

PACIFIC NORTHWEST



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ADVENTURES

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Discover the lush forests and rugged coastlines of our county's top left corner. The Pacific Northwest is a playground designed for the wild at heart. It spends the winter soaking up rain, and the summer sparkling in green.

You'll explore the full spectrum of this incredible part of the country; from deep forested trails, jagged mountain peaks, high alpine desert rock, and remote coastal islands. Climb, backpack and paddle your way through the land of orca, otter, and bald eagle on this classic wilderness adventure.



EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Backpack the North Cascade Mountains

Whitewater raft the Deschutes River

Climb at world famous Smith Rock and traverse the stunning Monkey's Face

Sea kayak the San Juan Islands

DAY 1

Land in Seattle in the shadow of Mt. Rainer and the snow capped Cascades Range. Meet your group at Delta baggage claim and get moving. You'll spend your first night together en route to the spectacular North Cascades.

DAY 2

Prepare for your backpacking expedition in the North Cascades. Today you'll venture into the more forested and mountainous part of the PNW. You'll learn how to organize your gear and food for a significant backcountry voyage, and get excited for leaving the civilized world behind.

DAY 3-8

Begin your 6-day backpacking expedition. You'll travel through lush forests of towering trees and fern canyons up to altitude where the jagged peaks of the North Cascades will come into view. You'll learn to live comfortably; navigating, cooking and camping in an alpine paradise. Your days will be full of mountain passes, spectacular views, and the confidence and competence you gain from living out of your backpack in the wild. These 6 days will change the way you think about what it means to have everything you need, and it will bond your group together in a way that only the backcountry can.

**Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*





DAY 9-12

Trade your trail secrets for the sea, and travel to the San Juan Islands for wilderness sea kayaking. Carrying everything in the belly of your boat, you'll paddle between islands to exploring the magical myriad of islands. This ecosystem is unique to the pacific Northwest and it features incredible wildlife. Otters, seals, bald eagles and constellations of starfish populate these waters. Spend the nights on remote beaches only accessible by boat.

DAY 13-17

Travel to the famous features and jagged outcroppings of Smith Rock. Spend the next three days learning the techniques and navigation of rock climbing. You'll climb multiple routes at Smith Rock during the day, including top rope and multi-pitch climbs. If the desert sun demands it, you'll also have access to one of the greatest swimming holes in the entire state. Your time here will culminate with a Tyrolean traverse of the Monkey's Face.



DAY 18-19

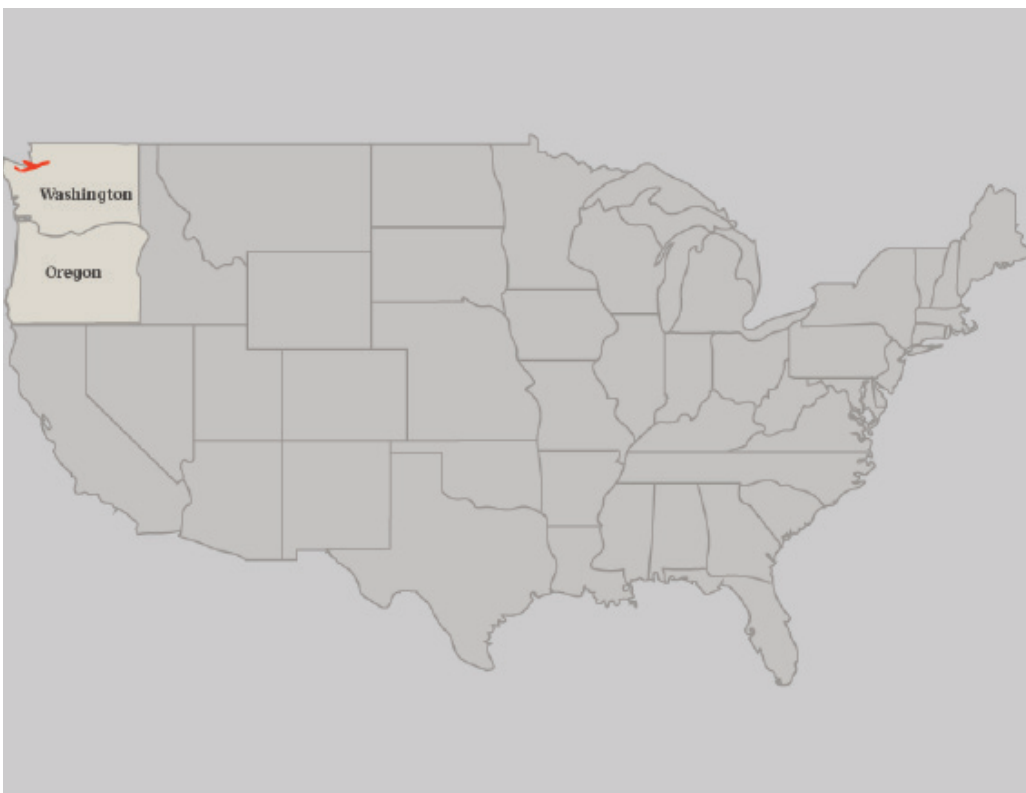
Travel north, and trade sandstone for white water as you prepare to paddle the Deschutes River. Learn to navigate the rapids of this stunning waterway. The river will take you deep in the backcountry where you'll spend a night on the river banks sandy shore, cooking and camping with your team. You'll have two days rafting, swimming, paddling and basking in the beauty of the Deschutes.

DAY 20-21

Travel back to Seattle where you'll celebrate and reflect on all that you've accomplished as a group. Enjoy a final banquet dinner with your group as you prepare to fly home.

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"I loved my trip because it opened many new doors and showed me new experiences. Everything we did on this trip was fantastic from backpacking to sea kayaking, climbing, and rafting. I feel like I got the perfect balance of every activity on this trip and that each activity was the perfect length. Overall, this trip was an experience of a lifetime and I wouldn't change it one bit."

» HENRY WEAS, ST. LOUIS, MO





TRIP DETAILS

LENGTH	21 Days
GRADE FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR	8th-9th
CHALLENGE LEVEL	Challenging
BEGINS/ENDS	Seattle, WA (SEA) <i>Suggested flight window provided upon acceptance</i>
GROUP SIZE	10 Students
AVERAGE AIRFARE FROM EAST COAST	\$750

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Two dynamic trip leaders
- Professionally outfitted activities
 - Sea kayaking
 - White water rafting
 - Rock climbing
- Accommodations
 - 3 person tents
- New 15 passenger transit van
- All meals
- Photos taken during your trip

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from Seattle, WA (SEA)
- Baggage fees
- Unaccompanied minor fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
 - Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$225 recommended)
- Trip Insurance (Highly recommended)

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