

# The Cascade Loop

Scenic Byway

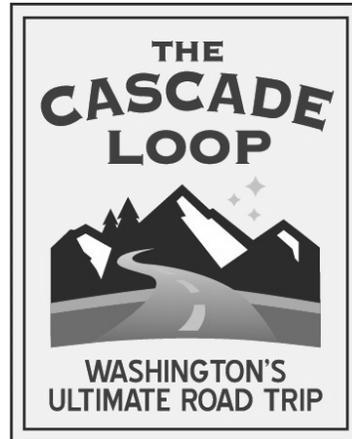
July 23rd – 27th, 2022

Few fully know the intense and rugged beauty of the North Cascades - jagged peaks, deep valleys, cascading waterfalls, and over 700 glaciers... It's a thrilling ride through the heart of Washington State. "The Loop" is 440 miles long, and is as diverse as it is magnificent!

## Included:

- ❖ Round trip motor coach transportation
- ❖ Personal services from your OregonWest Tour Director
- ❖ 5 nights deluxe lodging
- ❖ 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, including a Cowboy Cookout
- ❖ All attractions/tours as described below
- ❖ All gratuities

Our day kicks off with a spectacular drive through the Columbia Gorge. First stop, **Multnomah Falls**... it cascades more than 600-feet. According to Native American lore, Multnomah Falls was created to win the heart of a young princess who wanted a hidden place to bathe. Lunch is at a favorite - **Cousins in The Dalles**... featuring great home style cooking. We'll continue north to our home for the night the **Coast Hotel in quaint Wenatchee WA**... Enjoy a great dinner at the rooftop bar & grill on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor... featuring great food & views!



After breakfast we are off to **Rocky Reach Dam Visitors Center**... is designed to inspire and challenge students of all ages. Learn about Centrifugal and Centripetal Energy, Electromagnetic Spectrum, Center of Gravity, PSI and Hydrostatic Pressure, External and Internal Fish Anatomy, Columbia River History, Magnetic Energy and more! The spectacular scenery continues as we head towards one of the natural wonders in North America – **Dry Falls**... this 3.5-mile-wide chasm of basalt, drops 400 feet! It was left high and dry thousands of years ago, as the last of several Ice Age floods swept through Grand Coulee. It's one of the most extraordinary landscapes along the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. Enjoy the scenery of the **Methow River Valley Highway**... sheer canyon walls on one side and the Columbia River rushing past on the other. Our home for the next two nights is the **beautiful Sun Mountain Lodge**. The setting is breathtaking, the views are awe-inspiring, and the amenities are first class.

Today we'll head to one of our favorites... **the famous North Cascades Smokejumper Base**. It is the birthplace of Smoke jumping. The Forest Service began experimenting with smoke jumping in the fall of 1939. These early jumps showed that firefighters could safely parachute into rough mountains to tackle a fire before it got out of control. Today, almost 400 smokejumpers are stationed at nine locations in the US. You'll also have some **free time to explore Winthrop**... this fun town looks like the set of a Western movie: with false-front wooden buildings, hitching rails, and board sidewalks. Tonight enjoy a **wonderful dinner at the lodge!**

Our next day is full of beauty, history and adventure, as we head over the North Cascades where massive **Diablo Dam** and **emerald green Diablo Lake** await. We'll explore the remote Skagit River Gorge **on our Diablo Lake Adventure Cruise**... we'll hear about some of the area's natural history, biodiversity, and geology. You will also learn about the unique relationship between the environment and the three hydroelectric dams, which provide renewable power to the citizens of Seattle. Our home for the night is the **Tulalip Resort & Casino**... Your evening is free to try your luck or wander the beautiful grounds.

After breakfast at the resort, we'll make our way home with a few stops on the way including a **delicious lunch**. Join us for one of our **most scenic tours** as we **loop our way** through the gorgeous East Cascade Mountains.



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