

EXPLORE WASHINGTON STATE



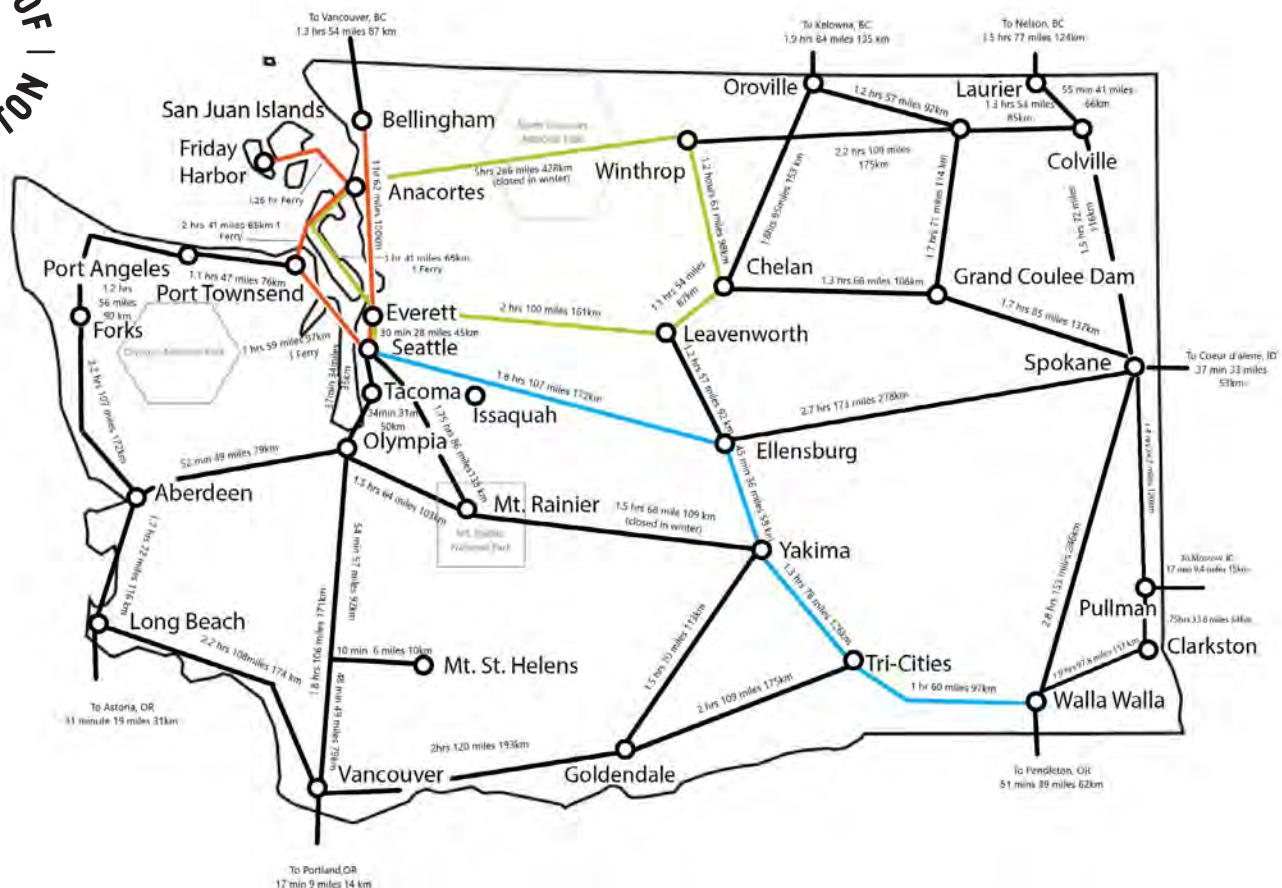
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State of Washington Tourism (SWT) is the official Destination Marketing and Management Organization for the State of Washington. Known as the Evergreen State, Washington has a diverse landscape. The west coast provides spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean with lush rainforests in Olympic National Park, towering mountains in North Cascades National Park and Mount Rainier National Park, and active maritime adventures and sustainable aquaculture in Puget Sound. The east side boasts an arid climate and the ideal terroir for growing fruit, wheat, hops and grapes. Washington State is the second largest wine producer in the USA. Travel along scenic byways from urban centers to rural communities that provide farm-to-table menus, vibrant art and culture, family-friendly museums, Native American heritage and lots of year-round outdoor adventures. [Find trip ideas here.](#)



