

EXPLORE WASHINGTON STATE

TOP THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WASHINGTON

- 29 federally recognized tribes
- Top apple producer
- 1050+ Wineries
- Over 75% of the country's hops are grown in the Yakima Valley
- 157 miles of Pacific Ocean coastline
- Year-round outdoor recreation
- 4000+ hikes
- Largest ferry fleet in the US
- 3 National Parks
- 3000+ alpine glaciers

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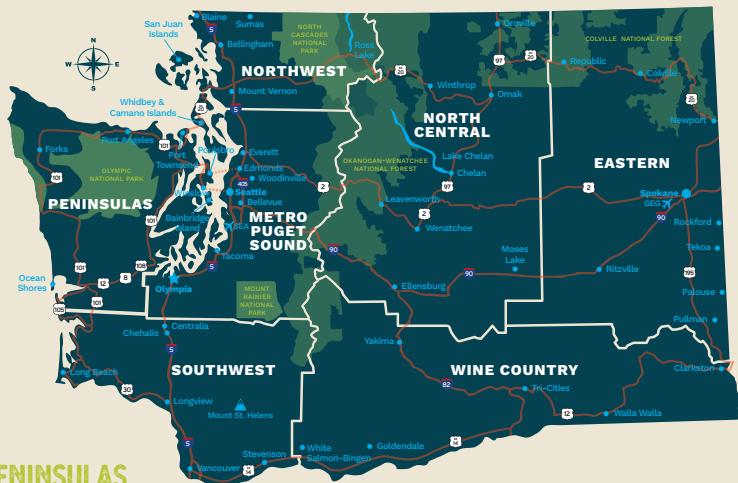
UNITED STATES

MEXICO

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WASHINGTON STATE REGIONS



PENINSULAS

The Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas are home to maritime communities and rich cultural and outdoor experiences, from hiking and sailing to stargazing. Discover Bainbridge Island's charming downtown, naval history in Bremerton, Victorian architecture in Port Townsend, and much more. The rugged beaches, mountains, and rain forests of Olympic National Park are also a drive away.

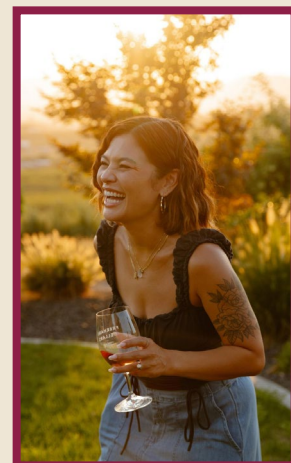


SOUTHWEST

Stretching from the Pacific Coast to the western Columbia River Gorge, this corner of the state features a mix of natural beauty, historic sites, and small-town charm. Enjoy Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and southern access to Mount Rainier, stroll the sandy beaches of the Long Beach Peninsula, or explore the vibrant Vancouver waterfront. Hikes, lighthouses, and fresh seafood are also in ample supply.

WINE COUNTRY

With sun-drenched days and more than 300 wineries, Washington's Wine Country offers a stunning setting for sipping award-winning wines straight from the source. Sample craft brews in the Yakima Valley (the nation's leading hops producer), dive into history and outdoor recreation in Tri-Cities, visit walkable tasting rooms in Walla Walla, or road trip to see Palouse Falls or tour Hells Canyon from Clarkston.



NORTHWEST

Discover Washington's largest islands—Whidbey and the San Juans— as well as the rich farmland of the Skagit Valley and western access to North Cascades National Park. Sample farm-to-table dining in Bellingham, drive along scenic byways, hit the trail for mountain biking and hiking, or stroll quiet beaches and watch for whales from Orcas and San Juan islands.



NORTH CENTRAL

Running along the eastern Cascade Mountains to the Canadian border, this region boasts sparkling lakes, vast forests, and vineyards producing world-class wines. Visitors can enjoy year-round recreation, from hiking and fishing to cross-country skiing. Stroll the Bavarian-style village of Leavenworth, sip wine along Lake Chelan, embrace solitude in Stehekin, or dive into cowboy culture in Winthrop and Ellensburg.

