

Exploration Tours

**Skagit's Blooming
Brunch Feb 23rd**



Winter 2025 & Beyond **SMALL GROUP TRAVEL...** bringing people together for the journey

**Sunny Southern California
February 20th-25th**

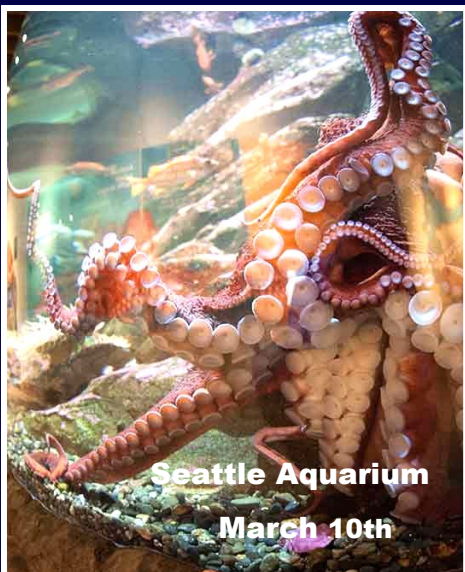


Hamilton The Musical

Mar 2nd



**Seattle Aquarium
March 10th**



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Pick Up Locations

Put an Exploration brochure on the dash of your vehicle at each location.

TAC Timberland Bank at Bass Pro
Park at the south end of Timberland Bank facing in the last row of parking facing the drive through. Monitored by security.

OLY Coast Farm Store (shopko)
Park at the far southend of the lot near the Chinese Buffet. Under the parking lot light

TUM Safeway Tumwater
Old Albertson's on Trosper Rd. Park between store and Timberland bank. You car should be facing the Auto Parts store.

GRA Grand Mound
Sinclair Station (was Shell) at exit 88. Park behind the station on the west end near Arby's and get a parking permit from driver.

CEN Outlet Mall Behind Arby's
Starting in 2025, Centralia Outlets will be offered on Southbound Tours only. For Northbound tours, please pick Grand Mound as location. **Groups of six or more** can request a Northbound pickup.

KEL Three Rivers Mall
Park in the Penny's lot at the upper west end facing Safeway and Starbucks. This pick up is offered on Southbound tours and with 10 or more going Northbound.

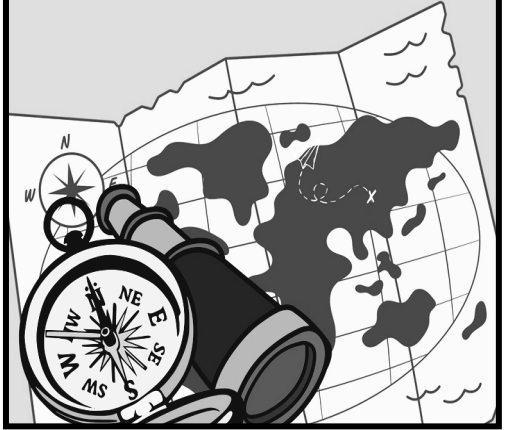
Elma Grocery Outlet
Offered on select tours and by special request. Get a permit from the driver.

Parking for Extended Tours
We highly suggest that for tours 3 nights or longer, that you have someone drop you off at your pick up location or pick up and return your car for you while you are gone.

Parking is provided as a courtesy of Exploration and our business partners. You are parking at your own risk. Please support these businesses as a thank you for their generosity.



EXPLORERS CLUB



Join the "NEW" Explorers Club for Frequent Travelers... Save and Travel More!

We are now taking 2025 registrations for the **NEW** Explorers Club. Designed for our frequent travelers, **not required to travel with us**, it comes with exclusive member benefits! Enjoy a year additional savings, member only adventures and exclusive last minute travel opportunities with big discounts. Just taking advantage of a couple of these special travel opportunities during next year and you'll receive back more then your **\$149** fee.

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Complimentary blue and white personalized magnetic **name badge**

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Exclusive departures throughout the year for members only

First offer on specially priced travel to **new destinations** to get customer feedback before selling to the public

Buy new company logo wear and items at cost and your 2026 renewal for only \$100 **Join now to get a full year of benefits, book online or call us.**

Rockin' the 60s at the Portland Art Museum... Posters, Fashion & Paul McCartney



January 19th, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Average Oregon

Includes: Transportation, Retro Lunch and Admission

Get your groove on and join us on this blast to the past at The Portland Art Museum. These two special exhibit showcases iconic music memorabilia from the '60s, more than 200 posters and 20 eclectic vintage fashion styles. Plus this is the final day of the recently rediscovered photographs from Paul McCartney's personal archive, featuring more than 250 pictures that provide an intimate look at The Beatles' meteoric rise from British sensation to international stardom. McCartney's perspective from the inside out brings fresh insight into the band, their experiences, the fans, and the Beatlemania phenomenon. We have a fun retro lunch to get you in the mood before the exhibit. Tac: 8:30am Oly: 9:00am Tum: 9:20am Gra: 9:40am Cen: 10:00am Kel: 11:00am

A Murder Mystery Dinner Show,,, Now Playing in Seattle!

January 25th, 2025

\$198.00

Activity Rating: Easy King County

Includes: Transportation, Show & Dinner

Join us for an event that is very different from a traditional murder mystery dinner show. Solve a hilarious mystery while you feast on a fantastic dinner. Just beware! The culprit is hiding in plain sight somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a Prime Suspect before you know it! The actors are not dressed in costume and are hidden in the audience! This results in a fun, social and interactive evening. Your ticket includes the show, along with a full plated dinner, waitstaff gratuity, and plenty of surprises. Show starts at 6:00pm with early return home. Gra: 3:20pm Tum: 3:40pm Oly: 4:00pm Tac: 4:30pm



We accept all major credit cards.



"Hairspray" The 60s Broadway Musical

January 26th, 2025

\$169.00

Activity Rating: Easy Oregon

Includes: Transportation, 2:00pm Show Tickets and On the Go Lunch

The 1950s are out, and change is in the air! Hairspray, winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, is a family-friendly musical, piled bouffant-high with laughter, romance and deliriously tuneful songs. It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen, Tracy Turnblad, has only one desire – to dance on the popular "Corny Collins Show." When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob, Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network... all without denting her 'do! This is presented by the professional cast of Stumptown Stages in the intimate Winningstad Theatre, part of the Portland Five group. On this winter departure we will leave later in the day and serve an on the go lunch going to the show and dessert on the return, keeping the hours of tour operation shorter.



Tac: 9:30am Oly: 10:00am Tum: 10:20am Gra: 10:40am Cen: 11:00am Kel: 12:00pm

Stillaguamish Eagle Festival with Rockport Eagle Viewing

February 1st, 2025

\$98.00

Activity Rating: Average Skagit County

Includes: Transportation, Guided Tour



Arlington hosts an annual Eagle Festival. The festival includes an art and

photography show, live music, wagon rides, and many food and craft vendors. A chainsaw carving show featuring carvers from all over the NW will also be showcased. Continue with a scenic drive to the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport. This offers opportunities to better understand the Skagit River ecosystem with an emphasis on the winter migration of bald eagles, salmon, and the vital role each play in our environment. A guide will join us for a walk along the river to spot eagles in their natural habitat. Gra: 7:20am Tum: 7:40am Oly: 8:00am Tac: 8:30am

4 "Charlies Aunt" a Comic Farce

February 2nd, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Easy Lewis County

Includes: Transportation, 2:00pm Show and Light Lunch

Jack loves Kitty, and Charley loves Amy. They invite the ladies to meet Charley's wealthy aunt from Brazil, "you know, where the nuts come from". Cancelling her visit at the last minute, the millionaire aunt sends the boys into cataclysmic confusion. What do they do now? The problem is solved by drafting



their feckless Oxford undergrad pal into a black satin skirt, bloomers, and wig. As "Charley's Aunt", this charming frump is introduced to the ladies, but when the real aunt turns up, classic comic confusion ensues. Light lunch before the show, the show. Tac: 10:00am Oly: 10:30am Tum: 10:50am Gra: 11:10am

Valentines Sun Break in LAS VEGAS & LAUGHLIN...