WASHINGTON STATE DRIVE TIMES



Add these NEW routes to your itineraries:



SEAPORT TOWNS ROAD TRIP



CASCADE LOOP ROAD TRIP



WINE COUNTRY ROAD TRIP

Washington State is home to **THREE NATIONAL PARKS**

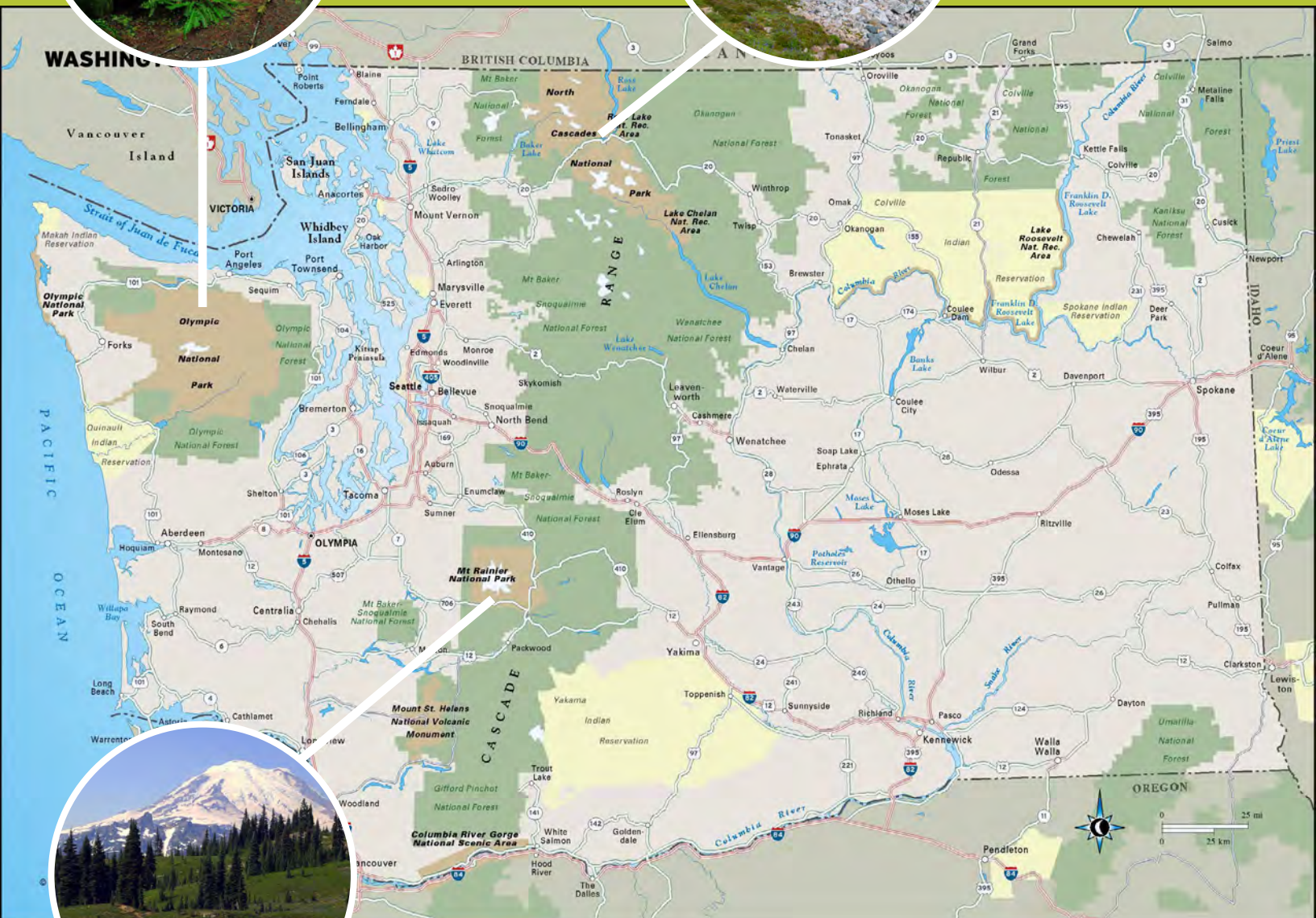
Whether you want to hike through alpine meadows, pitch a tent in the backcountry, watch for wildlife, or dip your toes in the ocean, you can do all that and more in Washington's diverse national parks.



