

Boise Basque Festival

T H E J A I A L D I

July 29th – August 2nd, 2020

The Basques are an ethnic group that primarily inhabits an area traditionally known as the Basque Country, a region that is located around the western end of the Pyrenees, on the coast of the Bay of Biscay, and straddles parts of north-eastern Spain and south-western France. *Boise...* Idaho's capital and home to the largest population of Basque people in the United States. Boise celebrates with a festival known as Jaialdi every 5 years. The celebration is based around the religious feast day of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, patron saint of the Basques, and founder of the Jesuit religious order.

Included:

- ⌘ Deluxe motor-coach transportation
- ⌘ Personal services from your OregonWest Tour Director
- ⌘ 4 nights lodging
- ⌘ 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- ⌘ All attractions as mentioned below
- ⌘ All gratuities included

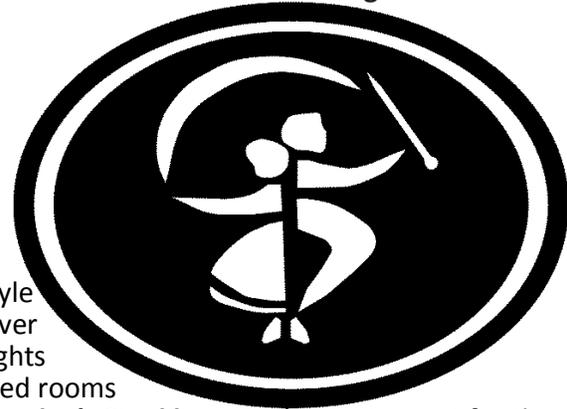
We'll make our way north to **Hood River**, where you will have some free time to sample some of the best in food and drink, from simple home style meals to gourmet offerings. We'll continue through the spectacular Columbia River Gorge to **The SAGE Center in Boardman**, an interactive visitor center that highlights sustainable agriculture and energy. You'll have time to get cozy in your oversized rooms at the **Oxford Suites in Pendleton**, before indulging in a wonderful dinner at **Hamley's Steakhouse**. It's a restaurant for the ages. Every square foot has been meticulously designed to embody the American Old West. You will be taken back in time as we experience the late eighteenth-century design and top-of-the-line craftsmanship.

After a scrumptious breakfast, we'll head to **Boise and our home for the next 2 nights, the Riverside inn**. You'll have time to rest up before a **scrumptious dinner and our first Basque Event - Sports Night!** Weight lifters from the Basque Country will test their strength by lifting cylinders weighing 250-400 lbs, and stone balls weighing 350 lbs. Woodchoppers will test their skills against each other and traditional farm sports competitors will throw hay bales, lift wagons and see who can carry milk cans the farthest.

This morning, we're off to view **the Birds of Prey...** The center's research facilities are designed to enhance the health, reproduction and reintroduction efforts of endangered species and to collect information about the general biology of raptors. They are currently helping endangered California Condors and Aplomado Falcons. The condors are released to the wild in northern Arizona; Aplomado Falcon chicks are released to the wild in Texas and New Mexico. After a short city tour, your afternoon is free to enjoy **Basque on the Block...** grab some food and drink and listen to strolling musicians with old and new friends. After dinner, we'll head to **another Basque event... Festa'ra** is a celebration of the traditional music and dance of the Basque Country, including performers from Euskadi and Boise's famous Oinkari Dancers. For over 50 years, the Oinkaris have been dancing at festivals and world fairs - even the Capitol building in Washington DC, building goodwill and attracting attention with their twirls and jumps in their traditional white, red and black costumes.

Today we'll enter the high desert of Central Oregon, with forests of ponderosa pine, winding rivers and lakes and mile after mile of sun-kissed earth. This is an outdoor lover's haven... the **mountain town of Bend**. Get cozy in the comforts of **the Double Tree just steps away from Old Town**, full of restaurants, shops, and galleries for you to peruse.

After breakfast, we're off to the world class **High Desert Museum**. There are many varied exhibits and always something new! Then visit the quaint **town of Sisters**, a perfect place to browse and have lunch before we head for home. Join us for one of our more unique tours, featuring a look at a **very unique culture!**



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A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by May 14th, 2020