatic views of snow-covered peaks loom to the south, the Strait of Juan de Fuca slices through the landscape to the north, and Vancouver Island stretches to the horizon. After lunch in this high country, our easy walks offer more wonderful views along the Cirque Rim Trail. After our walks we may have time to visit the interesting "Heart Of The Hills" Visitors Center. Those in the mood for a more challenging afternoon will hike the obstruction Peak Trail, an above tree line, "top of the world" hike with views of the high peaks in every direction. Dinner and lodging at the Lake Crescent Lodge.

Day 6:-

On our final morning we hike the Spruce Railroad Trail. Following the old course of the local railroad, this is a wonderful walk along the shores of Lake Crescent, with lovely views of the surrounding mountains and this world famous lake. We will lunch at a picnic area on the shore and then shuttle to the quaint town of Bainbridge Island where we will visit some of the lovely shops and cafes before catching the ferry across Puget Sound to Seattle. Our Olympic Peninsula adventure concludes with an early evening drop off* at the airport or a local in-town hotel where we bid farewell with great memories of a spectacular region.

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DROP OFF TIME WILL BE ABOUT 5 - 5:30 P.M.**

THE LODGINGS:-

DAY ONE & TWO

LAKE QUINAULT LODGE

345, South Shore Rd, PO Box 7

Quinault, WA 98575

Tel: (360) 288 2900 (guests) or (800) 562 6672 (reservations)

www.visitlakequinault.com

DAY THREE FOUR & FIVE

LAKE CRESCENT LODGE

416, Lake Crescent Rd

Port Angeles, WA 98363

Tel: (360) 928 3211

www.LakeCrescentLodge.com

If you are interested in additional information about the inns and hotels, we invite you to visit their web sites, or call and request a brochure

PRE AND POST TOUR HOTELS:-

*Hotels & Inns change from year to year, so please contact your choice of lodging for verification and logistics.

The following hotels offer a wide range of options to best suit your interests and pocketbooks. These hotels were also chosen for their location; we will be able to drop people off at any of these hotels after the hiking trip on late Friday afternoon. Please note that, if you choose a different hotel, we cannot guarantee a drop-off. All of the hotels listed near the airport advertise a free shuttle to Seattle-Tacoma Airport. These hotels, therefore, would work well for lodging for the night before the trip begins.

We encourage you to check out these establishments on line. Visit their web sites; most have photos of their facility. Please note that we do not guarantee the quality of these facilities.

Remember, we will be meeting at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, near the Delta ticket counter at 9:00 AM the morning our trip begins. From there we will be coaching to our first hike and inn. Our tour will finish when our ferry lands back in Seattle on the following Friday, when we can shuttle you to your hotel of choice or back to the airport.

Seattle Hotels Near Airport:-

Days Inn Seattle/Sea-Tac International Airport
19015 Int'l Blvd S
Hwy-99S & S 188th SE
Seattle, WA 98188 US
Phone: 206-244-3600
Free Airport Shuttle
Free Daybreak Breakfast
Free High Speed Internet
Gym/Fitness Center

Radisson Hotel Gateway Seattle-Tacoma Airport
18118 INTERNATIONAL BLVD
Seattle, WA 98188
Phone: 206-244-6666
High-Speed Internet
Pool / Fitness Center
Free Airport Shuttle
Suites

Seattle Hotels:-

The following hotels are listed by price, least expensive to most expensive. Prices listed are not guaranteed. For the best possible rates, we recommend checking rates through some websites such as expedia.com; travelocity.com, and sidestep.com. Several hotel rates were checked through these websites and offered a lower rate than from the hotels direct website or phone line. Also, most websites offer photographs of each hotel.

Seattle City Center Travelodge
2213 8th Ave
Seattle WA 98121 US
www.seattlecitycenter.com
Rates: starting from \$76.00 To \$130.00

Centrally located halfway between downtown Seattle and the famous Space Needle/Key Arena, Seattle City Center Travelodge is the ideal location for budget-minded travelers to stay when visiting Seattle. We are located two blocks from the "free bus" zone, within walking distance of the Space Needle, Pike Place market, Key Arena, Waterfront Park (home of the Seattle Aquarium and IMAX Theater), and a large number of dining and shopping opportunities. Sports fans will find Seattle Seahawks Stadium and Safeco field (home of the Mariners) only two miles away. All of our rooms feature in-room coffee, in-room safe, hairdryer, telephone data port, and cable TV with SHO/CNN/ESPN. Guests are also welcome to enjoy a free continental breakfast in our cozy lobby each morning. We also have balcony rooms available, with unobstructed views of downtown Seattle and the Space Needle. Romantic and sentimental travelers should ask about our "Best View of the Space Needle" room, which offers a truly breathtaking view of the famous landmark {especially at sunset!} With a great central location, clean and comfortable rooms, great amenities, and easy access to the free bus zone--all with the budget-minded traveler in mind--Seattle City Center Travelodge is the perfect place to stay when visiting the Seattle/Bellevue area.

Hotel Max
620 Stewart Street
Seattle, WA 98101
Phone: (206) 956-8500 |
Fax: (206) 443-5754 |
Hotel Reservations: (877) 956-8500
sales@vancehotel.com | reservations@vancehotel.com
Rates: Start at \$99.00

The Hotel Max is historic charm in the heart of Seattle. This Seattle hotel, built in the 1920s by lumber magnate Joseph Vance, now named Hotel Max, carries on a tradition of elegance. The historic hotel lobby is accented with rich wood, stained glass windows and marble details. In the 165 beautifully appointed hotel guest rooms, you'll find unique floor plans that combine historic charm with variety to enhance your stay in this downtown Seattle hotel.