**OLYMPIC
NATIONAL PARK**



**NORTH CASCADES
NATIONAL PARK**



MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK



WASHINGTON WINE FACTS

2ND LARGEST WINE PRODUCER IN THE US

1,050+ LICENSED WINERIES

60,000+ WINE GRAPE ACREAGE

400 WINE GRAPE GROWERS

80+ VARIETIES PRODUCED

OVER 17 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 BURGANDY AND RHONE



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.

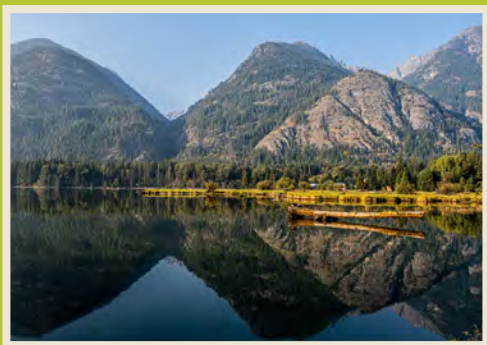


Leavenworth: Stroll the picturesque main street of this Bavarian village with its unique shops and galleries. Eat at one of the many authentic Bavarian restaurants, ride the Alpine Coaster, and attend one of the outdoor festivals Leavenworth hosts year-round.

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.

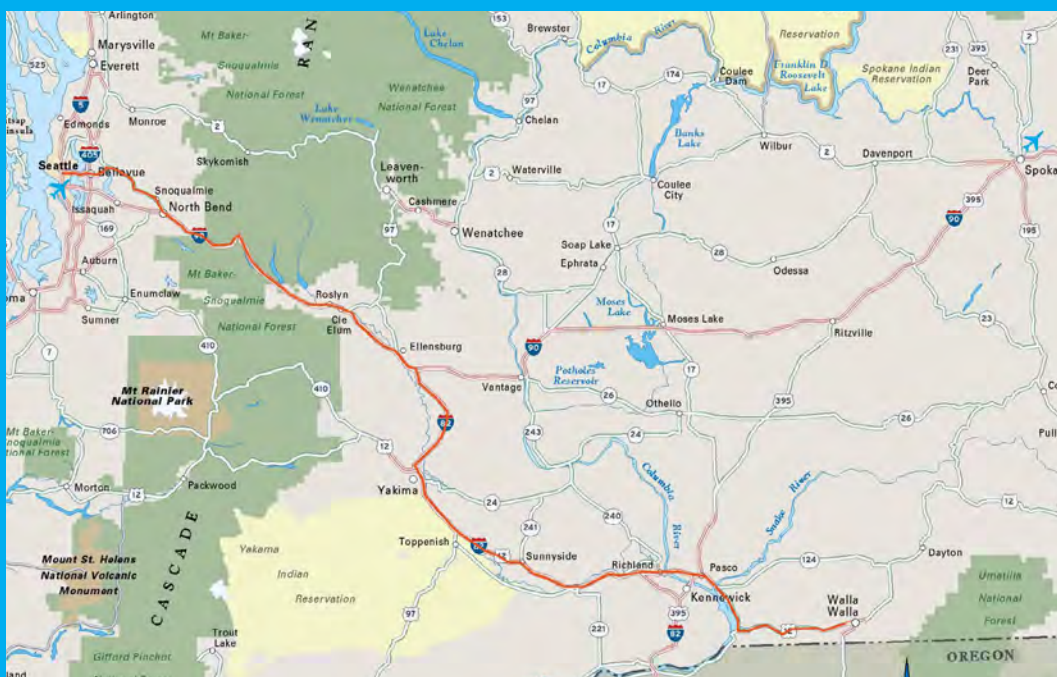
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WASHINGTON WINE COUNTRY ITINERARY

Washington State is home to over 1050 wineries and 20 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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