Olympic Peninsula Ecotour
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Trip Highlights

HIKE along magnificent mossy trails through old growth temperate rainforests.

SWIM, paddle, relax and stroll in and along Washington’s dramatic Lake Crescent.

DISCOVER forest-enshrouded waterfalls, streams and Washington’s native flora and fauna.

FALL asleep to the calming sounds of the surf in beach-side cabins on the Pacific Ocean.

JOIN members of the Makah Nation for an ocean-side traditional feast of fish on a stick, fry bread and storytelling.

VISIT a salmon hatchery and learn how biologists manage this vital native of the Pacific Northwest.

VIEW a beautiful sunset over the glacier-capped Olympic Mountains from the famous Hurricane Ridge.

WATCH for whales and other Pacific sea life from a small boat in the Salish Sea.
Trip Highlights

**FLY** above Puget Sound, enjoying a birds-eye view on a float plane trip from Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands to Lake Union in Seattle.

**SLUMBER** in a Victorian castle in the seaside town of Port Townsend, and if you’re brave try sleeping in one of their haunted rooms.

**ENJOY** a driving tour of charming Port Townsend and the historic landmark Fort Worden State Park.

**WITNESS** the rebirth of a river system after the largest dam removal project in the US, and learn how native salmon are returning after 100 years.

**CELEBRATE** with the Makah Nation during their annual festival honoring their ancient culture.

**FEAST** on homemade, organically grown and locally caught cuisine and regional beverages.

**STROLL** to the Northwesternmost point in the USA and view the majestic Pacific Ocean from a platform surrounded by stunning rock formations.

**DINE** and shop your way through Friday Harbor in the famous San Juan Islands.
August 23-31, 2019

$4,995

$3,995 Per Person Based on Double Occupancy
($1,000 Discount for First Trip!)

$500 Single Supplement Fee

*Minimum of 6 guests, maximum of 16
What’s Included

- Eight nights of unique accommodations
- All of your tours and park entrance fees
- All your breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners
- Scenic float-plane ride from Friday Harbor to Lake Union
- Your local guide and drivers
- All of your transportation

Not included: your flights, souvenirs and alcohol
Day One

Welcome to Washington! Upon arrival, head to our hotel in Georgetown, Seattle’s oldest neighborhood, where there are great shops, restaurants and breweries to choose from. Meet us in the lobby after dinner for a meet-and-greet with your guide and fellow travelers.

Day Two

After a restful night in Seattle, we will meet for breakfast before catching the ferry across the scenic Puget Sound to Bainbridge Island. Once across we will enjoy lunch in Sequim and then check into our hotel in Port Angeles. After a short break to get settled, we hop aboard the van and enter Olympic National Park to begin our climb more than 5,000 feet up to the scenic Hurricane Ridge. There we are rewarded with panoramic views of the Olympic Mountains and choices of short trails nearby. Once back in Port Angeles we will enjoy dinner and settle into our hotel.

Day Three

Today we reach Neah Bay, the Northwestern-most town in the continental US, and visit the Makah Museum to learn about traditional tribal life. We will stretch our legs along a short boardwalk trail through the woods to Cape Flattery after lunch. The afternoon is left open to celebrate with the Makah Nation during their annual festival, or settle into our cabins along the beach and enjoy the beautiful coastline. We will relax until dinner, followed by storytelling with members of the Makah tribe. We end our day watching the sun set into the Pacific Ocean.
Day Four

This day is all about visiting beaches and the Hoh Rainforest. Breakfast on the beach gets us set to leave Makah country and visit a salmon hatchery to learn how this vital species of the Northwest is managed and sustainably raised.

Next we explore the ethereal Hall of Mosses in one of the largest temperate rainforests in the US, followed by a visit to the Forks Timber Museum. Wrapping up the day we can either take another short hike to a dramatic log-strewn beach, or you can spend free time on your own. Settle in and enjoy another dramatic sunset over the Pacific.

Day Five

Having begun at our furthest point west, we turn east to Sol Duc where we stroll through ancient groves and then through a scenic forest to experience the beautiful Sol Duc Falls. After lunch we settle into our cabins on the shore of Lake Crescent, stroll down a historic railway trail to The Devil’s Punchbowl, a popular swimming hole. We wrap up the day with a delicious dinner at Lake Crescent lodge.
Day Six

Breakfast at the lodge is followed by an interpretive walk along a river returned to life after the largest dam removal project in the country. We return to Lake Crescent for an afternoon relaxing or hiking a variety of trails around the lake and waterfalls. Afterwards, enjoy an afternoon of free time - hike the trail to Marymere Falls, take a boat out on the lake, or simply relax and take in the views.

Day Seven

Today we continue to the charming seaside town of Port Townsend, where we will enjoy a driving tour in an electric vehicle to learn about the area’s unique history. Port Townsend was first discovered in 1792 and is famous for beautiful Victorian buildings. Stroll through the streets, shop for souvenirs and take in the sights. Our day wraps up with a visit to Sailor Vineyard, a family owned property where they make wine exclusively from their own local grapes. We will enjoy a privately catered group dinner on the property featuring local wines and ciders.
Day Eight

Following breakfast downtown we board a whale watching boat and observe the incredible wildlife of the Northwest on our way to Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands. Keep your eyes peeled for porpoises, humpback whales, orcas, sea lions and puffins! Once there enjoy some free time to wander the town and do some shopping, and visit the Whale Museum to learn about local endangered killer whales. Afterwards enjoy lunch at one of our favorite local cafes. Our final treat is a float plane ride from Friday Harbor to Lake Union in Seattle. We will then enjoy a final dinner together downtown.

