

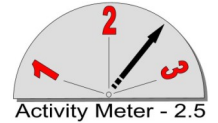


Northern California & Oregon

(featuring the incredible history & natural wonders of Lake Tahoe, Crater Lake, San Francisco, Wine Country & more!)

15 Days: September 18–October 2, 2012

A Legacy Educational Package



This travel package planned by Denise Hovden-Baumler & Dave Zimmer, guided by Dave Zimmer.

Be sure to pack your best camera, as this will be the most diverse tour of Mother Nature possible in the “Lower 48.” Join us for a glorious and grand 15-day tour of the Land of the Golden West – Oregon & Northern California. This tour features round-trip air, which gives us an extra 6 days to explore the area some pioneers considered “the promised land.” Our adventure includes a back roads motorcoach journey showcasing the stunning Pacific Coast, soaring mountain ranges, lush farmland, the world’s tallest forests, waterfalls and layers of history from the Native Americans to Lewis & Clark and from the Oregon Trail to more recent events. Travel with guide Dave Zimmer, who has traversed and camped this wondrous trail.



September 18 our adventure begins as we motorcoach to the Minneapolis airport to board our flight to **Portland, OR**, where we spend the night.

September 19 after **breakfast** it’s “Westward Ho!” We’ll make a mid-morning stop in the lush Sitka spruce and fir forest at **Camp 18** logging restaurant where the ceiling pole weighs 25 tons and is 85 feet long. We’ll travel over the forested coastal range (you may see Big Foot) to **lunch at Cannon Beach**, located near what some claim is the world’s 3rd tallest beach monolith, **Haystack Rock**. Next we journey to **Tillamook**, where one million visitors a year tour the huge cheese factory located amid choice dairy farms. Here, we’ll settle in for the evening and enjoy **dinner**.



September 20 enjoy **breakfast** before our journey continues. A huge **surprise** today - here’s a hint – it’s a great connection to **WW II**. Also we explore Oregon’s famous craggily coast of pounding waves, where the **Sierra Cascades Mountains** shoulder right up to the ocean’s edge. With picturesque lighthouses along most coastal highway turns, we’ll take a photo-op stop at the famous **Yaquina Head Lighthouse** which features a breathtaking view of the Pacific. You’ll have the chance to indulge in **fresh clam chowder**. We’ll overnight in Florence, OR.



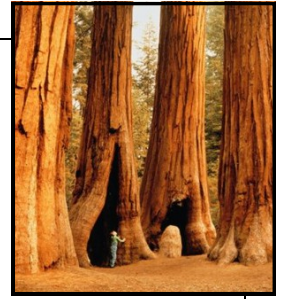
September 21 after **breakfast** experience the world’s most beautiful **sand dunes** while on a **dune buggy ride** over vast hills of sand and next to ghost-like forests near the Pacific shore. We’ll note our first **palm tree** sighting today! We’ll **tour Myrtlewood Factory Showroom** (the oldest and largest rare myrtlewood factory in the world) followed by a stop at **Cliffside Botanical Garden** and later a “**whale watch**” near **Umpqua River Lighthouse**. We will again cross the Sierra Cascades Range to the **Valley of the Umpqua Indian Tribe**. We’ll spend the evening in Roseburg, OR.

September 22 **breakfast** begins our day before the wild and scenic **Umpqua River** leads us to a unique morning stop at Steamboat Inn for **coffee and homemade cinnamon rolls**. Steamboat Inn is perched on a bluff with a commanding view of the North Umpqua River. We continue our travels along the Umpqua River which leads up through the Oregon forest of giant Sitka spruce and fir trees to **Crater Lake National Park**. Few places command such overwhelming awe from observers as does this crystal blue, 6-mile wide, 2000-foot deep lake. After **lunch at Diamond Lake** and a guided **tour around Crater Lake** we close out the day enjoying **dinner** and lodging at Crater Lake Lodge. For a treasured experience, you may choose to venture out to the crater’s rim on a moonlit evening stroll.



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September 23 after **breakfast** we descend along the roaring **Rogue River**, (the adventurous may wish to walk to a waterfall) to Shady Cove, on the way to the **Two Pines Smokehouse** for lunch on your own. Next we tour **Butte Creek Mill**, the last original operational water-powered gristmill in the western United States, and follow this with a **wine tour and tasting at RoxyAnn Winery**, located at historic Hillcrest Orchard. You might be tempted to “shop away” since there’s no sales tax in Oregon! We’ll overnight in Medford, OR.



September 24 first we’ll have **breakfast**, then we’ll leave for the northern California coast, also known as the Redwood Empire, by way of the **Klamath River**. We’ll enjoy a thrilling, narrated **jet boat ride** up this famous river of incredible scenic views, spectacular wildlife and historical stories. Sea lions, bears, elk and osprey may await us around the river bends. We overnight and have **dinner** (eat like a lumberjack) in Eureka, CA.



