
GEEO ITINERARY

NORTHWESTERN USA- Summer

Day 1: Seattle Arrive at any time.

Arrive at any time today, but we highly recommend coming in at least a day early so you have time to see the sites of Seattle. We typically have a group meeting at the hotel around 6:00 p.m. Upon arrival at the hotel, please check the notice board for information about the group meeting. During the group meeting, the leader will outline the trip itinerary and answer questions.

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Day 3: Mount Rainier National Park/Wallace Continue east through the state of Washington. Check out scenic Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, en route to the quirky, small town of Wallace.

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Day 4: Wallace/Glacier National Park (D) Enjoy the drive into Montana, and head to Glacier National Park for the first night of camping in Big Sky Country.

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Day 6: Glacier National Park/Bozeman (B,L) Drive south to the university town of Bozeman, Montana. Enjoy a hotel and a night on the town before carrying on to Yellowstone.

Drive south to the university town of Bozeman, Montana. Enjoy a free afternoon in Bozeman. Explore the town, or stop by Main St. for 'Music on Main' in the summer months. Approximate travel time: 3-3.5 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 7: Bozeman/Yellowstone National Park (L,D) Spend the day driving through the northern section of Yellowstone National Park. The ride can be slow-going due to all the stopping for bears, elk, and bison that may cozy up to the road. Soak in the scenery of waterfalls, fumaroles, and geysers, take short hikes, and lay eyes on Old Faithful.

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Day 8: Yellowstone National Park Continue exploring more sections of the park, home to the wildest animals in the USA. Check out waterfalls, take short hikes, and lay eyes on Old Faithful.

Make several stops throughout the day. Today the journey is the destination. Geysers, waterfalls, wildlife, and scenic beauty are around every corner just waiting to be explored. In fact, Yellowstone National Park is a super volcano with the world's largest active geyser field, boasting more than 10,000 geysers. The Park is also home to more wild animals than almost anywhere else in the U.S., including roaming bison, gray wolves, elk, black bears, and, of course, the famous grizzly bear. Spend the day discovering the impressive natural phenomena within the park.

Day 9: Yellowstone National Park/Jackson Spend the morning driving through Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks before reaching the fun, cowboy town of Jackson Hole. Opt to check out some hikes nearby, go shopping, or relax in a cool café. In the evening, opt to wet your whistle at a cowboy bar.

Cross the Continental Divide, and enjoy the view of more than 12 peaks that make up this beautiful drive. Visit Grand Teton National Park, a natural playground that offers serene landscapes, alluring wildlife, hidden waterfalls, and hundreds of hiking trails throughout the park. Towering above pristine lakes and alpine terrain, the Teton Range includes more than 12 peaks at an elevation greater than 12,000 ft (39370m). In the late afternoon, reach Jackson and marvel at the town square's elk antler arches. In the evening, enjoy a night out with a true wild western atmosphere at the One Million Dollar Bar. Approximate travel time: 5-6 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

Day 10: Jackson/Boise Start heading west to Boise, Idaho, stopping at Craters of the Moon National Monument en route.

Today we head west to Boise, Idaho. Along the way we pull off the highway and get transported to another planet. Craters of the Moon National Monument is a series of lava flows created 15,000 years ago that greatly resembles the surface of the moon. A previous training ground for astronauts, get out and explore the dramatic landscapes of the area. Approximate travel time: 6-7 hrs by private vehicle with Wi-Fi

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Day 12: Bend/Eugene Leave early to spend a few hours at gorgeous Crater Lake

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Day 13: Eugene/Portland Drive north to the city of Portland. One of the most popular cities to visit north of California on the West Coast, Portland is artsy, funky, and full of great eating and drinking options. Spend the afternoon getting to know this charming city.

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Day 14: Portland/Seattle Enjoy the morning in Portland before traveling back to Seattle. Opt to go for a final dinner with the group.

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Day 15: Seattle Depart Seattle at any time.

Depart Seattle at any time. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO trips in the same year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs). If you don't see a program that interests you that pairs with this trip, but still would like to extend your time abroad, let us know. We will work with you to find a non-teacher trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Even better, if you are an educator, we can offer still offer you a discounted price on the trip you choose!