Day Nine

Today we depart from Seattle. Head home with incredible memories of enchanted forests, waterfalls, incredible wildlife, tribal culture, charming seaside towns and hopefully a few friends you met along the way. This trip is an amazing way to get off the beaten path and enjoy the famous nature and culture of the Pacific Northwest.
Night 1

The Edgewater Hotel, Seattle - Perched on the edge of Pier 67, this hotel offers an easy walk to downtown, stunning views and lodge luxury. Take in views of the Olympic Mountains and Elliott Bay or relax by the fireplace.

Night 2

Olympic Lodge, Port Angeles - From their luxurious common area with a wood burning fireplace, to their heated pool and jacuzzi, this lodge starts our trip in style. Featuring super comfy beds, 24 hr staff and a fitness center, Olympic Lodge has everything you need for a restful stay.

Night 3

Hobuck Beach Resort, Neah Bay - These modern cabins feature a kitchenette, satellite TV and a deck. Surfboards, paddleboards, kayaks and bikes are all available for rent. Hike trails or walk the beach, take in a stunning sunset and watch for wildlife like otters and eagles. Enjoy a bonfire and storytelling with members of the Makah tribe.

Night 4

Quileute Oceanside Resort, La Push - Located on the land of the Quileute Nation, the views here are spectacular. All rooms have beach views and feature decks, comfortable beds and kitchenettes. Explore tide pools on the beach, enjoy incredible stargazing at night, and wake up to the sound of crashing waves. Watch for wildlife like whales and seals, and let your worries melt away at this secluded retreat.

Night 5 & 6

Log Cabin Resort, Lake Crescent - Relax in rustic cabins situated right on the crystal clear waters of Lake Crescent. Kayaks, canoes and paddle boats are available for rent, the swimming is fantastic and each cabin has a fire pit out front. Enjoy great hiking nearby, and at the end of the day take in a beautiful sunset, roast up a few marshmallows and watch the stars. A great place to relax after full days of exploring temperate rainforests and waterfalls.

Night 7

Manresa Castle Hotel, Port Townsend - This incredible hotel was built in 1892 by a prominent businessman and first mayor of Port Townsend, and later became a monastery and a convent. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, some say the castle is inhabited by friendly ghosts. With water views, antique fixtures and beautiful chandeliers, you will feel regal and relaxed in this truly unique hotel.

Night 8

The Belltown Inn, Seattle - This modern art-deco style hotel features a lovely rooftop terrace with city views. Borrow their loaner bicycles to explore the neighborhood! Located within walking distance are famous sights like the Space Needle, Pike's Market and the Pacific Science Center. Plenty of delicious restaurants are located nearby as well - a great home base to wrap up our adventure and explore Seattle.

Gondwana Ecotours
Meet Your Guide

Vicki Beaver – Based in Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula, Vicki is a naturalist, environmental educator and biologist. An experienced guide, she often works on tours in the Polar regions. She enjoys exploring her big backyard and sharing its beauty with others. She is passionate about the environment and the natural and human history of the Pacific Northwest.
Frequently Asked Questions

Why Travel With Us?

Our promise is to deliver custom crafted and authentically local travel experiences that send you home with lifelong memories of your unique adventure. We strive to put our values into practice with every Ecotour that we create.

Small Group Size: We keep our group small so you can have an educational and personalized experience.

Local Guides: Enjoy the company of guides who share their culture and customs with you for a completely authentic local adventure.

Trip Leader: A Gondwana Trip Leader is your host and liaison, always sent to take care of details and logistics. Fully relax and enjoy your adventure worry-free.

Carbon Offset: We carbon offset every guest’s flight—good for our conscience and good for our planet.

Donations: A portion of proceeds go towards a local non-profit on the peninsula.

Low Impact: Our ecotours leave a small impression on the environment because of the small size, accommodations, restaurants and activities we choose.

Unique Lodging: Enjoy a diverse range of local accommodations that are clean, comfortable and owned by friendly locals.

One-of-a-Kind Activities: Many of our local activities have been created exclusively for our guests; you can’t get these experiences with any other company!

Is This Trip For Me?

While this is not a luxury trip, it is a trip for the traveler who wants to go beyond the typical tourist destination. Step deeper into the Northwest biome and spend time with traditional natives and knowledgeable people who call the Olympic Peninsula home. The accommodations are comfortable and hand-picked, and the food is delicious and often local. The trip envelops the broad diversity of this corner of our country, where we will walk, drive, boat and fly through a variety of settings - see lush temperate rainforests, wild coasts and inland seas, mountains, waterfalls and glacial lakes while viewing incredible wildlife and historic locales.

How do I Sign Up?

To reserve your spot simply request (via phone or email) an invoice for your $500 deposit. This deposit is refundable for any reason within 30 days of booking.

Upon signup we will send you our pre-trip guide to prepare you for the journey. It contains booking terms, a packing list, health and safety tips, suggested reading and lots of other useful information. We will also send you 2 easy links to fill out for your personal information and flight details.

Thanks so much for contacting us and if you have any other questions please email us (Info@GondwanaEcotours.com) or call us at 877-587-8479.
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