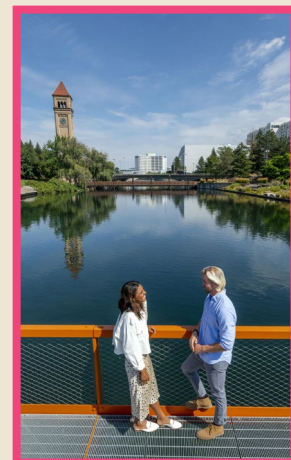
METRO PUGET SOUND

Home to Washington's urban core, the state capital, and the main international airport, this region blends vibrant city life with easy access to outdoor experiences. Explore Seattle's iconic attractions, discover Tacoma's museums and waterfront, learn about Everett's aviation history, or sip your way through Woodinville's wineries. Mount Rainier National Park is also easily reachable by car.



EASTERN

Home to Washington's second-largest city, Eastern Washington boasts millions of acres of protected forest land, ghost towns, outdoor recreation, and unique small communities. Experience ranch life or dig for fossils in Republic, take a gondola ride over the country's largest urban waterfall in Spokane, road trip through the rolling hills of the Palouse, or attend the National Lentil Festival in Pullman.



2026 WASHINGTON STATE EVENTS



FIFA World Cup 26™

Seattle will host six matches between June 15 and July 6, welcoming fans from around the world to experience this global sporting event.



America250

Celebrate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence with commemoration events across Washington State.

OFFICIAL 2026 PARTNER

JANUARY

Lake Chelan Winterfest

See live ice carving, fireworks, beach bonfires, local wine, and more.

Ellensburg Winterhop Brewfest

Try beer from WA breweries, live music, and shopping in downtown Ellensburg.

FEBRUARY

Red Wine & Chocolate Weekend

Sample local reds paired with special treats at Yakima Valley wineries.

Seattle Museum Month

Book a participating downtown hotel and get 50% off admission to 20+ local museums.

MARCH

Taste Washington

Try wine from 200+ WA wineries, attend educational seminars or food events, and more.

Winthrop Balloon Roundup

Dozens of hot air balloons take flight in the North Cascades over three days.

APRIL

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Take in iconic views of tulips and daffodils, art shows, street fairs, and more.

Seattle International Film Festival

Attend international and independent film screenings, programs, talks, youth camps, and more.

MAY

Penn Cove Water Festival

See exciting canoe races, Native art, storytelling, music and dance performances, and more.

Viking Fest

Celebrate Norwegian heritage in Poulsbo with a street fair, road races, strong-man competition, parade, and more.

JUNE

Seattle PrideFest

Celebrate love and diversity with entertainment, beer gardens, food vendors, and more.

Rhubarb Days

Visit this Summer festival featuring a pie-eating contest, Rhubarb bake-off, games, and music.

JULY

Festival of America

Celebrate Independence Day at the Grand Coulee Dam with fireworks and more festivities.

Sequim Lavender Weekend

See fields in bloom, pick your own lavender at local farms, and enjoy the Lavender Festival Street Fair.

AUGUST

National Lentil Festival

Eastern WA grows 25% of the lentils in the USA and celebrates with a street fair, parade, cooking demos, and more.

WA State Int'l Kite Festival

Experience world-class kite flying and competitions on the Long Beach Peninsula.

SEPTEMBER

Ellensburg Rodeo

WA State's biggest rodeo featuring a carnival, parade, and musical performances.

Port Townsend Film Festival

Enjoy an intimate film festival experience with a picturesque backdrop and the signature car parade.

OCTOBER

The Dungeness Crab Festival

Experience the Olympic Peninsula's seafood and maritime traditions with local dungeness crab.

