

VANCOUVER ROUND-TRIP

British Columbia & Washington

Driving Distance: Approx 1100 Driving Miles
Driving Time: Approx 30 Hours
Recommended Trip: 13 Days

- Day 1 Fly to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, check into an hotel and adjust to the time change.
- Day 2 A morning at leisure to continue to adjust to the time change, or to explore Vancouver. In the afternoon, you will pick up your motor home, learn how to operate the facilities, take the ferry over to Vancouver Island, and check into the Victoria KOA.
- Day 3 Vancouver Island is the warmest part of Canada because of the ocean currents. It is a beautiful island ranging from the ultra modern major city of Victoria to large expanses of beaches, beautiful mountain scenery and forests, to the attractions of the Pacific Rim National Park. Enjoy and stay another night at the Victoria KOA.
- Day 4 Today you will take a ferry from Victoria across to Port Angeles and the Olympic peninsula in the state of Washington. Check into the Port Angeles KOA. This campground is in the midst of a beautiful forest. It is close to the water so that you can continue to explore beaches. You can drive along the Olympic peninsula, or go into the Olympic National Park and try to find the Olympic elk herd.
- Day 5 Spend the entire day enjoying the many attractions of the Olympic peninsula. Choose the activities that you prefer. Whether it be fishing, a quiet day at the campground, or a strenuous hike in the Olympic National Park.
- Day 6 Leave Port Angeles on highway 101. Drive across the Olympic peninsula and down along the Pacific Ocean. Follow the ocean until you cross the Columbia River into Astoria, Oregon. Check into the Astoria KOA which is within walking distance of the Pacific Ocean. This is where Lewis and Clark, the original explorers of the Louisiana purchase, spent a long winter having traveled from St. Louis, Missouri, by boat up the Missouri, over the Rocky Mountains, and down the Columbia river to the pacific ocean.
- Day 7 From Astoria drive north along interstate 5 to the Seattle KOA. This is a short enough drive, approximately three and a half hours, that you can spend time in Astoria in the morning before you leave, or drive straight through and spend the afternoon wandering around pike street market in Seattle.
- Day 8 Proceed north on interstate 405 around Seattle to highway 2, turn west and drive up over the Cascade Mountains through Stevens Pass, and on to Leavenworth, Washington. You will want to allow enough time to stop along the way and enjoy such attractions as the Bridal Vale Falls, Eagle Falls, and Sunset Falls. When you arrive in Leavenworth you will check into the KOA kampground. The campground is located on a green knoll in a pine forest in a very relaxing setting.
- Day 9 Relax in the Leavenworth area. Be sure to spend time in the town of Leavenworth, which was built as a German Bavarian town complete with steins, German bands, great beer, and friendly people. You can also go hiking in the nearby forest, go on a fishing trip, play golf, take a raft trip down the Wenatchee River or just relax and enjoy the hot spa and 80 degree swimming pool located amongst the tall pines in the meadows.

- Day 10 A leisurely drive today from Leavenworth down to Wenatchee then north along the Columbia River to the intersection of highway 153 where you will turn northwest back towards the Cascade Mountains to the city of Winthrop and the Winthrop KOA. During the day, you will be driving through some of the most famous apple areas of Washington. You will see thousands of acres of fruit trees in Wenatchee on up to Chelan bordering the Columbia River. In this area they grow apples, cherries, pears, peaches, and depending on the time of year you are apt to find fruit stands along the road.
- Day 11 Spend the day relaxing in the cool mountains of the shadows of the Cascades. Explore the town of Winthrop, which is a unique western style city with wood boardwalks in front of all the stores. The stores have great western wear, art shops, ice cream parlors, and a total western flair. You can arrange to take rafting trip down the river, go fishing, play a game of golf, or just lay back and enjoy the beautiful weather and scenery.
- Day 12 From Winthrop, you will drive to Lynden, Washington, today, a gorgeous drive up through North Cascades National Park. Plan on taking a lot of film with you. There are numerous scenic turnouts, great picture shots, and even places to take a hike in the park if you would like. Be sure to allow enough time, however, to enjoy Lynden when you arrive there. Lynden is a beautiful Dutch town that will make you think you are in Holland. The campground itself has green lawns, flowers, trees, miniature golf, their own pond, where you can catch a trout or ride a paddleboat. A relaxing evening for your last night in the United States.
- Day 13 Get an early start across the border back into Canada to Vancouver. Turn in your motor home and have a safe journey home.