Crystal Gayle in Concert

February 9th-15th, 2025

\$1198.00 ppdo

Activity Rating: Easy/Average Nevada/Arizona

Includes: Transportation, Transfers to the Airport From Select Locations, Roundtrip Non-Stop Group Flight on Alaska Airlines, Company Owned Transportation During Tour, 3 Nights Las Vegas Casino Resort Hotel,

2 Nights Laughlin Riverfront Rooms at Riverside, 1 Night Phoenix Area, One Evening Show in Las Vegas, "Crystal Gayle" LIVE in Laughlin, Boulder City Sightseeing, Western Town of Oatman, Home of the Famous Wild Burros, Colorado River Cruise to Topock Gorge, a miniature Grand Canyon with colorful, steep walls and abundant wild-life. Get Your Kicks on Route 66, Fun in the Sun with Temps in 70s, Singles Add \$349

Arrive late afternoon to Vegas and check in for a three night stay. You'll be close to all the action on the strip with easy access to the Monorail and shuttle to Freemont. The first night and day, your free to go explore, game or relax. One day we will take you out for an inclusive day tour and an evening show. Continue to more gaming fun in Laughlin overlooking the Colorado River. Enjoy loose slots and a more relax atmosphere. Each day we include exciting day tours and nights are free. Tickets are included for the Cystal Gayle concert at the Riverside showroom. Return home from Phoenix or continue on our trip to Tucson. Cen: 7:30am Gra: 7:50am Tum: 8:10am Oly: 8:30am Tac: 9:00am



Side by Side Symphony Concert at Benaroya Concert Hall

February 13th, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Easy King County

Includes: Transportation, Show Tickets, and Early Dinner

Need a little romance in your life this Valentine's? We put this charming little package together just for you! Start with an early Italian dinner before taking your seats at Benaroya Hall for a special 7:00 p.m. show. Witness the joy and power of music as the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra performs side-by-side with the Seattle Symphony at Benaroya Hall during this one-hour, no-intermission show and an earlier return home. Gra: 2:50pm Tum: 3:10pm Oly: 3:30pm Tac: 4:00pm

Valentine's Chocolate Factory Tour, Culinary Room Lunch & Candy Outlet

February 14th, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Average/Easy King County

Includes: Transportation, Factory Tour and Lunch

Who does not love to treat themselves on Valentine's day? Experience everything sweet at the Seattle Chocolate Factory and flagship store. During your hour-long interactive guided experience at Seattle Chocolate, you'll learn the history and origins of chocolate, how their chocolate is sourced, and taste their signature smooth chocolate throughout your journey. Plus, you'll get a bird's eye view of the inside of the 60,000 sf factory from a hot pink mezzanine and see how their chocolate truffles and truffle bars are made. Discover the history and untold stories of the woman-owned company, and learn how they invent new flavors. Find savory delights with lunch produced by culinary school students with choices like seared scallops, NY strip steak, and Shrimp Louie. Don't miss stopping at the school's bakery before heading off to Brown and Haley Outlet in Fife! The tour is limited to 16, so secure your space early as last year was a sellout! Gra: 7:50am Tum: 8:10am Oly: 8:30am Tac: 9:00am

5 Valentines Sleigh Ride with Leavenworth Village of Lights

February 14th, 2025

\$139.00

Activity Rating: Easy Chelan County

Includes: Transportation, Free Time in the Village & Sleigh Ride

Snuggle up for a sleigh ride in the mountains. You'll ride in a horse-drawn sleigh through the woods and along the river. We will provide snack packs for a light lunch as we travel over the snowy mountain pass. You'll have time to explore the Bavarian Village of Leavenworth afterward and stay long enough to see it aglow during their Bavarian Village of Lights celebration (*the town lights stay up until the end of February*). All the quaint shops, wine-tasting rooms, and cafes will be waiting to welcome you inside without the December holiday crowds. On the return ride home over the mountains, we will serve a hot beverage and cookies. We plan to take beautiful Hwy 2 over and I-90 back, subject to road conditions. Gra: 8:20am Tum: 8:40am Oly: 9:00am Tac: 9:30am

Dungeness Crab and Oyster Feed on Puget Island

February 15th, 2025

\$139.00

Activity Rating: Easy Wahkiakum County

Includes: Transportation, Special Reserved Seating for 3:00 pm Meal

Travel to charming Puget Island, sitting along the Columbia River, to enjoy this day of feasting and fun that only happens once a year. We have special reserved seating at round tables of "8" and even an Oyster shelling host, giving you the best possible experience. Crab and oysters are gathered fresh from local waters. Classic side dishes are added to the meal. Bring your seafood-cracking tools and condiments. Each table comes with a bottle of wine. They will also sell beer, soft beverages, and homemade desserts. Our reserved dinner seating is at 3:00 pm at the beautiful Columbia River Ranch event center. Tac: 11:30am Oly: 12:00pm Tum: 12:20pm Gra: 12:40pm Che: 1:00pm Kel: 1:40pm

Southern Arizona Treasures... Senora Desert Museum, Caverns & Tombstone

February 15th-February 20th, 2025

\$1298.00 ppdo singles add \$498

Average Daytime Temps 60's and Sunny



Highlights Includes:

Roundtrip Non-stop Air on Alaska
Transfers from Select Locations to Airport,
5 Nights Hotel... Tucson, Gila Bend, Indio,
and Pre departure Stay in Portland
Queen Creek Olive Mill Tour
Casa Grande Ruins
Old West History in Tombstone
Go Underground at Katchner Caverns
Senora Desert Botanical Garden
Historic San Xavier del Bac Mission
Quartzsite Winter Market
Desert Wagon Ride & BBQ Dinner Show
6 Meals, Exploration Tour Manager

Day 1-2 Fly to Phoenix, Casa Grande Ruins and Queen Creek Olive Farm

Late morning non stop flight on Alaska Air to Phoenix. Travel on our bus to Casa Grande Casa Grande Ruins for a narrated Ranger talk. Check in for a two night stay in Tucson. This evening take a seat at the Gaslight Theater for a hilarious evening of on stage comedy. There are options for a light dinner, cocktails and their famous ice cream creations.

Day 3 Tombstone, Katchner Caverns

Begin the day underground at Katchner Caverns on a Ranger led tour. This massive limestone cavern was discovered in 1974 but kept a secret. It has one of the world's longest soda straw stalactites. Then venture back to the days of the Old West in Tombstone, home to legends like Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday. Belly up to the Bar at Big Nose Kate's Saloon, and experience the excitement at the reenactment of the gunfight at the OK Corral! (B)



Day 4 Desert Botanical Garden, Gaslight Theater and San Xavier del Bac Mission

Our first stop will be at the Mission at San Xavier del Bac where you will see the detail and wonderful architecture of the church, built 100's of years ago. Continue to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, it will turn your idea of a museum inside out. It is an unforgettable fusion zoo, botanical garden and natural history museum. Highlights include the Hummingbird Aviary, Warden Aquarium and Earth Sciences Center and live animal presentations that showcase a variety of desert animals For native flora and fauna, there's no better place for spectacular photos. Continue towards Yuma and check in for an overnight stay on the way. (B,L)