September 25 after **breakfast** we’ll stroll in awe among the world’s tallest trees on the **Avenue of the Giants**, a scenic drive running through Humboldt Redwoods State Park, home to this 2000-year-old redwood forest. A special **lunch** is featured today! Next we head south into America’s greatest wine country, on our way to our overnight stay in Santa Rosa, CA.

September 26 begin the day with **breakfast** in the midst of **Napa Valley** wine-making country. We’ll stop for an earth-friendly, **biodynamic farm** visit at the **Benziger Winery**. Enjoy a unique farm adventure and great California scenery while riding a tram pulled by a vintage Massey tractor through the vineyards. Our day is completed by crossing the **Golden Gate Bridge** to stay 2 nights at Fisherman’s Wharf in **San Francisco**.



September 27 after **breakfast** a step-on guide will enthrall us with stories as we tour around this fabulous **Gold Rush** city. The afternoon is open for you to enjoy your own explorations from a cable car ride or a bay cruise to Alcatraz, to great dining and shopping. Enjoy!

September 28 enjoy **breakfast** followed by a westward drive traveling the most diverse and changing scenery of the entire tour. We rise from the 20-foot San Francisco Bay elevation, cross rich farmland containing vegetable and almond tree farms, and head up toward the craggy, snow-covered peaks of the **High Sierras**. We’ll check in at our overnight accommodations - Yosemite View Lodge near Yosemite National Park, located at the park’s soaring West Gate. After getting settled we’ll take a late afternoon drive down to **Mariposa Grove**, the largest grove of **Giant Sequoias** in the park, where we will be treated to a **tram tour**. The grove includes several hundred mature examples of the tree, including 2 that are among the 25 largest Giant Sequoias in the world. You’ll be able to touch “Grizzly Giant”, the oldest tree in the grove, between 1900 to 2400 years old.



September 29 the morning starts with **breakfast** followed by a narrated **Yosemite Valley Floor Tram Tour**. During this 2-hour tour, park rangers introduce some of Yosemite’s most famous sightseeing points in Yosemite Valley and describe the history, geology, plant and animal life of the region. Afterwards we board our Hawkeye coach to travel up **Tioga Road** towards glorious mountain meadows. The spectacular descent on the east side of the Sierra Mountains takes us to our evening lodging in Lee Vining, CA.

September 30 morning finds us traveling past **Mono Lake** and over **Devil’s Pass Summit** at 7,519 feet. Today we travel through real cattle country and briefly enter Carson City, NV, our way to crystal blue, 22-mile long, 1,645-foot-deep **Lake Tahoe**. As a traveler you will compare the beauty of this lake to Crater Lake, OR. We’ll enjoy a narrated **lunch cruise** from **Zephyr Cove** to **Emerald Bay** on **Lake Tahoe**. Tonight if you wish, casino gambling awaits nearby during our stay at South Lake Tahoe, CA.



October 1 during **breakfast** anticipate our final day together. Today it’s “1849” and GOLD is discovered in California. We descend sharply from the 7,382-foot elevation at **Echo Summit Pass** to Eldorado County and the rolling hills carpeted with apple farms. On Highway 49 we make our way to **Placerville** and **Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park**, site of the ‘49 **California Gold Rush**. Picture thousands with “gold fever”

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rushing to this California spot over 160 years ago. We spend the evening in Sacramento, CA, and relax with a **farewell dinner**.

October 2 enjoy **breakfast** before our morning flight home to Minneapolis. Return to Minnesota and Iowa via a Hawkeye Stages motorcoach. As you unpack, relive your memories of Mother Nature's spectacular beauty.

Your 15-day Northern California & Oregon travel package includes: Luxury motorcoach transportation, round-trip airfare, lodging for 14 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$3,895 per person, double occupancy

\$3,795 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$5,080 single room accommodations

Deposit: \$389 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due: August 13

Cancel By: June 13 for penalty-free cancellations

Delayed reservation fee: after June 13, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

The preliminary air travel deadline is June 13, 2012. After this date, air tickets may increase in cost. Please make reservations early!

Peace of Mind Protection: Not available. Affordable travel insurance is available at a group rate. Please call our office for more details.

Without cancellation protection, regardless of the reason for cancellation, the following penalties apply:

From June 14-August 13, a \$40 air penalty per person applies

On or after August 13, 100% air penalty, plus standard motorcoach/land package penalty

Scheduled Departure Cities: Clear Lake, Decorah, Waterloo, Ames, Fort Dodge, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Coralville and Newton.

Due to flight regulations a government-issued photo ID is required for this trip, including full legal name, date of birth and gender. Please be prepared to provide this information when making your reservations.

Air/rail/cruise tickets are subject to supplemental price increases which may be imposed after purchase due to additional costs imposed by a supplier or government (such as increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes and/or foreign exchange fluctuations). To offset these fees, you may be charged post-purchase price increases by NorthLand Travel.

When circumstances arise beyond our control, NorthLand Travel reserves the right to make itinerary changes.



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Moderate+ itinerary - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking plus additional options for activity/walking

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