



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## Pre-Departure Itinerary

# Pacific Northwest & Northern California

Monday, July 12 – Monday, July 19, 2010

When Lewis and Clark finally made it over the mountains they struggled to describe the beauty they saw—mountains, forests, deserts, prairies, valleys, lakes, rivers, waterfalls and the ocean—the Pacific Northwest has it all! Begin in the “Emerald City” of **Seattle**. Learn about the devastating 1980 eruption at the **Mount St. Helens Visitor Center** before arriving in **Portland**, known as the “City of Roses” for its perfect rose-growing climate. Tour the **Columbia River Gorge** and travel through the **Willamette Valley**, whose natural agricultural abundance wooed countless pioneers to set out on the **Oregon Trail**. You’ll drive along some of the country’s most beautiful coastline at **The Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area** while a cruise up the **Rogue River** shows you Oregon’s rugged wilderness. Crossing into California you’ll enter **Redwood National Park**, home to the world’s largest living organisms, some reaching more than 30 stories high. In the “City by the Bay” your sightseeing will highlight San Francisco’s most popular landmarks. Free time on **Fisherman’s Wharf** and dinner on famous **Pier 39** wind down your journey and make you glad you answered the call: “Go West, Young Man,” (or woman).

### Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Seattle, WA and San Francisco, CA to Boston
- Seven nights’ first class accommodations
- Ten meals: five breakfast, five dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

### Rates

**\$2,209** per person double occupancy

**\$2,165** per person triple occupancy

**\$2,769** single reservations

Add \$50 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation and unused services waiver is \$140 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking.

### Features

**Seattle Tour ~ Mount St. Helens Visitor Center ~ Columbia River Gorge and Cascade Mountains ~ Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area ~ Bandon State Natural Area ~ Rogue River Cruise ~ Redwood National Park ~ Eureka ~ Avenue of the Giants ~ San Francisco tour**

### Travel Planner

**DAY 1** Westin Hotel, Seattle, WA

**DAY 2 - 3** Crowne Plaza Portland Downtown, Portland, OR

**DAY 4** Red Lion Inn, Coos Bay, OR

**DAY 5** Red Lion Eureka, Eureka

**DAY 6 - 7** Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA

## DAILY ITINERARY

### Day 1: Monday, July 12, 2010 - Arrive Seattle, Washington - Tour Begins

Your scenic tour through the Pacific Northwest and California begins with an overnight stay in one of America’s most picturesque cities, Seattle. Get to know your fellow travelers tonight at a welcome dinner. **(D)**

### Day 2: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 - Seattle - Olympia - Portland, Oregon

Embark on a sightseeing tour of the “Emerald City,” including the colorful restored waterfront area, historic Pioneer Square, and Pike Place Market, a famous fish and vegetable market dotted with restaurants and shops. As you depart Seattle, travel south through Olympia and stop at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. Learn about the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens as well as the history of the state park. Continue to Portland for a two-night stay in North America’s “Best Big City”. **(B)**

**Day 3: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 - Portland - Cascade Mountains - Portland**

Drive along the Mt. Hood route to the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. It's a day of sightseeing you will never forget. Mt. Hood dominates the horizon as you leave the valley and enter the slopes of the Cascade Mountains. Your day will be highlighted by a tour of the magnificent Columbia River Gorge and the Bonneville Dam where a US Army Corps of Engineers park ranger will guide you through the dam and provide an interpretive talk on its might, hydropower and history. **(B,D)**

**Day 4: Thursday, July 15, 2010 - Portland - Willamette Valley - Newport - Coos Bay**

Your scenic journey takes you through what was the promised land for many pioneers during the days of the Oregon Trail. The Willamette Valley contains some of the most fertile agricultural soils of Oregon and nurtures vegetables, flowers, herbs, nuts and vineyards. Next, head to the coastal town of Newport for a brief stop before traveling along some of the country's most beautiful coastlines and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. **(B,D)**

**Day 5: Friday, July 16, 2010 - Coos Bay - Bandon State Natural Area - Redwood National Park - Eureka**

Start your morning with a drive to Bandon State Natural Area. You'll be amazed by the scenery along the scenic Beach Loop, with sights such as Bandon Rocks and Face Rock, known to many from the American Indian legend. Next, enjoy a cruise up the spectacular Rogue River taking you into Oregon's rugged wilderness for a chance to see bald eagles, cormorants, seals and blue heron. Continuing south, you enter the redwood country of California. Visit the famous Redwood National Park, home to some of the world's tallest trees. Inside the park you will see some of these trees that are close to 300 feet tall and understand why the sun seldom hits the ground! Tonight, arrive in Eureka for your overnight stay. **(B,D)**

**Day 6: Saturday, July 17, 2010 - Eureka - San Francisco**

Enjoy a delightful tour through the historic timber and fishing village of Eureka and behold the beautiful Victorian architecture of Old Town. Journey through more redwood forests, including the "Avenue of the Giants," a scenic highway loaded with towering redwoods. Next, drive over the legendary Golden Gate Bridge and arrive in the "City by the Bay," San Francisco. **(B)**

**Day 7: Sunday, July 18, 2010 - San Francisco**

Today you discover this amazing city with a fascinating sightseeing tour that highlights the city's most popular landmarks. You will see the stunning Twin Peaks, the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf. Later, enjoy leisure time to explore Fisherman's Wharf. For a true local experience, ride the famed cable cars up and down San Francisco's thrilling hills as you sightsee. Tonight, gather for dinner on Pier 39, which offers exceptional views of San Francisco Bay and the Bay Bridge. **(D)**

**Day 8: Monday, July 19, 2010 - San Francisco - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends today, but the memories will stay with you forever. You will be transferred today to the San Francisco Airport for your return flight to Boston.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*