Day 5 Quartzsite Winter Market , Shield's Date Farm and Wagon Ride Dinner Show

As the winter months unfurl, the desert town of Quartzsite, transforms into a bustling hub of outdoor markets. Arrive early and explore the maze of stalls and vibrant atmosphere of this seasonal scene. It began as a way for early settlers to trade and auction goods. Today, they are a hub for collectors and history enthusiasts and offer interesting conversation and people watching. Continue to Shield's Date Farm, where we will host one of their famous Date Shakes. Check into our hotel before experiencing a desert adventure like our pioneer ancestors did, on a mule-drawn Covered Wagon! Explore the rugged canyon landscapes of the San Andreas Fault. Finish with a BBQ and live music under the moon and stars. (B,D)

Day 6 Return Flight Home

Check out after an early breakfast and head to the Ontario for our early afternoon flight back to Sea-Tac, landing at 3:00pm. (B)

Agatha Christie's "Spider's Web" ... a Murder Mystery

February 16th, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Average Kitsap County

Includes: Transportation, Lunch and 2:30pm Show Tickets

In Agatha Christie's Spider's Web, the charming and imaginative Clarissa Hailsham-Brown finds herself in a real-life mystery when a dead body turns up in her drawing room. As the wife of a diplomat, she's used to spinning tales of adventure, but this time, she must navigate the chaos of a murder investigation while



trying to keep her household in order. With the help of her quirky guests and the arrival of the wry Inspector Lord, hilarity ensues as they at-

tempt to dispose of the body before her husband returns with an important politician. This delightful comedy-thriller is filled with suspense, hidden doorways, secret drawers, and Christie's signature blend of tension and humor. On the Go Lunch Boxes included. Gra: 11:50am Tum: 12:10pm Oly: 12:30pm Tac: 1:00pm

7 NW Flower and Garden Show... 20 Indoor Display Gardens

February 19th, 2025

\$109.00

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Admission, and 5 Hours at the Show



Join us as we celebrate Spring Dreamin' with over 20 display gardens, educational seminars with guest speakers, and thousands of treasures in the garden marketplace. The Northwest Flower & Garden Festival is the best annual event to gather ideas and inspiration for your beautiful living spaces. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting to dig in the dirt, there's something for everyone! We have lots of room under the bus to bring home all your purchases, and there are food options inside the show and just outside the doors, Elma: 7:50am Gra: 8:20am Tum: 8:40am Oly: 9:00am Tac 9:30am

Oregon Coast Hwy 101 Quilt Shop Hop with Latimer Quilt & Textile Center

February 20th-21st, 2025

\$259.00 ppdo

Activity Rating: Average Oregon

Includes: Transportation, 1 Night Waterfront Hotel, Exclusive "Bed Turning" event at Latimer Quilt Museum and Oregon Coast Quilt Shop Hop, singles add \$69.00



This is a nice break from the winter while enjoying colorful quilt shops along the Oregon Coast. February can be a beautiful time of year to travel along scenic hwy 101. We have frequently had lovely clear days that can be surprisingly warm on our past tours. Sometimes, stormier weather has rolled in that show off the crashing ocean waves. This tour includes The Latimer Quilt & Textile Center in Lincoln City. It is a vibrant, living, working museum whose mission is to preserve, promote, display, and facilitate the creation of and provide education about the textile arts. Our visit includes an private group experience called ""Bed Turning" where quilts are placed on top of each other on a bed and then turned back one by one while stories are told about each quilt. The stories can include the history of the quilt, the images used, and the fabrics and materials used to make it. On the way, visit Quilt Shops in Astoria and Cannon Beach. On the return, make additional quilt shop stops in Newport and McMinnville. Not a quilter, but want to come along. Just spend your time exploring the small town shops and attractions along the way. Tac: 8:00am Oly: 8:30am Tum: 8:50am Gra: 9:10am Cen: 9:30am Kel: 10:30am

San Diego with World Famous Zoo...

Hop On Hop Off Trolley, Old Town and Missions

February 19th-25th, 2025

\$1298.00 ppdo singles add \$498

Hop on Hop Off Trolley gives you the option to explore at your own pace. With 11 stops including Balboa Park and Seaport Village.



Highlights Includes:

Roundtrip Non-stop Air on Alaska
Transfers from Select Locations to Airports
1 Pre-night Stay Before Early Flight
5 Nights San Diego Old Town Hotel
(only unpack once),
Charming Temecula, California Missions
Ride the Amtrak's Scenic Surfliner Train
Tickets and Transfers to San Diego Zoo
Two-Day Hop On Hop Off Trolley Pass
Experience Mexico in Old Town
Hot and Cold Breakfast Buffet Daily

If you want to do more, purchase a San Diego City Pass from their website. It gives you access to over 60 Attractions via a phone app. There is more information online at <https://gocity.com/en/san-diego>

Day 1 Check Into Hotel for Pre-Flight Stay, Get to Know Fellow Explorers

You'll enjoy an overnight stay before your morning flight. Your Tour Manager will meet with group this evening. (S)

Day 2 Early Flight to California, Temecula Wine Country, Old Mission

Board our early non stop flight on Alaska Airlines to Ontario. We will arrive at 11:30am and our company coach will be waiting at the airport. It's just a short drive to the charming village of Temecula. Nestled in 3,000 acres of picturesque wine country, the Old Town district here blends historic buildings with antique dealers, unique shopping, tasting rooms and restaurants. Take a tour of the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. It was the second Franciscan founded mission, on July 16, 1769. Check into your hotel for a 5 Night



stay. Unpack once and relax. (B)

Day 3 Amtrak Surfliner to San Juan Capistrano, San Diego Zoo Safari

Take a ride Amtrak's famous Pacific Surfliner to San Juan Capistrano. The train offers a gateway to California's stunning coastal landscapes. Spend part of the day shopping, dining and visiting another one of the historic California Missions. On our return we'll take a peak to see if the 50 acres of colorful ranunculus are in bloom as we pass Carlsbad. B

Day 4 San Diego Zoo

Visit the world-famous San Diego Zoo, home to over 4,500 rare and endangered animals, and experience their worlds at the Polar Bear Plunge, Elephant Odyssey, and other areas. The 100-acre San Diego Zoo is known for its naturalistic habitats and unique animal encounters. Our bus will drop and pick you at the front entrance. There is a guided bus tour and Skyfari aerial tram to help you get around, plus scooters you can rent for \$55.00. (B)

Day 5/6 San Diego Hop On Hop Off Trolley with City Pass Option

The next two days are yours to explore with a Hop On Hop Off Trolley Pass. It goes to 11 destinations Like Balboa Park, and Seaport Village. If you can load an app on your phone and want to do as much as possible, check out purchasing a Go City Pass allowing you entrance to 60 different San Diego attractions, such as SeaWorld and the USS Midway Museum. Plus guided walking tours and bay cruises. In the evenings spend time in Old Town San Diego, It is full of the sights, sounds and tastes of Mexico. B each day

Day 7 Return Flight Home

Catch your early afternoon flight back to SeaTac and your transfer back to your

Seattle Mariners in Peoria, Arizona...

Opening Week of Spring Training Baseball

February 22nd-26th, 2025
\$1298.00 ppdo singles add \$498

It's not just Spring Training, it's fun in the Arizona Sun!



Highlights Includes:

Roundtrip Non-stop Air on Alaska
Transfers from Select Locations to Airports
1 Pre-night Stay Before Early Flight
3 Nights Hotel... 10 Miles From Peoria Stadium
Company Owned Transportation in Arizona
Two At-Home and Two Away Games
against Diamondbacks, LA Dodgers,
Brewers and Athletics
Zoo, Aquarium and Safari Park
Martin Classic Car Museum
Full Hot and Cold Breakfast Buffet Daily

Lou's Tivoli Gardens is directly in front with Italian specialties and happy hour 2 to 7pm each day of our stay.

