

9-day (8-nights) Eastern Washington Tour

Day 1, Seattle: You are responsible for booking your own flight into the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA). You will be met at the airport and transferred to a hotel close by. Activities for the day depend on your arrival in Seattle.

Day 2, Woodland: From the Seattle Airport area, it is a 2-hour drive to Woodland, Washington, where we will stay for 2-nights. Stops along the way: Kubota Gardens, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, Pacific Bonsai Museum, and Lewis and Clark State Park.

Day 3, Woodland: Locations to visit for the day: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and Mount St Helen's.

Day 4, Yakima: From Woodland, it is a 3.5-hour drive to Yakima. Stops along the way: White Pass, Oak Creek Wildlife Area, Yakima Sportsman State Park.

Day 5, Richland: From Yakima it is a 1.5-hour drive to Richland, Washington. In this area, both the Yakima River and the Snake River flow into the Columbia River. Natural areas to visit are the Horn Rapids, McNary National Wildlife Refuge, Sacajawea Historical State Park, and Riverview Park.

Day 6, Cheney: From Richland it is a 3.5-hour drive to Cheney, Washington. Stops along the way: Scootney Park, Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, Desert Habitat Management Area, Potholes State Park, and Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.

Day 7, Pateros: From Cheney it is a 3-hour drive to Pateros, Washington. Stops along the way: Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge, Grand Coulee Dam, Steamboat Rock State Park, and Bridgeport Bar State Wildlife Area.

Day 8, Ellensburg: From Pateros, it is a 2.5-hour drive to Ellensburg, Washington. Stops along the way: Bridgeport Bar State Wildlife Area, Indian Dan State Wildlife Area, Alta Lake State Park, Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park, and Olmstead Farm State Park.

Day 9, Drop at the Seattle Airport: From Ellensburg it is a 2-hour drive to the Seattle airport area. Stops along the way: Olmstead Farm State Park, Central Washington University Japanese Garden, Lake Easton State Park, Snoqualmie Pass (Gold Creek Pond, Lake Keechelus, Alpentel), and stops along the Snoqualmie River. If there is time, we sometimes stop at Seahurst Park along Puget Sound to view seabirds. You will be dropped off at your hotel near the Seattle airport.