

OREGON 5-Day Itinerary:-

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE & MOUNT HOOD

DAY ONE:- Arrival

Our journey begins less than an hour from Portland at the elegantly rustic Skamania Lodge.

A spectacular drive along the Historic Columbia River Highway leads us across the Bridge of the Gods over to Washington State and this magnificent lodge.

For guest arriving by air we pickup at the Portland, OR Airport at 4:30 p.m.

For guest arriving by car we meet at The Skamania Lodge (driving directions can be found by visiting the inns website at www.skamanielodge.com) Check in is 3 p.m.

Our first day activity is an orientation meeting scheduled for approx. 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner as a group.

Options for arriving early:-

There is the Blue Star Shuttle service at (800) 247 2272, which runs between the airport and the lodge for approximately \$49.25 per person.

If you are arriving a few days early into the Portland area, there are numerous hotels, motels and inns in the surrounding airport area (we would advise checking to see if they offer airport shuttle service).

You will need to make your own way back to the airport for our shuttle service by 4:30 p.m.

For help with any of your travel needs please call: Better Travel at 1-800-331-6996.

For additional are information on the Portland area visit: www.travelportland.com

DAY TWO:-

The Columbia River Gorge is a true wonderland of waterfalls that was explored by Lewis and Clark near the end of their famous journey and is the nation's only National Scenic Area.

Within the gorge are more than 30 accessible waterfalls. Our morning includes the most famous, Multnomah Falls, with its 620' drop, then a fine loop hike to Latourell Falls. While lunch is prepared, you are invited to hike to Bridal Veil Falls. In the afternoon, hiking options include visits to Horsetail, Ponytail, Elowah and Triple Falls; or take the easier option to the beautiful canyon that is home to

Wahclella Falls.

Dinner and Lodging: Skamania Lodge.

DAY THREE:-

A hike into Eagle Creek highlights everything that the Gorge has to offer; picturesque waterfalls, deeply cut gorge wall, rushing water, towering trees. Our hikes into this wonderful canyon lead to High Bridge, or take the longer hike up to the fabulous Tunnel Falls.

Dinner and Lodging: Skamania Lodge.

DAY FOUR:-

On this, our travel day from the Columbia River Gorge, we head toward impressive Mount Hood. En route we pass through the Hood River Valley, a mecca of cherry, peach, pear and apple groves. We'll stop and sample the wonderful fruit (cherries!) for which this valley is known. Our hike today is in the heart of the forest, with an easy option around Lost Lake, the more challenging option to the top of Lost Lake Butte.

Dinner and Lodging: The Resort at The Mountain.

DAY FIVE:-

Today's easier hike takes us up to Mirror Lake, a pristine spot with reflective views of Mount Hood to the south. An optional spur trail leads to the top of Tom, Dick and Harry Mountain with its panoramic views of Mt. Rainier, Mt. St Helens and The Sisters in central Oregon. The more challenging option climbs East Zigzag Mountain via Burnt Lake, a spectacular hike showcasing rich green forests, colorful wildflowers, and truly incredible mountain views.

Dinner and Lodging: The Resort at The Mountain.

DAY SIX:-

Our last morning leads us along The Salmon River Trail through magnificent stands of old growth timber before returning to the resort for lunch and the drive back to the Portland Airport. **Airport return approx. 3 p.m.**

Suggested Reading:

"Undaunted Courage" by Stephen Ambrose, detailing Lewis & Clark's famous journey.

THE INNS:-

NIGHTS ONE, TWO & THREE

THE SKAMANIA LODGE

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NIGHTS FOUR & FIVE

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