

### A Week on the Pacific Coast Highway

Car Camping • Hiking • Beaches • City Exploration



### **Trip at a Glance**

**Start Location:** Portland, Oregon (Airport code: PDX)

End Location: San Francisco, California (Airport code: SFO)

**Duration**: 10 days (9 nights)

Accommodation: 4 days camping, 5 days in Airbnbs and/or hotels

Transportation on trip: Rental car

Physical Challenge: Low, with the option to extend some hikes



**Days 1 to 3 – Portland, Oregon:** Breweries, artisan coffee, shopping, and culture

Days 4 to 5 – The Oregon Coast: Small towns, wild beaches, and hiking in old growth forests

Day 6 – Redwoods National Park: Record-setting trees and world-class camping

Day 7 – Napa, California: Vineyards, wine tasting, and farm-totable dining

Day 8 to 10 – San Francisco, California: Nightlife, history, and the Golden Gate Bridge

#### Itinerary and activities:

- Day 1 (Friday): Land at PDX, pick up your rental car, and settle
  into your Airbnb. For dinner, check out something near your
  accommodations, or visit the Division neighborhood (famous
  for its culinary options!).
- Day 2 (Saturday): Portland sightseeing and exploration are on the docket for today. Highlights include the historic <u>Powell's</u> book store, <u>Voodoo Doughnuts</u> (absolutely delicious!), <u>the</u> <u>Saturday market</u>, and more breweries and coffee shops than you could ever visit in a single day!
- Day 3 (Sunday): The road trip begins! Drive west to Cannon Beach and soak in your first glimpses of the wild Pacific Coast. Tonight is your first night of camping on the trip – see below.

**Accommodation:** Airbnb in or around Portland, Oregon. We suggest starting the hunt for a place to stay by looking in the Nob Hill (Victorian architecture) and Hawthorne (quiet and walkable) neighborhoods.

**Logistics:** Please book flights into Portland (PDX), and reserve a rental car at the airport (to be dropped off at SFO, at trip end).



#### Days 4 to 5

The Oregon Coast: Small towns, wild beaches, and hiking in old growth forests

#### Itinerary and activities:

- Day 4 (Monday): Start heading south on the Pacific Coast
  Highway. Enjoy scenic views as you drive, and stop to stretch
  your legs (and have some coffee!) in small towns. There are a
  few great options for activities to break up today's drive: going
  for a hike along the beach and renting ATVs to explore the sand
  dunes (there are a bunch of rental shops near the town of North
  Bend) are highlights.
- Day 5 (Tuesday): Depending on where you stopped yesterday, you might have a bit more time for activities today, in addition to continuing to drive one of America's most-scenic roads. If you do have some time, consider a longer hike <a href="Humbug Mountain"><u>Humbug Mountain</u></a> is a great option with big views.

**Accommodation:** For days 3 (see above), 4, and 5 of your trip we suggest camping along the Pacific Coast. There are a large number of <u>Oregon State Park campgrounds</u>, as well as private campgrounds, along this section of the route.

**Logistics:** There is a large amount of driving to be done across this section of the trip. As outlined in the sample itinerary above, it makes the most sense to mix a small activity in each day – this will keep you from getting too sick of driving, but also help make sure you get to where you need to go at a reasonable hour each afternoon/evening.



Redwoods National Park: Record-setting trees and world-class camping

#### Itinerary and activities:

Day 6 (Wednesday): Redwoods National Park borders a State
 Park with the same name. Together, the parks are home to
 thousands of towering Redwood trees, miles of pristine
 Pacific Coastline, and dozens of hiking trails. Spend most of
 the day exploring the parks – you really can't go wrong in such
 a stunning destination, but please reach out if you'd like help
 choosing how to spend your time.

**Accommodation:** After 3 nights of camping, an Airbnb will be a nice treat. There are a few good options near Westport, CA, but you may have to get creative to find a spot that works for you – this is a remote part of Northern California!

**Logistics:** There are a lot of hiking options in the park – consider checking in with the staff at the <u>Prairie Creek Visitor Center</u>, in the heart of the park, to get updated advice on local conditions.



