



Carved by Time: Hells Canyon, Painted Hills & Crater Lake

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Beamer's Hells Canyon Jet Boat Adventure (this is the least wild tour and will be a nice calm trip)
- Stay at the Historic Marcus Whitman Hotel
- Overnight at the Geiser Grand Hotel
- Painted Hills & John Day Fossil Beds
- Two Nights in Bend
- Private evening event at the Sun River Observatory
- Crater Lake National Park
- Great Community of Travelers

PER PERSON PRICING

\$3850 Double Occupancy

\$4699 Single Occupancy

\$250 Deposit to Secure Booking Reservation
Final Payment Due may 26, 2026

Trip Insurance is Highly Recommended

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Day 1 – Sunday, August 9 | Travel to Walla Walla

We begin our journey with morning pickups across the Willamette Valley before heading east through the beautiful Blue Mountains. A lunch stop in Pendleton gives us time to stretch and relax before arriving in historic **Walla Walla** mid-afternoon. After checking into the elegant **Marcus Whitman Hotel**, enjoy time to unwind or explore the charming downtown area. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner at The Marc, located right in the hotel — the perfect start to our adventure. (L,D)

Day 2 – Monday, August 10 | Walla Walla to Clarkston

After breakfast, we dive into the rich frontier history of southeastern Washington with a visit to the **Fort Walla Walla Museum**. Following a group lunch in town, we continue our scenic drive along the Snake River to **Clarkston**. We check in for a relaxing two-night stay and enjoy dinner nearby this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 3 – Tuesday, August 11 | Hells Canyon Jet Boat Adventure

Today is a highlight of the tour. We board Beamer's jet boats for a thrilling yet comfortable ride into **Hells Canyon**, the deepest river gorge in North America. Along the way, learn about the region's geology, wildlife, and Nez Perce history while enjoying spectacular canyon scenery. Lunch is included during the excursion. We return to Clarkston in the afternoon and enjoy a relaxed group dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 4 – Wednesday, August 12 | Clarkston to Baker City

This morning we head south into Oregon, traveling through changing landscapes of river valleys and high desert. After a lunch stop along the way, we arrive in **Baker City** and check into the beautifully restored **Geiser Grand Hotel**. Dinner is included at the hotel's classic dining room, followed by a free evening to enjoy this historic downtown. (B,L,D)

Day 5 – Thursday, August 13 | Painted Hills, John Day Fossil Beds & Bend

We depart Baker City with boxed lunches in hand and journey into Oregon's geologic past. Our first stop is the **Thomas Condon Paleontology Center**, followed by photo stops and short walks at the stunning **Painted Hills**. This afternoon we continue west to **Bend**, checking into the **Riverhouse on the Deschutes**. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 6 – Friday, August 14 | Bend, High Desert & Night Skies

This morning we visit the **High Desert Museum**, one of the region's premier cultural attractions, blending natural history, wildlife, and Western heritage. Lunch and free time follow in Bend's Old Mill District before returning to the hotel for rest. This evening, we head to Sunriver for dinner, then enjoy a memorable nighttime experience at the **Sunriver Observatory**, where powerful telescopes and expert guides bring the night sky to life. (B,D)

Day 7 – Saturday, August 15 | Crater Lake & Grants Pass

We depart Bend this morning for one of Oregon's most iconic landscapes: **Crater Lake National Park**. Spend time at Rim Village and scenic overlooks, taking in the incredible views of the deepest lake in the United States. This afternoon, we continue south to **Grants Pass**, where we check into **The Lodge at Riverside**. A farewell dinner this evening brings our journey together. (B,D)

Day 8 – Sunday, August 16 | Return Home

After breakfast, we begin our return trip north with lunch and comfort stops along the way. We arrive back at our original pickup locations in the evening, bringing home wonderful memories of river canyons, high desert landscapes, and Oregon icons. (B,D)