

Glacier Grandeur, Apples and Aircraft – 3 days

Total for Itinerary 486 miles



Snoqualmie Falls – Credit Port of Seattle

Day 1 Seattle - Snoqualmie, then via Stevens Pass Greenway to Wenatchee Day total 164 miles

Drive to the magnificent 270-foot [Snoqualmie Falls](#), one of Washington's premier attractions. There are hiking trails, a gift shop and observation deck to capture your interest. The waterfalls are the star attraction. After exploring and taking photos, stop in the 1950s-style [Candy Factory and Café](#) for a delicious burger and old-fashioned shake with hand-crafted candy for dessert!

Stevens Pass Greenway runs through two National Forests in the North Cascades Mountain Range. Enjoy rivers, lakes, hiking, mountain-climbing, scenic outlooks, campgrounds and winter recreation. The [Upper Sky Valley](#) section leads towards the watershed, passing through half a dozen attractive small towns. Skykomish, is an historic railroad town and close to the [Iron Goat Trail](#) on the railway route used for 35 years until the Cascade Tunnel was opened in 1929..

Beyond Steven's Pass ski area lies [Leavenworth](#), a Bavarian themed town, most famous for its exciting festival line-up which includes Christmas Lighting Festival, Leavenworth Oktoberfest and Mai-Fest, Alefest, and Autumn Leaf Festival. Choose from more than 50 restaurants for dinner before driving the short distance to Wenatchee for the night.



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Day 2 - Wenatchee – Winthrop – Sun Mountain (including wine / blueberries detour at Lake Chelan) **Day Total 121 miles**

Wenatchee, dubbed the “Apple Capital of the World,” is home to the [Pybus Public Market](#) housed in a meticulously restored steel warehouse. Snack your way through the market before tracing the Columbia north to Lake Chelan.

[Lake Chelan](#) is a narrow body of water, 50 miles long, that snakes into the North Cascades, which is renowned as a favourite freshwater recreational area for boating, fishing and swimming. Its surrounding valley is ripe with farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, boasting farm markets and stellar wineries. Enjoy a taste treat; detour to [Blueberry Hills Farm](#) for their fresh-baked pie.

Follow Highway 20 into the Methow Valley through scenic farmlands with glimpses of jagged mountain peaks. Stop for a walk-about in tiny [Twisp](#) and bask in a sweet treat from the Cinnamon Twisp Bakery. Fifteen minutes further north and you’ll arrive in the old-west town of [Winthrop](#). Relish the soul-reviving vistas at [Sun Mountain Lodge](#), your rustic-chic mountain retreat and spa for the evening.

Day 3 Winthrop to Everett (for Boeing) to Seattle Day total 199 miles

Returning to Winthrop and continuing north-west, the [North Cascades National Park](#) boasts more than 300 glaciers and is often aptly named the “American Alps”. Craggy mountain peaks, glistening glaciers, pristine forests, cascading waterfalls and sea green lakes give you stunning wilderness views from your scenic drive. As the road turns south, great walls of granite swing upward and the massive bulk of 7,600-foot Liberty Bell Mountain looms ahead, appearing to block your passage. But, at the last moment, the highway bends and clambers up the face of Liberty Bell. The viewpoint at the top is mind-blowing. Overlooks above teal-hued Ross Lake and jade-coloured Diablo Lake are ideal picnic spots with outstanding vantage points.

Stop at the North Cascades National Park Visitor Centre in Newhalem providing exhibits and maps. Next on Route 20 you’ll enter the 1.7-million-acre Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Preserve.

Heading west down the Skagit Valley completes Washington’s [Cascade Loop](#) Scenic Highway. Close to Everett, prepare for take-off with a 90-minute tour of the [Boeing Factory and the Future of Flight](#) offering the only publicly available opportunity to tour a commercial jet assembly plant in North America. Allow enough time for shopping in the Boeing gift shop which is chock-full of fascinating items.

At the end of the day, return 30 miles south to Seattle to complete your three day tour OR

The Connector

Instead of returning to Seattle, continue your adventure onto our four day itinerary Sensational Coasts and Islands (see separate PDF) with an overnight stay at [Tulalip Resort Casino](#), the only four-diamond property in Washington State, and enjoy the Native American art displayed throughout the hotel and casino. Delight in the sumptuous culinary artistry from any of the excellent on-site restaurants. [Seattle Premium Outlets](#) next door are open until 9 pm.

The following day commence Day 1 of the Sensational Coasts and Islands tour, with or without Woodinville wineries as a starter.