Day 7

Napa, California: Vineyards, wine tasting, and farm-to-table dining

#### **Itinerary and activities:**

Day 7 (Thursday): After a morning drive, you'll hit Napa right around lunch time. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch — there are a bunch of great restaurants downtown. After lunch, spend some time exploring Napa's world famous vineyards. You can drive to any vineyard you'd like to visit but, if you're feeling active, there are also great cycling and walking trails traversing the area. Wrap up the day with a final night of camping — the perfect way to put a bow on this section of your once-in-a-lifetime road trip.

**Accommodation:** A final night of camping will be a fantastic way to wrap up the road trip portion of your. We suggest reserving a camping spot near Marin – it's about 1.5 hours from Napa, but well worth the drive to spend another night surrounded by nature. <a href="Samuel P. Taylor">Samuel P. Taylor</a> and <a href="Mount Tamalpais">Mount Tamalpais</a> State Parks are both good options for this night.

**Logistics:** If you stayed in the vicinity of Westport, CA last night you'll have about 3.5 hours of driving to get to Napa. With this in mind, and the fact that it is roughly a 1.5 hour drive from Napa to your next campground, this is a good day to get up a touch earlier. You'll want the extra time to explore Napa!



San Francisco, California: Nightlife, history, and the Golden Gate Bridge

#### Itinerary and activities:

- Day 8 (Friday): As you make your way into San Francisco, consider a small detour to checkout Point Reyes National Seashore and go for a walk or a hike. Once you reach San Francisco, get settled into your hotel before a celebratory dinner! San Francisco has countless world-class restaurants; if you're at a loss try starting with Asian or Mexican cuisine SF is often listed among the best US cities for both cuisines.
- Day 9 (Saturday): You've got all day today to explore San Francisco. There are countless sights to see in the city, not to mention great food. In addition to the city's famous destinations (<u>Fisherman's Wharf</u>, the Golden Gate Bridge, <u>Alcatraz</u>, etc.), consider taking a walk to the top of <u>Twin Peaks</u> (panoramic views) or going for a jog along the <u>Presidio</u> (a waterfront preserve that is actually a National Park!).
- Day 10 (Sunday): Today is mostly reserved for travel back home. However, depending on the timing of your flight, consider a morning walk along the water. SF is surprisingly quiet on Sunday mornings, but you'll still be able to get an incredible cup of coffee to sip as you go. As you soak in your last views of the Pacific, start thinking about what adventure you'd like to plan for your next unforgettable vacation!

**Accommodation:** Airbnb or hotel in San Francisco, California. Try starting your search for a place to stay by looking in the Haight-Ashbury (hippy history and vintage vibes), The Castro (nightlife and history), and Hayes Valley (modern and trendy) neighborhoods.

**Logistics:** Please book your flight home from SFO at some point midday on Sunday. If you'd like to avoid managing a car while visiting the city, consider returning your car at SFO on Friday and calling a ride back to your accommodations.



## <u>Ideal For</u>

# The Process

# The Outcome

#### **Creation & Curation**

- → Adventure-seekers looking for inspiration and logistical guidance
- → Experienced adventurers seeking trip planning support and location-specific insights
- → Initial information gathering survey
- → Private pre-planning video call
- → Initial Trip Itinerary shared for review
- → Private itinerary feedback video call
- → Final Trip Itinerary shared for review
- → Ongoing pre-trip support and advice
- → Custom-planned Trip Itinerary
- → In-depth Trip Plan document
  - Detailed explanation of itinerary (key points of interest, suggested activities, and game-changing local knowledge)
  - Trip-specific supplemental info. (e.g. packing list, GPX route files, etc.)

Note: This sample Trip Plan demonstrates the outcome of the "Creation & Curation" package

#### **Adventure Concierge**

- → Individuals seeking a fully planned and arranged, custom adventure trip
- → Travelers who desire assistance managing reservations, daily activity planning, and all other trip details
- → All steps of "Creation & Curation" service package
- → Additional private video call before finalizing Trip Itinerary, for review of all accommodations, transportation, and activities prior to booking
- → All features of "Creation & Curation" service package
- → All accommodation, transportation, and activity reservations
- → Pre-trip and on-trip support via email, phone, and text message
- → Unlimited additional guidance and advice, as requested