Day 3 Game #2 vs Brewers & Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium & Safari Park

Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium and Safari Park has Arizona's largest collection of exotic and endangered animals, with over 600 separate species. The Aquarium features over 75 indoor exhibits including stingrays you can feed, penguins, otters, and sharks. They have scooters you can rent to get around and a Safari tram for \$6.00. At Brewers Stadium, sausage races occur every game during the 6th inning, and "Roll out the Barrel" is performed after the 7th inning stretch. B

Day 1 Check Into Hotel for Pre-Flight Stay, Get to Know Fellow Explorers

We will be taking advantage of new direct flights to Phoenix departing from Paine Field. Since our flight is early AM the following day. The group will overnight here. Your Tour Manager will meet with group this evening. (S)

Day 4 Classic Car Museum and Game #3 vs the LA Dodgers

Stroll back in time at the Martin Auto Museum, it features more than 170 classic cars on display. Off to Camelback Ranch in Glendale to watch the Mariners play the 2024 World Series Champions. The grounds feature picturesque walking trails, a five mile lake between practice fields and dramatic mountain views that create the most inviting Spring Training atmosphere in Cactus League baseball. B

Day 2 Early Flight & Game #1 against Diamondbacks at Peoria

Board our early non stop flight on Alaska Airlines to Phoenix. We will arrive at 11:00am and our company coach will be waiting at the airport. Off we go to the Peoria Sports Stadium for our first game at 1:00pm against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The stadium has wonderful food options for lunch today. Check in for a three night stay at our All-Suites hotel featuring a lush courtyard and lakeside location just 10 miles away. (B)

Day 5 A Game #4 Athletics at Home Field, Return Flights

Morning free to relax and pack before departing to the Peoria Sports field for the final game of your tour. Arrive early to watch warm ups, get autographs and take advantage on one of the many restaurants nearby. Enjoy club seats for the game with padded seats and in-seat beverage service. The private concourse has couches and dining areas. Continue to airport to check in for return flight home. B



Fire & Ice Winter Wonderland ...

Yellowstone, Bryce & Valley of Fire

February 26th-March 4th, 2025

\$1798.00 ppdo singles add \$498

PUT ON YOUR MITTENS and bring some sun-screen for some of the most amazing scenery from Nevada, Utah and Idaho!



INCLUDES: Transfers from our local pickup locations to the airport and return, Roundtrip Non-stop Group Air on Alaska/Horizon Airlines, Company Owned Transportation During Tour, 6 Nights 3/4 Star Hotels Redstone and Lake Mead Scenic Drive Lost City Pueblo Museum, Desert Botanical Garden St George, Zion Scenic Drive through Tunnel and Checkerboard Canyon Sunrise Over Bryce Winter Hoodoos Mountain Sleigh Ride Dinner, Guided Heated Snow Coach Tour of Yellowstone with Wildlife Viewing, Paint Pots and Old Faithful Additional Sightseeing and meals along the Journey, Breakfast most mornings Singles Add \$498

With the chance seeing the stark white of freshly fallen snow, red rocks, blue sky, and evergreen trees--some say Bryce Canyon is the most beautiful in winter! B

Day 4 Art and Sleigh Ride Dinner

Visit the Springdale Museum of Art with nine galleries including a magnificent collection of Utah art, with over 2,000 paintings, drawings, prints, and sculptures. This evening is an unforgettable experience gliding through the pristine slopes of Park City's snow-capped mountains in a horse-drawn sleigh. Upon arrival at the Snowed Inn Lodge, you will be welcomed by a roaring fire, live music, and western-style meal. B,D

Day 1 Fly to Las Vegas

Board our late morning flight on Alaska non-stop to Las Vegas and begin the fire part of your tour as you soak up the fun and sun.

Day 2 Lake Mead Scenic Byway with Redstone, Lost city and Desert Garden

The red rock is composed of frozen sand dunes from the Jurassic era, and the red coloring is caused by iron that leached up through the sand before it solidified into rock. The Lost City Museum shares its location with an actual prehistoric site of the Ancestral Puebloans. The museum was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935. Red Hills Desert Garden is a xeriscaped botanical garden in St. George, Utah. It is known for its collection of endangered species of plants and fossil tracks. Check into your hotel. L

Day 3 Zion-Mount Carmel Highway and Bryce Canyon Sunset

Travel along the scenic Zion-Mount Carmel Highway. The East Zion Tunnel connects Zion's two distinct landscapes and is a true marvel of engineering. Pull outs will be made along the way for amazing photo ops. Arrive for Bryce Canyon with time to experience the sun setting over the canyons..



Day 5 Antelope Island, Great Salt Lake

The island is home to many animals, including bison, mule deer, bighorn sheep, pronghorn, and porcupines. In the winter, the wildlife is more active. It is also home to more than 250 species of birds. (B)

Day 6 Snow Coach Tour in Yellowstone

This is your day to discover Yellowstone in a heated snow coach with an experienced Yellowstone guide. Visit some of the landmarks for which Yellowstone is famous including Firehole Falls, Fountain Paint Pots and the world's most famous geyser, Old Faithful. Lunch on your own at Snow Lodge in the park. (B)

Day 7 Idaho Falls & Return Flight Home

Explore The Museum of Idaho before our return flight home. B

Uniquely Seattle... Amazon Spheres,¹ Starbucks's Headquarters & Smith Towers Secret Stories

March 1st, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Special Visits, and Guided Tours

Start at Starbucks's unique Roastery at their Headquarters in the old Sears Building in Sodo, where you can purchase hand-crafted coffee drinks and freshly baked pastries. The Spheres, three conjoined glass bubbles provide the company's employees with a cloud forest. Five levels of unorthodox workspaces. On the self-guided tour (bring your smartphone), stroll through a lush green habitat of more than 40,000 plants, including two densely verdant living walls, Prepare to be wowed on a historical adventure through Smith Tower's captivating past. On a guided tour, meet colorful characters and hear some scandalous stories. while getting the inside scoop on Smith Tower's fascinating past. This tour covers everything from bootlegging to broadcasting and the first floor to the amazing views from the 35th. There are food options and cocktails at the top or try Tat's Deli across the street famous for their cheesesteak creations. (Limited to first 16 booked) Gra: 7:50am Tum: 8:10am Oly: 8:30am Tac:9:00am



"Waiting For Godot" A Comedic Look at Life

March 2nd, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Easy Lewis County

Includes: Transportation, 2:00pm Show Tickets and Lunch

Waiting for Godot portrays two lonely travelers who wait for the mysterious figure of Godot and, in the process, question the meaning of life. The world these characters live in is both funny and absurd, where they consider what to do while waiting and what in life is truly worth waiting for.



Tac: 10:00am Oly: 10:30am Tum: 10:50am
Gra: 11:10am

Portland Seafood & Wine Fest... Over 150 Vendors!

March 1st, 2025

\$98.00

Activity Rating: Easy Oregon

Includes: Transportation, Admission

Enjoy fresh Oregon seafood (at the peak of Dungeness Crab season) as well as wine, craft beers, cider, and distilled spirits as you browse the myriad of exhibitors.

Over 30 of Oregon's finest wineries (and 20 other beverage makers) offer you tastings for a fee of their very best. Live entertainment, celebrity chefs and so much more.

Deadliest Catch, Captain Keith, who is also a trained seafood chef, will be taking the main stage at the Festival to do some cooking as well as talking about his exploits on the seas and taking questions and answers. The Northwest's most prestigious wine competition, happens just before the festival. Oregon vintners submit their finest in hopes of being named among the best and showcased at the festival. Tac: 8:30am Oly: 9:00am Tum: 9:20am
Gra: 9:40am Cen: 10:00am Kel: 11:00am



LET US take the hassle out of your favorite events.

If it's entertainment, sports or a local festival, let us take care of transportation, ticketing and parking... you just sit back and *enjoy the ride!* Each departure includes onboard host, water, snacks, charging ports and WIFI.

