



Sensational Washington!

A Trip for the Senses

Featuring Mansions, Gardens and Culinary Treats of the Pacific Northwest

HEAR the rush of a waterfall, the gentle sound of water lapping on the shore, the call of seagulls, the enchanting beat of a Japanese drum.

TASTE wonderful culinary creations...chocolate, English delicacies at afternoon tea, lunches and dinners that feature fresh local ingredients.

SEE colorful fields of tulips, gardens exploding with spring blooms, flowering cherry trees, historic mansions, floating homes, glittering glass.

SMELL salty air, fragrant flowers, the bouquet of fine Washington wines.
FEEL alive!

Day One

Fly to **Seattle, Washington** this morning and be met by a deluxe motor coach and professional driver who will take you to the city's famous **Pike Place Market**. Stretch your legs and stroll among a vast variety of food purveyors in America's oldest continually operating farmer's market. Next we're on our way to our hotel, the **Crowne Plaza Seattle**, where we will check in for six nights to our concierge level rooms that include nightly hors' d oeuvres. Unpack just once on this trip and then get ready to enjoy days full of nothing but fun!

After time to refresh and relax we depart for **McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant**. (D)

Day Two **Seattle, Waterfall and Wine!**

We depart this morning for a full day of sightseeing in Seattle and the surrounding area. On our **guided tour** you'll soon feel the unique ambiance of this *City on the Sound*. See the famous Space Needle, Chinatown, floating homes, Pioneer Square and the Olympic Sculpture Park. After a break for lunch we're on our way through the foothills of the Cascade Mountains to the edge of the **Snoqualmie waterfall**. Have your cameras ready to capture the rush of this breathtaking 270-foot waterfall! Next, we travel through the scenic Columbia Valley wine country where we'll stop at one of Washington's most popular wineries, **Chateau Ste. Michelle**. At this award-winning winery you'll learn about the Chateau's rich heritage and what makes the Columbia Valley such a premier grape growing region. Your winery tour will conclude with a sampling of some fine wines. (B)

Day Three **Tulips, Tulips, Tulips!**

Today we head north to the **Skagit Valley** to join in on the celebration at the annual **Tulip Festival!** Only Holland produces more tulips than the Skagit Valley. You'll be amazed at the rainbow of colors blanketing more than 1,500 acres and be prepared to see hyacinths, iris and daffodils as they are also in season. Our morning begins with a visit to an **alpaca farm** where you'll meet the alpacas and watch a spinning demonstration. Then we'll visit **RoozenGaarde**, the largest tulip farm in the United States. Here you can tour the three-acre display garden featuring an authentic Dutch windmill. The Roozen's have been growing bulbs since the 1700's! Ready for lunch? Well, we have just the place. In the nearby town of **La Conner**, located in the shadow of majestic Mount Baker, you'll be served foods made with only the Northwest's freshest ingredients at **Nell Thorn**. After lunch take time to visit the shops in this charming waterfront town. This afternoon we'll stop by one of the many



festival **art shows** before we visit **Tulip Town**. See the International Peace Gardens and an indoor tulip and garden display. Stroll along the tulip field path and ride the trolley into the fields brimming with colorful tulips. **(B, L)**

Day Four Castle, Gardens and Glass!

Southward is the direction we'll travel today and into the city of Tacoma. Along the way, we'll stop at the **Boeing Museum of Flight**. Next, we'll see the amazing **Chihuly Bridge of Glass**, a 500-foot-long pedestrian bridge and visit the **Museum of Glass**, which is dedicated to the medium of glass art. Enjoy a boxed lunch during your visit. This afternoon we'll visit spectacular **Thornwood Castle and Gardens**. Built in 1908 by famous architect Kirkland Cutter, this 27,000 square foot, 50-room, Gothic, Tudor-style manor is the only one of its kind on the west coast. Tour the castle, stroll the grounds to see the *Secret Garden* created by the Olmsted Brothers and take in the views of American Lake and Mount Rainier. A homemade **dinner** will be served in the Great Room of this fantastic home! **(B, L, D)**

Day Five Islands, Gardens and Tea!

Depart the hotel this morning to catch a high-speed catamaran, the **Victoria Clipper**. As we travel through the Puget Sound and into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, you'll see the majestic Olympic Mountains and quaint villages. Keep a watchful eye as the air and the sea are abundant with wildlife. Our destination is **Victoria, British Columbia**. (*U.S. Passports will be required for travel into Canada.*) On arrival a coach and driver will meet us for a **city tour** where you'll learn about the history of Victoria and her famous sites. Then, enjoy 55 acres of floral splendor at one of the world's most magnificent gardens, **Butchart Gardens**. You'll be given plenty of time to enjoy all of the springtime beauty before we depart for the **Fairmont Empress Hotel**. You'll feel like you're stepping back in time as you experience British society at an authentic **Victorian Tea**. You'll be treated to live music, tableside tea service and delicious English sandwiches and pastries in this stunning hotel. Then it's back to Victoria harbor to catch the Victoria Clipper for our return trip to Seattle. **(B, Tea)**

Day Six

This morning we're off to the airport for our flight home. You'll certainly be taking with you wonderful memories of a beautiful trip! **(B)**



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