

WASHINGTON/OREGON ROAD TRIP ITINERARY

WASHINGTON-OREGON-CALIFORNIA

This is the itinerary for the 7-day road trip that I took (the first half with a friend, and the second half solo). My friend and I started in Washington and then I solo road-tripped through Oregon to eventually meet up in Napa with my husband for his work trip. We started August 28 and ventured into September. It was pretty much mid 70's to 80's during the day and it cooled down just a tad bit at night. We were lucky and had clear blue skies pretty much every day.

WED

MOUNT BAKER, WASHINGTON

- **10:30AM** - Land in Seattle + grab rental car
- **11:30PM** - Lunch @ [Conscious Eatery](#) in Seattle
- **12:00PM** - Drive to Chain Lakes Loop (4hr)
- **4:00PM** - Hike Chain Lakes Loop (7 miles RT)
- **7:00PM** - Dinner + fire at our [Airbnb Cabin](#) in Maple Falls (50 minute drive)

Notes: Conscious eatery is a local favorite in Seattle that makes food from all fresh ingredients. The Mt. Baker Wilderness was gorgeous and I felt like the Chain Lakes Loop showed us a glimpse into the top beauties of Mt. Baker. The hike was highly recommended and sat right at the top of the ski resort. Our Airbnb was a huge hit- we loved it. It sat on the river and had a wooden hot tub that you heat up with your own fire. It really gave the wilderness experience. The town of Maple Falls is super small with two general stores, but definitely the best/closest area to stay if going to Mt. Baker.

THURS

NORTH CASCADES , WASHINGTON

- **7:00AM** - River Cold Plunge + Hot Tub
- **8:00AM** - Breakfast bonfire @ Airbnb
- **9:00AM** - Drive to North Cascades National Park (2hr 30min)
- **10:30PM** - Stop to pick up lunch en route @ Cascade Burgers
- **11:30AM** - Diablo Lake Scenic Overlook
- **12:30PM** - Hike Maple Pass Loop (7 miles RT)
- **3:00PM** - Hike Ross Lake Resort Trail (2 miles RT)
- **4:00PM** - Drive to Marblemount, WA (1hr)
- **6:00PM** - Eat dinner @ Upriver Grill & Taproom
- **8:00PM** - Back to hotel @ North Cascades Inn

Notes: Amazing hikes. Amazing food. Hotel was somewhat of a hostel, but a place to stay nonetheless. Diablo lake and Maple Pass Loop gave us the most enchanting experience of the Cascades. I truly felt like we got to see it all. We took a dip in Diablo to end the day which was perfect. We did the Ross Lake Resort hike just to see the 'Instagram Famous resort.' It was cute but I don't feel a big need to stay there. Town of Marblemount was small but nice to stay in.

FRI

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

- **5:00AM** - Drive to Port Angeles (4hrs)
- **9:00 AM** - Breakfast at Chestnut Cottage
- **12:00PM** - Drive to Sol Duc Hot Springs (1hr)
- **1:30PM** - Hike Sol Duc Falls (2 miles roundtrip)
- **3:00PM** - Hike Marymere Falls (2 miles roundtrip)
- **4:00PM** - Lake hang, dinner, and stay @ Lake Crescent Lodge

Notes: I am so glad we did not stay in Port Angeles. Driving around Olympic is a lot of backtracking, but there are some gems. The falls hikes were very populated but pretty, and the hot springs were OK- not natural looking at all. It cost \$25 per person to soak. The Lake Crescent Lodge was a 10/10. I felt like I was at summer camp again. The Lodge is so cute with a little bar and restaurant, the lake is so clear and blue and had lots of people hanging + dock jumping. We got lucky because this place books out a year in advance and we happened to catch a cancellation at the right time the week before. Also, dinner at the restaurant was incredible.

SAT

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

- **7:30AM** - Breakfast @ Lake Crescent Lodge
- **8:00AM** - Drive to Hoh Rainforest (2hr), Hike Hoh Rainforest
- **12:30PM** - Eat at Hard Rain Cafe
- **1:30PM** - Ruby Beach, Tree of Life
- **3:30PM** - Rialto Beach
- **4:00PM** - Back to Lake Crescent Lodge (1hr) for lake hang, game night, and dinner

Notes: This was a very touristy day. We waited an hour to get into the Hoh Rainforest (apparently the best times to go are before 9 and after 5). We did the two main hikes and they are super short so we weren't there for long. On the way out of the rainforest we stopped at Hard Rain Cafe for lunch which was super cute. We also stopped at some of the beaches which were fun to see but nothing worth staying long at. We honestly could not wait to get back to the lodge and hangout and have dinner again. It was such a good find and honestly made our trip at Olympic. You can rent kayaks/paddle-boards, swim, go on walks, play games, and so much more at the lodge.