HAMILTON the Broadway Musical ... Special Afternoon Departure

March 2nd, 2025

\$259.00

Activity Rating: Easy King County

Includes: Transportation, Special Matinee Show, On the Go Box Lunch and Dessert

(due to higher ticket costs for matinee show, a light lunch provided to enjoy on the bus)

For those of you that cannot drive at night

we have secured a limited number of tickets to this afternoon performance of "HAMILTON" the Broadway Musical



at the Paramount in Seattle. This is the story of America then, told by America now. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B and Broadway magic. Taking the story of American founding father Alexander Hamilton and creating a revolutionary moment in theatre. This musical has had a profound impact on culture, politics, and education. Full payment is due at booking. Gra: 8:50am Tum: 9:10am Oly: 9:30am Tac: 10:00am .

Mardi Gras Fun & Buffet at Snoqualmie Casino

March 4th, 2025

\$79.00

Activity Rating: Easy King County

Includes: Transportation, Show Tickets and No Host Early Dinner Stop

Celebrate Fat Tuesday with a Mardi Gras Party on the bus, plus a fun afternoon of dining and gaming at Snoqualmie Casino. Your package includes a delicious lunch in the grand buffet with one of our area's finest selections of culinary delights, including live cooking stations, International favorites, and desserts galore. All your favorite games are waiting, too, so get on the bus, grab some beads, and wear your Mardi Gras best as you celebrate French Quarter style with your Exploration friends. Gra: 8:50am Tum: 9:10am Oly: 9:30am Tac: 10:00am

Black Jacket Symphony plays The Beatles' "Abbey Road"

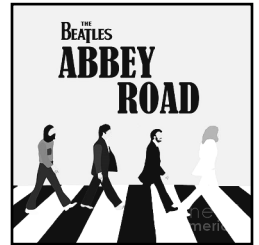
March 6th, 2025

\$139.00

Activity Rating: Easy King County

Includes: Transportation, Show Tickets and No Host Early Dinner Stop

The famous Black Jacket Symphony recreates The Beatles' iconic album "Abbey Road" live in its entirety—note for note, sound for sound—plus a full set of The Beatles' greatest hits. Abbey Road is the eleventh studio album by the Beatles, released on 26 September 1969. It was also the last album the group recorded. Over the past ten years, the Black Jacket Symphony has performed over 40 classic rock albums, with a group of hand-picked musicians. The album is performed with no sonic detail is overlooked. It's a full night of rock and roll magic—plus a visual experience unlike any other.



Once you see one of the concerts, you won't miss another! We will stop for dinner on your own. Gra: 3:50pm Tum: 4:10pm Oly: 4:30pm Tac: 5:00pm

Asian Art Museum, Victorian Conservatory Garden and Culinary School Lunch

March 7th, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Easy/Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Admission and Lunch

Begin with a delicious culinary school lunch prepared and served by students. Past entrees included Filet Mignon, Tempura Prawns and more! The menu changes monthly. Then experience the restoration of the historic Art Deco building that houses the Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park. Spread out in expanded galleries is a vivid collection of art from Japan, Korea, and more. Continue next door at the Victorian Conservatory with five different tropical gardens inside, representing distinct environments, from jungle to desert. Gra: 8:50am Tum: 9:10am Oly: 10:00am Tac: 10:30am

"Ocosta" All You Care to Eat Crab Feed & Bloomin Fun

March 8th, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Average Grays Harbor County

Includes: Transportation Fresh Dungeness crab, spaghetti and garlic bread, Crabby Bingo and Satsop Daffodils

We have a boatload of fun planned on the bus with crabby bingo and more. This is an all you care to eat at the event (however no baggies allowed). Your meal includes crab



(generously donated by the Westport Fishing Families), spaghetti, garlic bread and Coleslaw. Following lunch we will continue to the Satsop Bulb Farm to enjoy the bloomin fields and buy bunches of fresh cut flowers, the Elma Farm stand full of culinary delights and the Honey Shop in Rochester. This is truly a farm to table day! Tac: 9:00am Oly: 9:30am Tum: 9:50am Gra: 10:10am

Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'

March 8th, 2025

\$179.00

Activity Rating: Easy Kitsap County

Includes: Transportation, Tickets to 7:00pm Show, and No Host Dinner Stop

All aboard, sisters! The hysterical sequel to the smash-hit Menopause The Musical® is finally here! Five years after their chance encounter in a department store, we set sail with our beloved ladies for more high jinks on the high seas. Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'® is a hilarious and heartfelt look at the joys of menopause and friendship — plus hot flashes, mood swings, and memory lapses! Join us on a trip of self-discovery, backed by a new soundtrack of toe-tapping parodied hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. For these four ladies, menopause was not the end, but the beginning of a beautiful friendship where love conquers all, and friendships never fail. Grab your daughters, sisters, and friends for a hilarious ladies' night out. We will stop for an early no-host dinner allowing you to dine on your budget. Gra: 2:50pm Tum: 3:10pm Oly: 3:30pm Tac: 4:00pm

13 Jeeves at Sea... A Comedy Full of Schemes and Clever Wit

March 9th, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Average Clark County

Includes: Transportation, Tickets to the 2:00 pm Show, Lunch Stop

Set sail for laughter as Bertie Wooster revels in life aboard the Vanderley yacht. Bertie is the pampered guest of the lively Lady Stella, accompanied, as always, by his peerless valet, Jeeves. If only Bertie's pal Crumpet hadn't assaulted a prince. Will this madcap case of mistaken identities end in Bertie's doom? Have no fear; Jeeves will sort it all out. You will surely enjoy our stop for lunch on your own, where we hand-select unique, fun, and affordable dining destinations for you to explore. This is part of our value-priced entertainment series, developed to expand your explorations while supporting local theaters. Tac: 8:30am Oly: 9:00am Tum: 9:20am Gra: 9:40am Cen: 10:00am Kel: 11:00am

BOOK NOW AND PAY LATER

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Seattle Aquarium's New Tropical Expansion, Overlook Walk & Elevator to Pike Place

March 10th, 2025

\$129.00

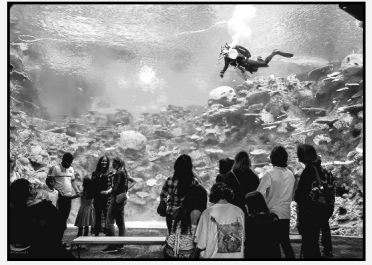
Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Admission and Free Time

At the Seattle Aquarium's new Ocean Pavilion, step out of the Pacific Northwest into a warm, bright, vibrant underwater world teeming with life. Join us to discover the wonders of a reef ecosystem in the Coral

Triangle—a region in the Indo-Pacific so rich in biodiversity that it's been called "the Amazon of the Ocean"! You'll come face to face with 3,500 animals and plants: sharks, rays, bowmouth guitarfish, schooling fish, mangroves, nearly 30 species of coral, and so much more. Be sure to stroll over and check out the original exhibits that shine a light on the diverse marine life of the Pacific Northwest, including the enormous tank Window on Washington Waters showcasing local Pacific species like rockfish, lingcod, wolf eels, salmon, and sea anemones. There are shows where the divers answer visitors' questions using modified masks. Life on the Edge presents all the life found in tide pools on the Pacific coast and around Seattle inland, allowing you to touch sea cucumbers and sea urchins. In Life of a Drifter, moon jellies and a giant Pacific octopus are present, while sea otters, river otters, northern fur seals, and harbor seals entertain you with their antics. Attached to the Ocean Pavilion is a new elevator to the stunning Overlook Walk with expansive views and relaxing spaces. It is located where the Alaskan Way Viaduct once stood. It bridges the nearly 100-foot gap between the Waterfront restaurants and shops and Pike Place Market.

Gra: 8:50am Tum: 9:10am Oly: 9:30am Tac: 10:00am



Art of the Quilt Show with over 400 Pieces on Display!