Fresh Hop Ale Festival

Celebrate the harvest of 75% of the nation's hops with a Fresh Hop Ale competition, food, and live music in the Yakima Valley.

NOVEMBER

Seattle Christmas Market

Get into the holiday spirit at this European-inspired holiday market with seasonal food and drink, artisan booths, and live music

Tulalip Lights & Ice

Family-friendly holiday event with ice-skating, extravagant light displays, local vendors, and more.

DECEMBER

Village of Lights: Christmastown

See the Bavarian village of Leavenworth fully decorated in over half a million lights, take a sleigh ride, and more.

Fairhaven Winterfest

Visit Fairhaven for a holiday market, tree-lighting celebration, carriage rides, and more.

Washington State is home to THREE NATIONAL PARKS

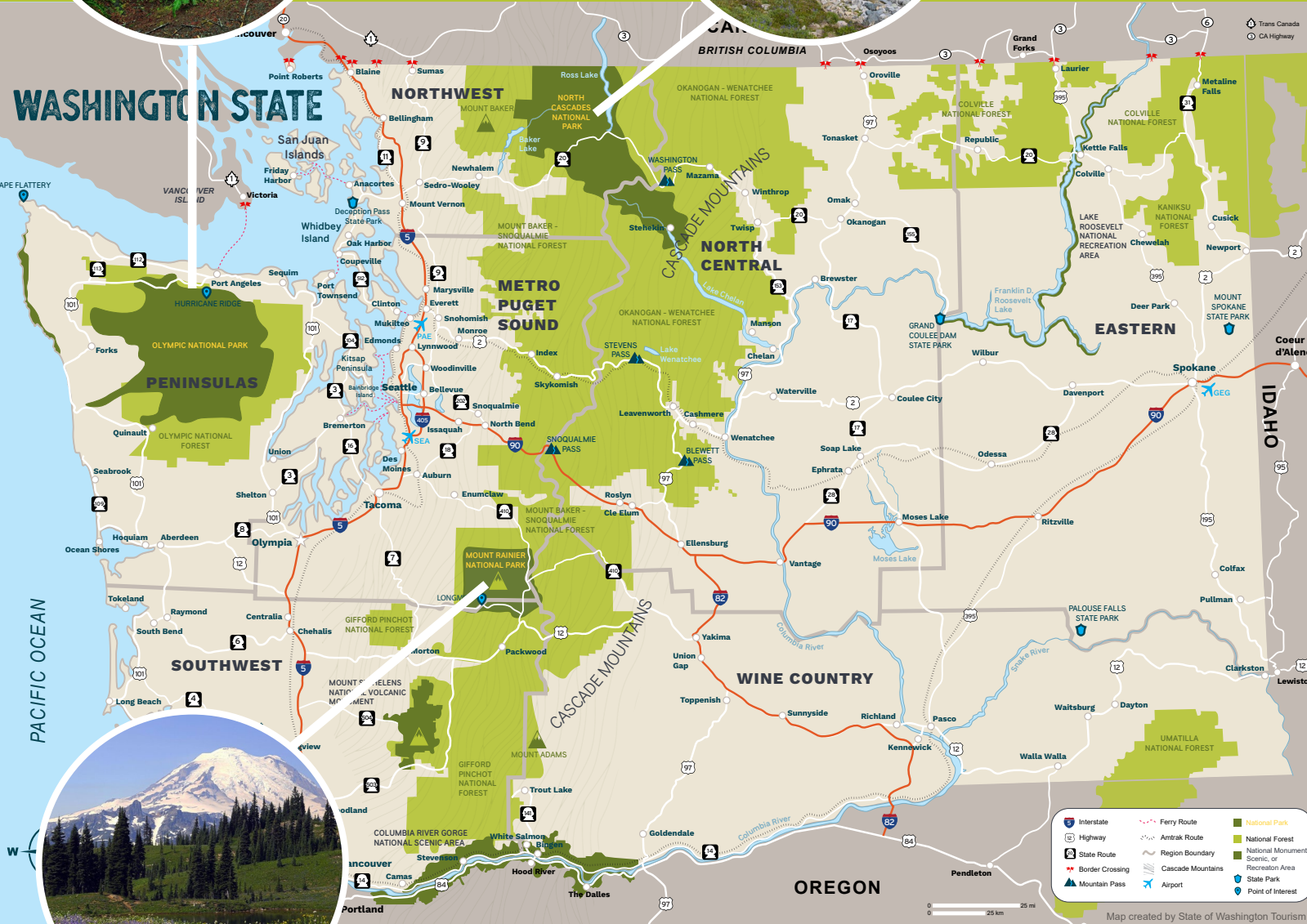
Whether you want to hike through alpine meadows, pitch a tent in the backcountry, watch for wildlife, or dip your toes in the ocean, you can do all that and more in Washington's diverse national parks.



OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

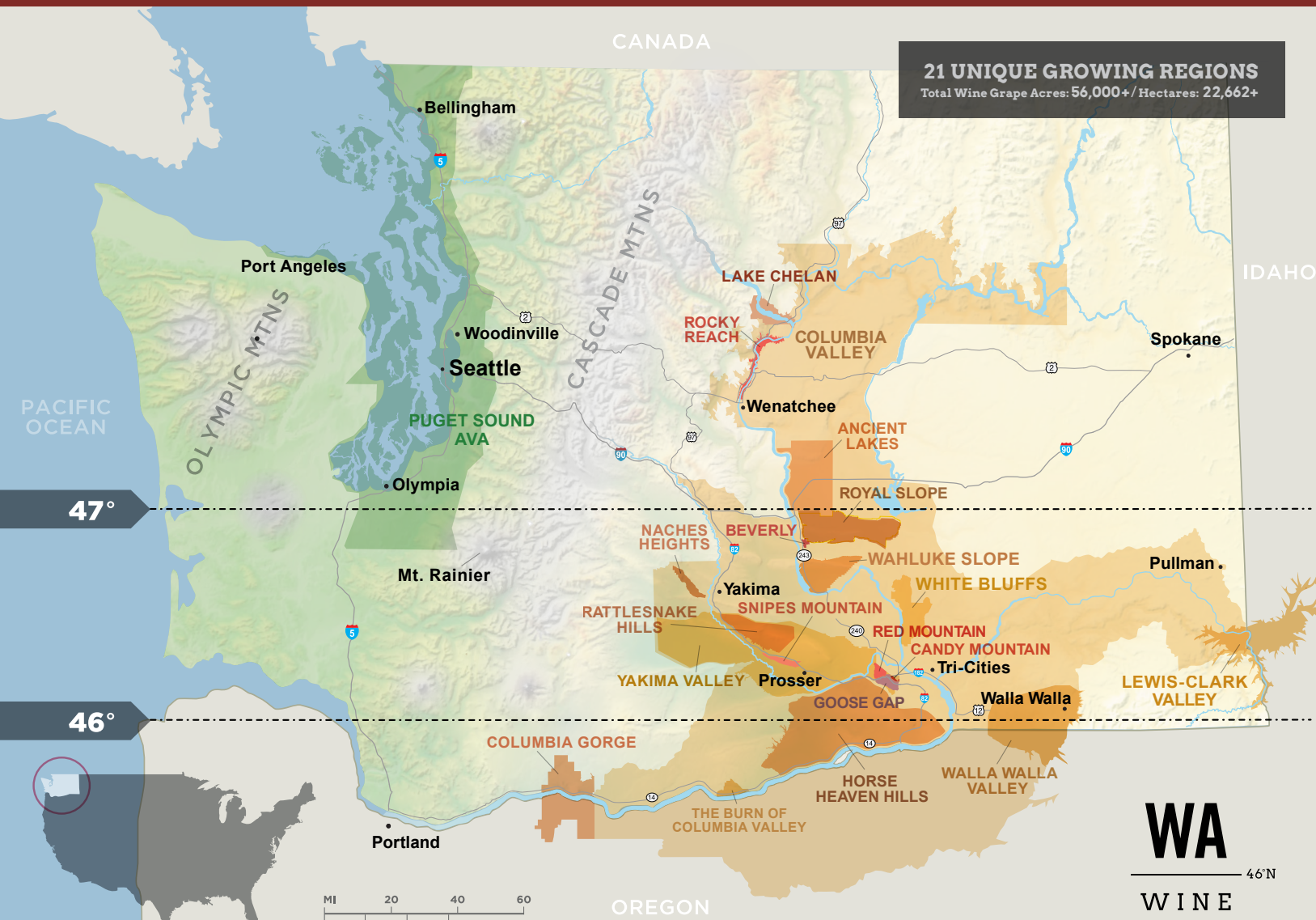


NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK



MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

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WASHINGTON WINE FACTS

2ND LARGEST WINE PRODUCER IN THE US

1,000+ LICENSED WINERIES

50,000+ WINE GRAPE ACREAGE

400 WINE GRAPE GROWERS

80+ VARIETIES PRODUCED

OVER 10 MILLION CASES OF WINE PRODUCED ANNUALLY

TOP FIVE VARIETIES: CABERNET
CHARDONNAY, RIESLING, MERLOT, & SYRAH

RECORD HARVEST, 2016: 727K TONS

AVERAGE OF 17 HOURS PER DAY OF SUMMER SUNLIGHT

6-8 INCHES OF ANNUAL RAINFALL IN THE COLUMBIA VALLEY

GROWING SEASON DIURNAL SHIFT: 30-40°F

WA WINE GROWING REGIONS SHARE PROXIMITY TO THE 46TH LATITUDE WITH GREAT EUROPEAN REGIONS SUCH AS BURGUNDY AND RHÔNE

GETTING HERE AND GETTING AROUND

BY AIR

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) is the ideal starting point for travel to the Pacific Northwest with more than 120 direct, non-stop flights each week from SEA to locations throughout Europe. Connect seamlessly to three conveniently located downtown cruise berths.