Located in the heart of downtown Seattle, the Hotel Max is within blocks of many major Seattle travel attractions. See a Broadway production at the Paramount Theatre, visit Seattle Center's Space Needle, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Aquarium, Pike Place Market, or visit the new Experience Music Project, or take advantage of 10 million square feet of upscale shopping just moments away from this downtown Seattle hotel.

Seattle Quality Inn & Suites
225 Aurora Avenue North
Seattle WA 98109
For Reservations Call: 1-800-255-7932
Website: www.seattleinn.com
Rates: starting at \$99.00

La Quinta Inn & Suites Seattle Downtown
2224 8th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121
Phone: (206)624-6820
Fax: (206)467-6926
Rates: start at \$107.00

Enjoy the convenience of the landmark La Quinta Inn and Suites Seattle Downtown. Stay at this 7-story high-rise and you'll be within walking distance to most downtown attractions, including the Seattle Center, Space Needle, Elliott Bay Waterfront, and Pike Place Market ("The Soul of Seattle").

Visit the extensive collection of nearby theaters that host local performances, star attractions, and touring companies. Key Arena, Safeco Field, Seahawks Stadium, Symphony, Ballet, Opera, and Museums are all easily accessible from this La Quinta. We are eight blocks to Washington State Convention Center, three miles to University of Washington campus, and down the bay from the Cruise Ship docks. Tour Pioneer Square, Seattle's oldest neighborhood, or take the Underground Tour beneath the city's sidewalks. Nordstrom, Bon Macy's and other prime shopping; dining, musicians, the fish market? We are right in the middle of it all!

In addition to our spacious rooms and loads of amenities, we have Free Guest Parking, a scrumptious complimentary Continental Breakfast, a Fitness Center, Dry Sauna and Jacuzzi Hot Tub, and a 24-hour Sundries Shop. The La Quinta Inn and Suites Seattle Downtown is located on 8th Avenue between Bell and Blanchard Streets, one block south of Denny Way.

Sixth Avenue Inn
2000 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

Tel: (206) 441-8300
Fax: (206) 441-9903
Website: www.sixthavenueinn.com
Email: sixth.avenue@starwoodhotels.com
Rates: \$109.00 - \$119.00

In the heart of downtown Seattle, the Sixth Avenue Inn offers 167 guestrooms. The hotel offers high speed Internet, exercise room, laundry room. We are conveniently located within walking distance to shopping and major attractions such as the Pike Place Market, Pioneer Square, the waterfront, and the Seattle Center. For your dining pleasure, the Sixth Avenue Bar & Grill is one of the most popular restaurants in the city, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and offering a fire-lit lounge. The Inn is a 25-minute drive (17 miles) from the Sea-Tac International Airport. Adding these features, along with our finest Northwest hospitality, will ensure you of a truly unforgettable experience in Seattle.

Holiday Inn
211 Dexter Ave North
Seattle, WA 98109
Tel: 1-206-7288123
Fax: 1-206-7282779
Email: shafer@ehotelconcepts.com
Rates: \$137.50 - \$185.00

The Holiday Inn Seattle Hotel location is conveniently situated 4 blocks from the Space Needle, Key Arena Sonic Basketball, Pacific Science Center. Within a mile of the Holiday Inn Seattle Hotel you will be able to explore the Historic Pike Place Market, Downtown Seattle's Holiday Carousel at Westlake Center and many of Seattle's great restaurants. Please ask our knowledgeable staff to share their secrets of Seattle' and assist you with reservations and directions.

Hospitality Promise Program - If any part of your stay is not satisfactory, we promise to make it right or you won't pay for that part of your stay.

Crowne Plaza Hotel
1113 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101
Tel: 1-206-4641980
Fax: 1-206-3401617
Email: crowneplaza@crowneplazaseattle.com
Rates: \$156.00 - \$200.00

The Crowne Plaza Seattle Hotel offers a superb location close to the waterfront and everything great in the Pacific Northwest. Just a few blocks from the hotel, you can explore the historic Pike Place Market or the brand new Central Seattle Library; catch a Mariners game at Safeco Field or a Seahawks game at Qwest

Field in Pioneer Square. Indulge yourself at hundreds of downtown stores, including Westlake Center and Pacific Place shopping malls. Explore the local waterways on an Argosy Cruise or take a longer voyage on any of the major cruise lines.

Our location also puts you in the heart of the city's amazing arts scene, including the beautiful Paramount and 5th Avenue Theatres, the Seattle Art Museum, and Benaroya Hall. The Space Needle stands just minutes away, casting its long shadow over Key Arena, the Pacific Science Center, the Experience Music Project and McCaw Hall, home of the Seattle Opera and the Pacific Northwest Ballet. Plus, we are just four miles from the University of Washington with its Meany Hall and Husky Stadium.

The Westin Seattle
1900 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101
Phone (206) 728-1000
Fax (206) 728-2259
Rates start at \$159.00

The Westin Seattle is your front door to the Emerald City, the jewel of the Pacific Northwest! An ideal urban retreat, we are just steps away from the Washington State Convention Center, Pike Place Market, and Seattle's most enticing shops. We are one of only two hotels in the city offering unobstructed views of Puget Sound, Lake Union, and the Seattle skyline. After a day of sightseeing, relax and unwind in the elegant Lobby Bar, featuring a full-service bar and flat-screen TVs. For breakfast or lunch stop by the Fifth Avenue Corner Cafe for light fare and snacks.

Enjoy modern elegance in our newly renovated lobby, the "heart of the hotel." WiFi Internet access and a cozy gathering space make it perfect for hosting a casual meeting or simply catching up with friends.

If you should need any help with your travel plans, please call our travel service Better Travel at 1-800-869-0949.