March 14th, 2025

\$98.00

Activity Rating: Average Snohomish County

Includes: Transportation & Admission

All lovers of art should book this trip. Here you will explore rows and rows of color, texture and techniques that will leave even a non quilter awestruck by the beauty and talent. Expect to see over 400 quilts in a dozen different categories, ranging from traditional styles to art quilts and other innovative designs. The theme this year is "Journey into Quilting", celebrating more than 45 years of the Quilters Anonymous show, looking back at the many masterpieces of the past and moving forward to new styles taking hold among our talented members. If you are a quilter, there is a vendor mall to explore and if you are thinking maybe this can be a new hobby, demonstration to get you started. We will provide a snacks, plus show has additional items for sale for lunch on your own. Elma: 7:50am Gra: 8:20am Tum: 8:40am Oly: 9:00am Tac 9:30am

Violinist Geoffrey Castle's ST Patrick's Celebration

March 15th, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation & Admission

This exciting evening features violinist Geoffrey Castle, dancers, singers, musicians, and a pipe and drum band. Geoffrey Castle is a long-time Kirkland resident and a pioneer on the six-string electric violin! Castle's musical journey has seen him perform alongside members of renowned supergroups like Heart, Queen, Journey, Bad Company and more. This St. Patrick's Celebration is guaranteed to get you clapping your hands, singing along, and celebrating all things Irish. We will make a stop for a no-host dinner on the way with lots of options in all budgets.



14 Gra: 2:50pm Tum: 3:10pm Oly: 3:30pm Tac: 4:00pm

Shamrock Cruise on the Spirit... ¹⁵Three Floors of Entertainment

March 16th, 2025

\$139.00

Activity Rating: Easy/Average Oregon

Includes: Transportation 3 Hour Themed Cruise on Spirit of Portland, 3 Floors of Entertainment

It's the 8th annual Shamrock Cruise onboard the Portland Spirit. Celebrate all the Irish fun you can handle on this three-hour cruise on the Willamette from 4-7pm with the music and dance of Ireland. Each deck on this family friendly event, has live entertainment of music from

DREOS a Celtic ensemble who create new music and reimagine old music combining the blazing piping of Eliot Grasso, virtuosic fiddling of Brandon Vance, and the powerhouse accompaniment of Glen Waddelland. The Katie Jane Band is a high-energy Celtic fiddle band from Portland, OR. Known as "Portland's hottest fiddler," Katie Jane's dynamic performance features virtuosic, high-speed fiddling, her contagious smile, and unstoppable dancing feet. The Katie Jane Band performs traditional and original fiddle music spanning Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Canada, and the USA. plus the amazing Rowan Fae Irish Dance Company Troupe! There is a bistro, no-host, food on one level and full bars on all levels for your pleasure to purchase. It's a floating St. Patrick's Day event with views to match the entertainment. **Book early, this one fills fast!**

Tac: 11:30am Oly: 12:00pm Tum: 12:20pm Gra: 12:40pm Cen: 1:00pm Kel: 2:00pm



Celebrate St Patrick's Day at Skagit Casino Senior Monday

March 17th, 2025

\$69.00

Activity Rating: Easy Skagit County

Includes: Transportation, St Patty's Fun on the Bus, Skagit Senior Day Bonuses, and Daffodil Fields

Get on the bus for a fun Irish celebration of everything green. It's Senior Day at the Skagit Casino with Pop Trivia (TV, Movies, Music, etc.) questions from the 60s, 70s and 80s to players for a chance to win cash! Two Hot Seat winners every 30 minutes. All seniors 50+ will receive an automatic \$10 Free Play after inserting their rewards card and earn 3X points. Order \$15+ in food at Express Eats and bring your receipt up to the Rewards Counter to receive another \$10 free play bonus! Plus, they play the best hits of the '60s, '70s, and 80's over the sound system to get everyone feeling groovy. We'll have a bus full of fun and games, along with prizes for your green attire. Will someone be wearing a kilt?

Gra: 8:20am Tum: 8:40am Oly: 9:00am

Tac: 9:30am



Music of the Rolling Stones with Oregon Symphony

March 20th, 2025

\$159.00

Activity Rating: Easy Oregon

Includes: Transportation, 7:30pm Show, No-Host Dinner Stop

With countless chart-toppers and unmistakable swagger, The Rolling Stones have defined "cool" since the '60s. Backed by the power of a full orchestra and rock band, incredible lead singer Mick Adams delivers a fabulous rendition of Mick Jagger's vocals (and moves) to recreate The Rolling Stones' biggest hits through the decades—

"Satisfaction," "Paint It Black," "Ruby Tuesday," "Honky Tonk Women," "Angie," "Wild Horses," "Jumpin' Jack Flash," and many more. Stop for a no-host dinner and then spend the evening rocking with your Exploration friends at the beautiful Arlene Schnitzer concert hall. Tac: 2:00pm Oly: 2:30pm Tum: 2:50pm Gra: 3:10pm Cen: 3:30pm Kel: 4:00pm



Ocean Shores Razor Clam & Seafood Fest

March 21st, 2025

\$89.00

Activity Rating: Average Grays Harbor County

Includes: Transportation, and Event (pre-purchase a full crab feed meal or graze through the seafood vendors) Celebrate seafood at the Razor Clam and Seafood Festival in Ocean Shores. It's more than just chowder. You'll also find fried razor clams, a raw oyster bar, fish and chips, scallops, crab shooters, salmon, a crab boil, smash burgers, Russian dumplings, funnel cakes, and so much more. Enjoy live music and shop around "Vendor Village," which has 100 booths selling hand-made crafts. You can purchase a chowder-tasting passport, which allows you to try nine different varieties and then place your vote for the People's Choice award winner. Fresh Whole Dungeness Crab (avg 2lbs) meals served warm or chilled, with coleslaw and herbed new potatoes, butter (½ Dungeness Crab Dinner) can be purchased in advance. Just ask and we can help or send you a link. There will be live cooking demonstrations and events inside and outside the convention center! If you love the Port Angeles Dungeness Crab Fest in October, this event is for you. We can't wait to share it with you! Tac: 8:20am Oly: 9:00am Tum: 9:20am Gra: 9:40am Elma: 10:15am

Why Don't You List Hotel Name?

We have multiple long time partnerships where best rates are offered all year. However, our goal is to deliver you the best experience we can for your travel dollars, so we keep options open as long as possible to get the best upgrade we can for you. Exploration uses the following guidelines to rate a hotel:

2 Star Bed & Breakfast, Unique Accommodations (like a Cabin in the Woods)

3 Star Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn, Comfort Suites, Fairfield Inn

4 Star Doubletree, Hilton, Sheraton

5 Star Four Seasons, Full Service Resorts Like Harrison Hot Springs

16 Teatro ZinZanni's Back with Love, Chaos, and Lunch!

March 22nd, 2025

\$249.00

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Premium Seats, and Event

You are cordially invited to join your fellow Explorers at Teatro ZinZanni's mischievous return to Seattle. This is a limited run at an exciting new venue: the esteemed School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts (SANCA) & Emerald City Trapeze. Experience the magic of the Teatro ZinZanni with this new intimately staged production featuring their trademark over-the-top theatrics paired with lavish food and drink. Teatro ZinZanni is a unique recipe of a dash of circus, a hint of Vaudeville, and a whisper of cabaret, finished with its signature, not-so-secret ingredient: joy. This is love, chaos, and lunch uptown, where premium seating will assure you have the time of your life! Gra: 9:20am Tum: 9:40am Oly: 10:00am Tac: 10:30am



Blooming Sunday Brunch Buffet at Farmhouse Inn & Daffodils

March 23rd, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Easy Skagit County