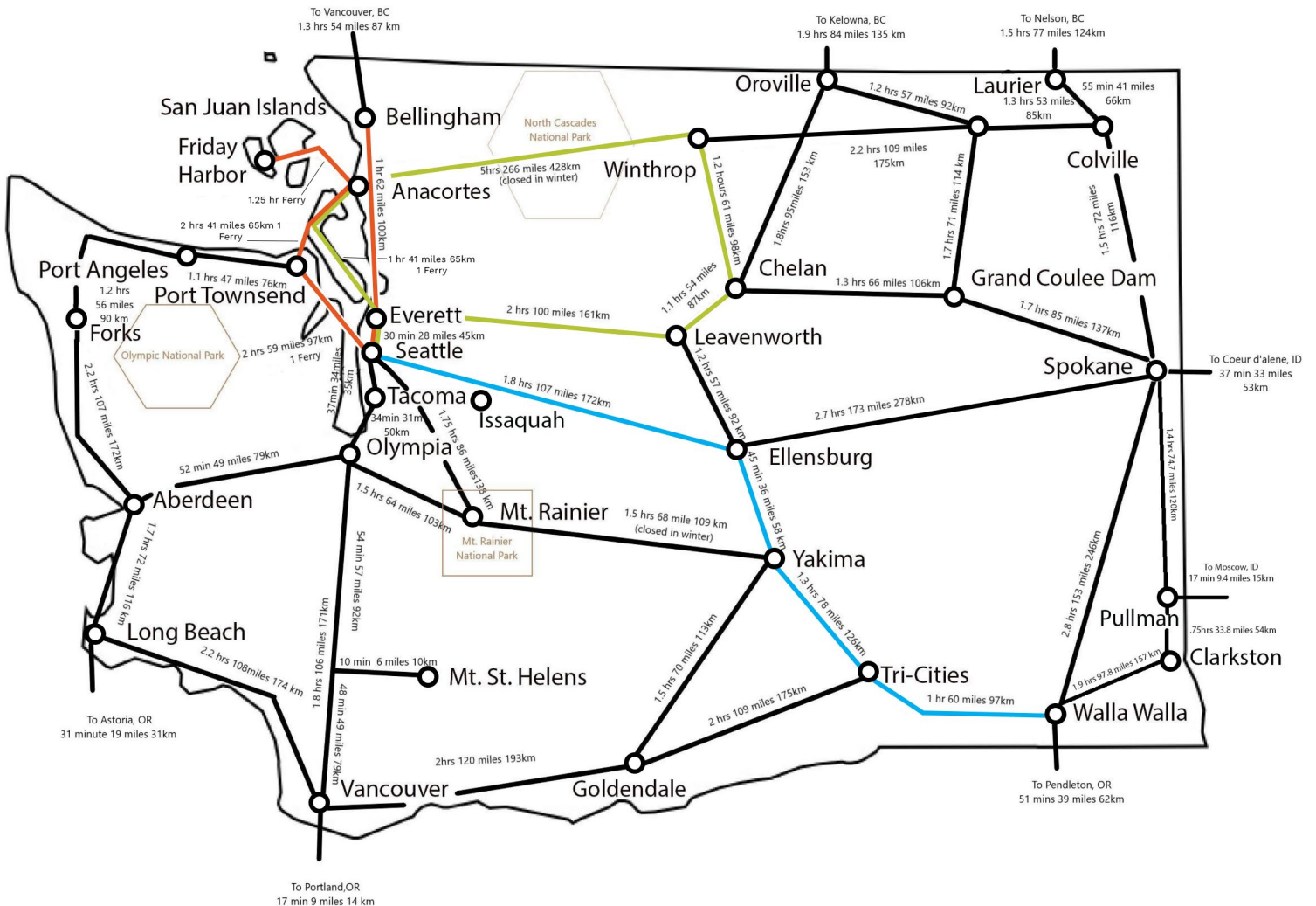
BY SEA

Washington boasts miles of coastline along the Pacific Ocean. Find ferry routes to the San Juan Islands and small communities of the Puget Sound. Port of Seattle cruise travelers can explore Washington and Alaska in one trip with nearly 280 round-trip sailings on 11 major cruise lines.

BY LAND

Travel north and south along 1-5 and 1-405 to discover big cities and small coastal towns, beaches, rain forests, and National Parks. Explore east and west via 1-90 or Highway 2 over the Cascade Mountains on scenic byways and visit wine country, hike trails, and more!

WASHINGTON STATE DRIVE TIMES



SEAPORT TOWNS ROAD TRIP

CASCADE LOOP ROAD TRIP

WINE COUNTRY ROAD TRIP



WASHINGTON STATE'S WATERWAYS & SEAPORT TOWNS ITINERARY

Explore the city of Seattle, picturesque waterfront towns, the San Juan Islands, spectacular scenery, and experiences like no other. Enjoy stunning water views, secluded beaches, quaint small towns, and moments that will take your breath away.

Kayak in orca whale territory in the San Juans, savor the flavor of the Salish sea, travel rugged shorelines, sail through waters rich with wildlife, traverse lush forests with ancient trees wearing beards of emerald green moss, and more. Immerse yourself in Washington State and create memories that will last a lifetime.



DAY ONE: SEATTLE TO BELLINGHAM

Explore Seattle by foot and have breakfast with a view at Pike Place Market. Take the Pike Street Hill Climb to the Seattle Waterfront and spend the rest of your morning at the Seattle Aquarium, then have lunch on the waterfront.