SUN

TRAVEL: SEATTLE - HOOD RIVER, OR

- **8:00 AM** - Breakfast @ The Lodge
- **10:00AM** - Drive to Seattle (3hrs)
- **12:00PM** - Lunch @ [Fit Bar Superfood Cafe](#)
- **1:00PM** - Drop Jordan @ Seattle Airport
- **3:00PM** - Drive to Multnomah Falls (3hrs)
- **4:00PM** - Drive to Hood River Waterfront Park
- **5:00PM** Dinner @ [Riverside Hood River](#)
- **6:30PM** Check in at [Best Western Plus](#)

Notes: This was mostly a travel day but I stopped at the falls in Oregon which is barely even a hike, but so pretty. Then I headed to Hood River to watch the wind surfers on the water. The hotel I stayed at was right on the river with a super cute restaurant on the river that I ate at. Super small and cute town.

MON

BEND, OREGON

- **7:00AM** - Drive to Bend (2hrs, 30min)
- **9:30AM** - Hike at Smith Rock State Park
- **11:30AM** - Drive to Bend
- **12:30PM** - Bungee Jump @ [Oregon Bungee](#)
- **12:30PM** - Lunch @ [Greg's Grill](#) on the river
- **1:30PM** - Watch surfers @ Bend Whitewater Park
- **2:30PM** - Drive to [Sunriver Resort](#)
- **4:00PM** - Pool hang, dinner, stay at resort

Notes: This day was so fun and unique. Smith Rock was absolutely gorgeous, great hiking options and a river to dip in. The bungee jump was a pull-off the road, spur of the moment thing, but I HIGHLY recommend. It was fun to walk around the Old Mill District where I ate lunch and then watch the river surfers. The resort I stayed at was remote and felt so safe. It was in the tiniest little town with pretty much just the resort and a general store.

TUES

OREGON/LAKE TAHOE

- **8:00 AM** - Breakfast @ [Cafe Sintra](#)
- **9:00AM** - Drive to Sisters, Oregon (1hr)
- **11:00AM** - Drive to Terwiliger Hot Springs (1hr)
- **1:00PM** - Drive to Lake Tahoe (8hr, 30mins)
- **9:00PM** - Dinner at [Christy Hill](#) on the Lake
- **10:00PM** - Check into [Basecamp Tahoe City](#)

Notes: This day was filled with driving. I was considering going to the coast of Oregon before heading down to Napa, but the locals all said they would do Tahoe over the coast for sure, so I did a detour and headed to Tahoe. Sisters, Oregon was the absolute cutest little town I have ever seen. I stopped and walked the downtown before heading to the hot springs. The hot springs were some of the most natural and beautiful hot springs I have ever seen. I will say, clothing was optional and there were people taking full advantage, so just be aware of that. The drive to Tahoe was pretty, but not a ton of places to stop en route. I got into North Tahoe super late but it was SO cozy feeling. So many homes/restaurants lining the lake. Basecamp was a cute little upscale motel that was the perfect spot for just a quick night of sleep.

WED

LAKE TAHOE

- **7:00AM** - Drive to Sand Harbor (40mins)
- **8:00AM** - Clear Kayak at Clearly Tahoe
- **9:00AM** - Hang at Sand Harbor Beach
- **11:30PAM** - Drive to South Lake Tahoe for lunch
- **1:30PM** - Drive to Napa

Notes: Sand Harbor was everything that you see in pictures of Lake Tahoe. It was so pretty with the boulders in the water, clear, blue water, and just an overall amazing spot to hangout. I did the clear Kayak as well which was so fun and amazing so see. I was definitely glad I stayed and hung out around North Lake Tahoe. I drove down to South Lake for lunch and it felt like less nature, more casinos and touristy. I then headed to Napa (3 hour drive) for my husband's work trip, after which I flew out of San Fran. But had I stopped in Lake Tahoe, I would have flown out of Reno which is about an hour. I will absolutely be back to Tahoe. Did not get enough time there.