Includes: Transportation, Brunch Buffet and Scenic Drive

It's a blooming Sunday Brunch Buffet at Skagit's Farmhouse Inn where you will find tables full of prawn cocktail, fresh fruit, broccoli salad, freshly baked pastries & muffins, Irish steel-cut oatmeal, Farmhouse scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, eggs benedict, cheese blintzes, hash-brown casserole, corned beef & cabbage, mashed potatoes, carved turkey & Prime Rib. Then we will take a country drive on the less traveled roads to view fields of sunshine yellow daffodils and possibly some early tulips. We have some special stops to make along the way, where you can taste, sip and learn about the Skagit Valley, making this the perfect way to welcome in the colors of early spring! Gra:

16 8:20am Tum: 8:40am Oly: 9:00am Tac: 9:30am

Oregon Coast Whale Migration Cruise, Newport Aquarium, Scenic 70-Mile Three Capes Loop

March 26th-29th, 2025

\$598.00 ppdo

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, 3 Nights Waterfront Hotel, Depoe Bay and Boiler Bay Whale and Wave Viewpoints with Interpretive Guides, 2 Hour Gray Whale Migration Cruise, Special Whale Migration Week Activities, Admission to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Travel the Newly Reopened Scenic Three Capes Loop Drive, Two Lighthouses, Tillamook Cheese, and breakfast each morning
Singles Add \$198.00



This Oregon Coast adventure is during Spring Whale Watch week. Volunteers will be stationed at locations along the coast to help us locate the 1,000s of gray whales that will be migrating off the shore of Oregon. About 30 whales can be seen per hour during peak migration, so bring binoculars. A two-hour whale watch cruise is included (weather permitting), on a safe and comfortable 50-foot boat. They are Coast Guard Certified with all the amenities: comfortable heated cabins, restrooms, indoor seating, and seating out on the deck. You'll be able to walk all the way around the boats for excellent whale sightings. The captains have decades of experience and a wealth of knowledge they share during the excursions. Our hotel is just over 30 minutes from both Depoe Bay and Newport, allowing us to be as flexible as the weather. At the Oregon Coast Aquarium enjoy a self-guided tour including Passages of the Deep, a 1.32-million-gallon exhibit featuring three expansive ocean habitats connected by a series of clear tunnels, allowing you to walk underwater. If you want to expand your visit, book early and ask for a \$25 behind-the-scenes guided tour to explore the ins and outs of caring for over 15,000 animals every day from smiling sea otters to dozens of toothy sharks. On our return, take the scenic 70-mile Three Capes loop drive. It has recently reopened after being closed 10 years to repair damages from a landslide. It's known as one of the most scenic areas on the Oregon Coast. We will also sneak in some specialty shopping, including Tillamook cheese. What are you waiting for, this is the spring trip you have been waiting for!
Tac: 7:30am Oly: 8:00am Tum: 8:20am Gra: 8:40am Kel: 9:40am

Opening Day Mariners vs Athletics with Club Seating

March 27th, 2025

\$179.00

Activity Rating: Easy/Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Exclusive Level Open Only to Select Ticket Holders, VIP Skybridge Entry via Elevator to Seating, Access to Climate Controlled Lounge, Comfortable, wider, padded seats
It is opening day at T-Mobile Stadium and time for the Mariners to take the field.



Watch the game in comfort and style on the exclusive 200 Level of the ballpark and enjoy a relaxing and casual ballpark experience. View the game from your section 240 large padded seats overlooking third base and the megatron screen the ultimate viewing experience of all the opening day festivities and game plus you have access to step inside the climate controlled ROOT SPORTS Terrace Club Lounge complete with plasma TVs, a full bar and specialty concession stands. Be sure to check out the newest location of Edgar's Cantina, in the terrace, where you can purchase chicken, pork and beef tacos, bacon-wrapped hot dogs and red and even white sangria and Zac margaritas! This is the ultimate viewing experience for our Mariner fans and a great way to spoil yourself. Gra: 3:20pm Tum: 3:40pm Oly: 4:00pm Tac: 4:30pm

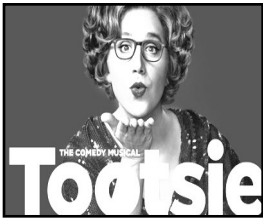
“Tootsie” The New Musical

March 30th, 2025

\$169.00

Activity Rating: Easy Oregon

Includes: Transportation, 2:00pm Show Tickets, Lunch Stop



Call it “musical comedy heaven” (Rolling Stone). Call it “the most uproarious new musical in years!” (The Hollywood Reporter). Call it TOOTSIE! This laugh-out-loud love letter to the theatre tells the story of Michael Dorsey, a talented but difficult actor who struggles to find work until one show-stopping act of desperation lands him the role of a lifetime (as a woman). this New York Times Critic’s Pick is “a joyful delight that’s “so packed with punchlines, it should be called a jokebox musical!”. Originally, it opened on Broadway just before COVID lockdowns and now it is ready to be set free at a time of year we need warm up inside and let the good times roll. A stop will be made for lunch on your own. Tac: 8:30am Oly: 9:00am Tum: 9:20am Gra: 9:40am Cen: 10:00am Kel: 11:00am

Boeing Future of Flight & Guided Factory Tour

March 31st, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Average Snohomish County

Includes: Transportation, Boeing Future of Flight & Factory Tour, Irish Pub Lunch

Discover a unique, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the magic of flight to see how commercial aircraft are made when we explore the Boeing Factory in Everett. Once you arrive, learn how airplanes are built on a guided tour of the Boeing factory. Tour the massive Boeing assembly plant, the world’s largest building by volume, and see a variety of different planes in production. Explore the interactive exhibits and displays in the Aviation Center Gallery and visit the educational Future of Flight Aviation Center museum and lunch on your own at Shawn O’Donnel’s for a Pub lunch with a limited menu.

Gra: 8:20am Tum: 8:40am Oly: 9:00am Tac: 9:30am

18 April Fools Mystery Tour

April 1st, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Average Can’t tell you where!

Includes: Transportation, Secrets and Surprises

Are you willing to take a chance? What twists and turns do we have planned? You’ll never know until it happens, cause we won’t share. Some things will be delightful, some a bit strange and some might just be an “April Fools”. We promise something to eat and an activity are included. Book if you dare.

Gra: 8:20am Tum: 8:40am Oly: 9:00am Tac: 9:30am

An Interactive Beatles Music Experience... Yesterday and Today

April 2nd, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Average Kitsap County

Includes: Transportation, 7:00pm Show and Dinner Stop

Step into an unforgettable experience where your memories come alive through the timeless music of the Beatles. Before



the show, audience members are asked to fill out a request card with their name, favorite Beatles song, and the reason why they chose that song. Minutes before the show starts, these cards are collected and a custom setlist is created. It’s an engaging, interactive celebration where these memories, the McGuigan brothers’ passion, and the timeless songs of the Beatles come together in an unforgettable way. Expect a Foot-stomping, clapping in unison, free to sing along evening! We will stop for an early no-host dinner allowing you to order on your budget. Gra: 2:50pm Tum: 3:10pm Oly: 3:30pm Tac: 4:00pm

LET’S TALK ABOUT DINING

You’ll notice many of our tours now have a meal stop instead of an inclusive meal. With rising costs and everyone watching their budget, we are making the tours accessible for everyone by offering the ability to choose off the menu.

Shen Yun, See The Magic at McCaw Hall!

April 3rd, 2025

\$198.00

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Tickets to 2:00pm Show with Gallery or Tier 1 Seating, Asian Inspired Lunch

Travel back to the magical world of ancient China. Experience a lost culture through the incredible art of classical Chinese dance, and see legends come to life.