Go north towards Bellingham to Chuckanut Drive - one of the most scenic byways in the state. Stop and enjoy dinner at the Oyster Bar with a seasonally inspired menu, spectacular Puget Sound views, and an award-winning wine list.

DAY TWO: BELLINGHAM TO SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Start your morning exploring Bellingham Bay by kayak. Head to downtown for a variety of food and drink options within walking distance of shops, museums, and art galleries to explore after. Let the Bellingham Tap Trail guide you around the area while stopping at local tap rooms. After exploring Downtown Bellingham, drive north to Anacortes and catch the ferry to Friday Harbor. Stay at the historic resort at Roche Harbor. Browse through local shops or stroll through the marina before getting dinner.



DAY THREE: SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Start the day at Lime Kiln State Park and go hiking along rocky cliffs overlooking the Salish Sea, visit the historic Lime Kiln Lighthouse, and sit to watch for whales. Head back to Friday Harbor for lunch before spending the afternoon wine tasting at San Juan Vineyard.

DAY FOUR: WHIDBEY ISLAND AND PORT TOWNSEND

Take the ferry back to Anacortes and head south to take the Deception Pass Bridge over to Whidbey Island. Drive down to the tranquil shore of Penn Cove in Historic Coupeville. Have lunch, then wander through Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve along the Bluff Trail.

Take the Keystone Ferry to Port Townsend. Walk through this charming town to find Victorian architecture, a vibrant art scene, and locally caught seafood. Visit Fort Townsend State Park to explore beaches and hike through the enchanting forest. Stay at the Old Consulate Inn, a National Historic Landmark, and enjoy a three-course breakfast before heading out.

DAY FIVE: PORT TOWNSEND TO SEATTLE

Spend the morning on a whale watching tour, or head over the Hood Canal Bridge to Bainbridge Island and explore the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, or visit the Blodel Reserve, a botanical garden. Then hop on the ferry from Bainbridge Island back to Seattle.

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THE CASCADE LOOP SCENIC HIGHWAY ITINERARY

The Cascade Loop is a scenic driving tour that begins and ends 28 miles north of Seattle. In just over 400 miles, the Cascade Loop winds through the heart of Washington State, from the Puget Sound, over the Cascade Mountain Range, and down into the Columbia River Valley. It follows the Methow River Valley up through the North Cascades National Park before descending into the fertile tulip fields of the Skagit Valley. It crosses the dramatic Deception Pass Bridge and travels the length of Whidbey Island before completing the circle with a short ferry ride and driving back to Interstate 5 at Everett.



DAY 1: SEATTLE TO LEAVENWORTH

Head out of Seattle to Snohomish, The Antique Capital of the Northwest. Browse through over 450 antique dealers' treasure troves, then enjoy lunch. Stop at Wallace Falls for an afternoon hike through old-growth coniferous forests to the scenic and dramatic 265-foot waterfall.

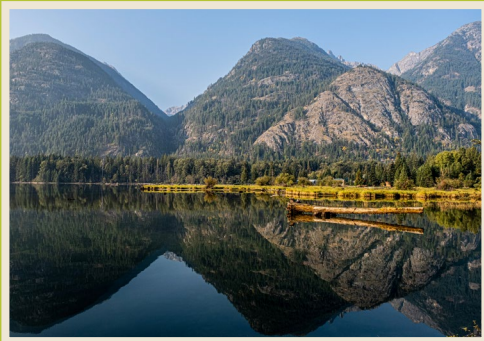


Leavenworth: Stroll the picturesque main street of this Bavarian village with its unique shops and galleries. Eat at one of the many authentic Bavarian restaurants, ride the Alpine Coaster, and attend one of the outdoor festivals Leavenworth hosts year-round.

DAY TWO: LEAVENWORTH TO CHELAN

Stop in Cashmere at an apple or pear orchard, visit the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village, or browse through Apple Annie Antiques.

