

**AUGUST 4-11, 2019**  
**8 DAYS • 11 MEALS**

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# BRENNER TOURS

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Visit a piece of Oregon history, the Yaquina Head Lighthouse

## Oregon's Natural Wonders

Discover the Bounty of the Pacific Northwest

You'll love this northwestern adventure from Pacific coast to the Columbia River Gorge, the high desert to Crater Lake. Meet skilled growers of hazelnuts and fruit. View stunning mountain vistas, from Mt. Bachelor to famed Mt. Hood. Lunch at the spectacular Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, a national landmark built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and WPA during the Thirties. Hear the ocean waves crashing against the shore in historic Newport, and spend three nights in Bend, situated at the base of the Cascades.

### DAY 1—CITY OF ROSES

After pick ups in Grand Rapids, MI, Martin, MI, Kalamazoo, MI and Middlebury, IN, we travel to Chicago by motor coach. Bob and Pam will be on hand to assist with group check-in and flights. We then fly to Portland, the beautiful "City of Roses"! Your adventure begins with a private reception at the Monarch Hotel.

### DAY 2—BOB'S RED MILL/HAZELNUTS/TILLAMOOK CHEESE

We board our deluxe motor coach to begin our tour. Bob and Pam will serve as Tour Directors on this trip. You've seen the packaging at your local grocery store, now get a chance to see Bob's Red Mill up close and personal. The products are manufactured using time-honored techniques, like grinding whole grains at cool temperatures with a traditional stone mill. And, did you know that Oregon grows 99% of all hazelnuts in the United States? Find out all about these delicious nuts that are grown in the state. A century ago, the Tillamook Valley drew frontier families to the region to dairy farm; you'll tour and have a tasty sample at the award-winning Tillamook Cheese Factory. Then, continue down the Pacific coastline to Yaquina Head Lighthouse, the region's most photographed lighthouse, before checking into your oceanfront hotel for the evening. **B, L**

### DAY 3—DISCOVERY CRUISE/GATHERING TOGETHER FARMS/SISTERS

Today, set sail from the historic bayfront in Newport on a Discovery cruise of Newport Bay. An ocean naturalist will share fascinating tales of the diverse and local wildlife, which can range from sea lions and gray whales to pelicans and bald eagles. Leaving the coast, head inland to Philomath for a delightful "farm-to-fork" lunch at Gathering Together Farm, which grows the bulk of their produce they use in their restaurant. Later, experience the massive mountain firs and old-growth trees of Willamette National Forest. Stretch your legs and grab an ice cream in the tiny "Old West" town of Sisters before checking into your downtown Bend hotel for the next three nights. **B, L**

### DAY 4—NEWBERRY VOLCANO/HIGH DESERT MUSEUM/BBQ COOKOUT

After a delicious breakfast, explore up close one of many nearby natural wonders: the obsidian lava fields of the Newberry National Volcanic



Monument. Then, return to the days of explorers, settlers and buckaroos at the High Desert Museum in Bend. The history of the mountain frontier will come alive in life-size dioramas of an 1800s settlement...view exhibits of fascinating Western and native art...and see golden eagles, otters and porcupines, maybe even a wild mustang! Afterwards, kick back for an afternoon of leisure. Perhaps rent a bicycle for a ride on the miles of bike trails, take a float trip or enjoy a swim in the pool. A tasty dinner caps off a great day! **B, D**

#### DAY 5—BEND/CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

Today is yours to enjoy the quaint town of Bend. Or, if you'd like, take an optional tour to Crater Lake National Park. **B**

**+** **Option—Crater Lake** Native Americans considered this tranquil blue gem, rimmed by rugged cliffs and soaring peaks, so sacred that they didn't breathe a word of it to European pioneers for half a century. On this excursion around the 33-mile rim, you'll stop several times to take in the mesmerizing scenery: enchanting Wizard Island, the "phantom ship" rock formation and the deep azure of the water. Later enjoy lunch and more breathtaking views of Crater Lake. **L Price: \$77 per person.**

#### DAY 6—MT. HOOD/KIYOKAWA ORCHARDS/CASCADE LOCKS

Today is full of the sights and sounds and wonderful scents of Oregon. We'll marvel at the dramatic, 300-foot-deep river canyon, Crooked River Gorge. Next, get ready to ascend majestic Mt. Hood! Driving up to the timberline will reveal one spectacular vista after another. Lunch is at Timberline Lodge, a rustic resort built by the WPA craftsmen during the Great Depression. You'll also tour portions of this amazing property with a U.S. Forest Service Ranger. The Hood River Valley is the "fruit bowl" of Oregon, and no visit would be complete without a stop at Kiyokawa Orchards. You'll have a chance to taste some luscious fresh-picked apples and pears at their orchard market. Finish your day with a tasty dinner cruise on the spectacular Columbia River Gorge. **B, L, D**

#### DAY 7—BONNEVILLE DAM/COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

This morning starts at the Bonneville Dam. You'll be amazed by the enormous turbines that generate electricity for the entire region. Fishing is big business here and you'll also get an up-close look at an elaborate hatchery that turns out millions of salmon each year. On to legendary Multnomah Falls! Plummeting 620 feet, it is the second highest year-round waterfall in America. You'll love the magical sight of the exquisite silver stream flying down the mammoth rock face. Our next stop along the gorge is the majestic Crown Point overlook and the Vista House. This afternoon, we experience a tour of the City of Roses. **B, D**



"Go Wild" at the High Desert Museum

#### DAY 8—HOME

This morning we fly back home through to Chicago, IL.

Bob and Pam will also assist with check-ins. When we arrive in Chicago, our motor coach will be waiting for us to dropoff in Middlebury, IN, Kalamazoo, MI, Martin, MI and Grand Rapids, MI. We are sure you will have found memories of oceans, gorges, waterfalls, volcanoes, craters and lots of friendly people along the way! 🌍



Crater Lake Option

## Discoveries Experience

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Price Per Person:

Double: \$2,777; Single: \$3,335

Depart/Return: Chicago, IL (O'Hare)

## Highlights & Inclusions

- Round trip Deluxe Motor coach Transportation from local pickup points to Departure Airport
- Round-trip Air to Portland, OR (Fly Nonstop from Chicago O'Hare)
- 3 nights at Doubletree by Hilton Bend, with breathtaking views of Mt. Bachelor, and oceanfront room in Newport, overlooking the Pacific
- Travel from the Pacific ocean to forested mountains and high desert
- Visit local farm families and sample their fresh apples, pears, hazelnuts
- Naturalist-led cruise of Newport Bay
- Columbia River sunset dinner cruise past the Bridge of the Gods
- Newberry National Volcanic Monument, Willamette National Forest, and optional excursion to Crater Lake National Park
- Tour Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood
- See Multnomah Falls & Crown Point overlook along the Columbia River
- Bag handling (1 per person) at hotels
- Fees/tips for included attractions/meals
- Welcome reception, 24-hour emergency call service, free bottled water on coach

## Quality Accommodations

**Night 1:** Monarch Hotel, Clackamas

**Night 2:** Shilo Inn, Newport

**Nights 3-5:** Sunriver Resort, Sunriver

**Night 6:** Best Western Plus Columbia River Inn, Cascade Locks

**Night 7:** Monarch Hotel, Clackamas

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