Shen Yun makes this possible by pushing the boundaries of the performing arts, with a unique blend of stunning costuming, high-tech backdrops, and an orchestra like no other. Be prepared for a theatrical experience that will take your breath away! We will only be doing one departure this year, so book early

Gra: 9:50am Tum: 10:10am Oly: 10:30am Tac: 11:00am



Laurel Canyon Legacy... Carole King's Tapestry live

April, 5th, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Easy King County

Includes: Transportation, Tickets to 8:00pm Show and Dinner Stop

Laurel Canyon Legacy celebrates the explosion of popular music that came out of LA's Laurel Canyon in the mid-60s as folk music blended with rock and went electric. This evening they will be performing Carole King's iconic 1971 album "Tapestry" live and in its entirety plus a full set of hits from the beloved 60s/70s LA scene. You'll hear your favorites by groups like The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, The Byrds, Carole King, The Mamas and the Papas, The Doors, The Monkees, Carly Simon, Joni Mitchell and much more. Take the time to listen to this group on youtube and I promise you will be booking this tour. Gra: 3:20pm Tum: 3:40pm Oly: 4:00pm Tac: 4:30pm

19 Jesus Christ Superstar, The Musical and Poulsbo Stroll

April 6th, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Easy Kitsap County

Includes: Transportation, Lunch Break in Poulsbo and 2:30pm Show Tickets

In Jesus Christ Superstar, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber transform the last week of Jesus Christ's life into a rock opera spectacle. As seen through the eyes of Judas Iscariot, the musical delves into the personal and political turmoil surrounding Jesus, blending rock with gospel, folk, and funk. With iconic songs like "Superstar" and "I Don't Know How to Love Him," the show captures the tension, fame, and ultimate betrayal that define this timeless story. It's a bold, energetic, and thought-provoking portrayal of one of history's most famous figures, wrapped in a dazzling musical package. Gra: 9:20am Tum: 9:40am Oly: 10:00am Tac: 10:30am

Deception Pass Cracked Crab Cruise and Skagit Flower Fields

April 8th, 2025

\$189.00

Activity Rating: Average Skagit County

Includes: Transportation, Lunch Cruise, Spring Flower Field Drive

Our coach will take you to La Conner to board the 80' MV Chinook with indoor seating on two levels and outdoor viewing decks. The 2 1/2 hour cruise features their signature Dungeness crab lunch, unparalleled scenery, fun and informative narration from the captain and passage underneath the stunning Deception Pass Bridge. The area is full of many species of birds and wildlife. As we cruise through these scenic, protected waters the crew will serve up a delicious lunch featuring Dungeness crab, baked Tuscan chicken, roasted potatoes, broccoli salad, fresh bread and dessert. A no host bar is available with a selection of Northwest beer and wine. Following the cruise, we will drive by tulip and daffodil fields and stop at Schuh Farms Barn famous for their homemade pies. Gra: 7:50am Tum: 8:10am Oly: 8:30am Tac: 9:00am

We accept all major credit cards.



Moisture Fest's Comedy and Varieté Show

April 9th, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, 7:30pm Show Tickets and Dinner Stop



Moisture Festival presents the perfect evening with a high-energy comedy/variété show featuring a rapid succession of acts showcasing comedy alongside awe-inspiring physical and mental

dexterity, with poignant moments of strength and delicate beauty to make you laugh, wonder, and shake your head in disbelief. Because of the talented artists currently working in this genre, it is fresh, exciting, and tremendous fun for everyone. Stop for dinner on your own at Jimmy Max's, famous for their Value-packed happy hour, hubcap burgers, and creative salads served in a Texas-style roadhouse where peanut shells go on the floor, and fluffy hot rolls come with every meal. Gra: 2:50pm Tum: 3:10pm Oly: 3:30pm Tac: 4:00pm

²⁰ Polish Club Spring Bazaar, Food Fest & Those Painted Eggs!

April 12th, 2025

\$9.00

Activity Rating: Average King County

Includes: Transportation, Festival Entertainment and Activities

The Spring Bazaar is an annual event organized by the Polish Women's Club. Upstairs, the booths offer Polish crystal bowls and vases, amber and silver jewelry, pottery, crafts, books, hand-painted Easter eggs, and much more.

Downstairs, you can enjoy traditional

Polish dishes served by the young waiters clad in Polish folk costumes. Delicious specialties like pickle soup, borscht, pierogi, Polish sausage, and cabbage rolls. Polish beer is available, along with delectable pastries at the dessert booths. Don't Forget take-home eats and sweets too.

Gra: 8:50am Tum: 9:10am Oly: 9:30am
Tac: 10:00am



Harrison Hot Springs... Steamy Pools, Spa and Blooming Fields of Flowers

April 9th-11th, 2025

\$798.00 ppdo

Activity Rating: Easy Canada

Highlights Includes: Transportation, two nights in deluxe west tower rooms overlooking the lake, use of hot springs pools, the opportunity to book spa packages, Kilby Historic Site with Naughty Knickers Victorian Secrets Talk, Two Nation Spring Flower Fields, Skagit Wild Salmon BBQ, Multi-course Dinner in the Elegant Copper Room with Live Music, Hot and Cold Breakfast Buffet Each Morning singles add \$259.00

Travel across the border and journey back in time to learn about the thriving community of Harrison Mills during its heyday. A lively costumed guide will lead us through the Heritage site, including the 1906 General Store and Manchester House Hotel. Finish with freshly baked pie and the Victorian Secrets show, which reveals what it was REALLY like back in 1910 by incorporating humor, music, and many 'revealing' surprises. It is myth-busting at its best! Check into the 4-Star Harrison Hot Springs Resort for a two-night stay. On day two, you can relax and enjoy all the amenities, including indoor and outdoor soaking pools. The charming downtown shops and cafes are just outside the doors, and all rooms overlook the beauty of Harrison Lake and the BC mountain range. This spring adventure continues on the way home with a two-nation Tulip Field viewing with stops in Canada and the USA. Traditional wild salmon BBQ, put on as a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club, is included. Gra: 7:50am Tum: 8:10am Oly: 8:30am Tac: 9:00am



Newburg Camellia Festival... Flowers, Music, Food and Crafts

April 12th, 2025

\$129.00

Activity Rating: Average Oregon

Includes: Transportation Festival Events and Activities

At the Newburg Camellia Festival, Asian performances occur throughout the day, and vendors from around the region sell food, crafts, and jewelry connected to the culture. There

are fascinating demonstrations and a city tour guided by a member of the Historical Society sharing Newburg's unique and often quirky history, including



its connection with the Quakers. The festival also hosts the Oregon Camellia Society's show, a camellia bloom competition. Single flowers are judged by size, color, form, and condition. Many possible varieties and colors will be displayed throughout the day. Take home your favorite by purchasing a camellia from the plant sale.

Tac: 7:30am Oly: 8:00am Tum: 8:20am Gra:
8:40am Che: 9:00am Kel: 10:00am

21 Skagit Valley Tulip Express and Waterfront La Conner

April 16th, 2025

\$119.00

Activity Rating: Average Skagit County

Includes: Transportation

Hop on the Tulip Express and get ready for an explosion of color. Word is the Tulips will be early this year, and it is best to go during the first three weeks of the festival. Garden. At RoozenGaarde, the largest bulb grower in the US, is a 7-plus acre display garden and over 50 acres of tulips and daffodils in the fields. The display garden is redesigned each year and replanted by hand with over 1 million bulbs and nearly 200 different tulips, daffodils, and other flower types. The large flower fields are filled with tens of millions of bulbs creating endless rows of breathtaking color. You will also drive by other blooming fields and the best views are from the large picture windows of the bus. In between, stroll the charming waterfront village of La Connor's specialty shops and cafes for lunch on your own. We will stop at Schuh Farms to purchase spring plants and heavenly baked goods on the way home. Our later departure helps reduce time spent sitting in traffic on the way home. Gra: 9:20am Tum: 9:40am Oly: 10:00am Tac 10:30am

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