Continue on to Wenatchee and spend a tranquil afternoon at Ohme Gardens, check out Pybus Market for local wine, gourmet gifts, and plenty of excellent restaurants, then stop at Rocky Reach Dam just 10 miles north.



DAY 3: CHELAN, TWISP, AND WINTHROP

The next stop is Chelan for the evening. Get out onto Lake Chelan, a 55-mile picturesque lake perfect for swimming, boating, and paddling, or go hiking in the nearby Cascade Mountains. After your outdoor adventure, head to Twisp to explore galleries featuring local artists.

Continue to the Old-West-inspired town of Winthrop. Take advantage of the dark skies in the Methow Valley and go stargazing during your evening here. Here you'll find plenty of outdoor recreation opportunities including mountain biking and hiking around the Methow Valley.

DAY 4: WINTHROP TO LA CONNER

On the way, stop at North Cascades National Park. There are plenty of ways to spend your time here, from hiking, climbing, and paddling to fishing, wildlife viewing, and more. Continue on to La Conner, a charming and picture-perfect community that offers art galleries, eateries, museums, and antique stores.

DAY 5: LA CONNER TO WHIDBEY ISLAND

Drive over the historical Deception Pass Bridge to Whidbey Island. Explore charming restaurants and shops in Old-Town Oak Harbor, spend time by the water at Double Bluff Beach, and walk through the quaint town of Langley before heading to Clinton to catch the 20-minute ferry to Mukilteo which puts you just north of Seattle.

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WASHINGTON WINE COUNTRY ITINERARY

Washington State is home to over 1000 wineries and 21 AVAs. Lining valleys east of the Cascade Mountains, Washington Wine Country grows 99% of the state's wine grapes. As the region has matured, new wineries have opened and Washington wines consistently garner international recognition. Just north of Seattle, the unique community of Woodinville has over 130 wineries. Here is an itinerary for exploring miles of family owned vineyards, wine tastings, and sampling new releases across the state.



DAY ONE: SEATTLE TO YAKIMA

Stop at Salish Lodge for a locally sourced lunch and admire Snoqualmie Falls, a spectacular 270-foot waterfall. Visit Thorp Fruit Stand just outside of Cle Elum to sample fresh, organic fruit and vegetables and browse their large selection of wine, desserts, and preserves.



Continue south to Wapato and take in the stunning views of the Yakima Valley during a wine tasting, or take a guided wine-tasting tour. In the evening Explore Downtown Yakima and experience Washington's rich agriculture through farm-to-table dining.

DAY TWO: YAKIMA TO TRI-CITIES

Head out to Red Mountain, Washington's smallest, and most premium wine-growing region. Red Mountain has received worldwide acclaim for its special territory. Tour wineries by horseback, learn about the wine-making process at Hedges Family Estate, or enjoy a relaxing experience overlooking the vineyards at Fidélitas.

Tri-Cities offers a thriving food and wine scene. Choose from various brewpubs, bistros, wine bars, and farm-to-table restaurants. Explore Downtown Richland, visit the Pasco Farmer's Market, or play golf at one of the seven beautiful courses in the area.



DAY THREE: TRI-CITIES TO WALLA WALLA

Make your way to the southeastern corner of Washington Wine Country to quaint Walla Walla. Beyond wine, learn from living history exhibits at historic Fort Walla Walla, explore downtown to find public art, or go cycling through rolling farmland and river valleys.

There are 3,000 acres of vineyards in the Walla Walla AVA, and downtown boasts over 45 tasting rooms. After wine-tasting, experience the dining scene celebrated for culinary excellence at one of the many intimate restaurants in Walla Walla.

DAY FOUR: WALLA WALLA TO SEATTLE

Take the scenic way back to Seattle by traveling north on the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway. Exit Interstate 82 to State Route 821 and take in the serene rolling green and golden landscapes of Yakima Canyon on your way back to Seattle or, continue your trip to Spokane and explore Eastern Washington, then fly back to Seattle from GEG.

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