



BEST OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST 2010

TRIP ITINERARY (9-1-10 TENTATIVE)

Saturday, September 18, 2010

7:45AM Bus available at SMC Niles campus for loading.
[[MAP](#)] (Dress for a short forest hike.)

8:00AM Leave for Chicago O'Hare airport.

12:20PM Leave O'Hare via United Flight 929.

2:40PM Arrive Sea-Tac (Seattle) airport.

Our deluxe motor coach from Bellaire Bus Company will shuttle us to Anacortes with a lunch stop at Mukilteo Ferry. If all goes well we will take the ferry over to [Whidbey Island](#) and enter [Fidalgo Island](#) and [Anacortes](#) at [Deception Pass](#).

6:00PM Stop at Heart Lake for a 2.5 mile forest hike.

7:30PM Check in at [Cap Sante Inn](#). [906 9th St., Anacortes, WA 98221]

Late dinner at one of the many fine restaurants nearby.



Sunday-September 19, 2010

9:30AM Load bus at Cap Sante after breakfast on your own for a short ride to Deception Pass.

10:00AM Arrive at Deception Pass for hikes ranging from 1 to 5 miles.

Noon Load bus for short ride to [Coupeville](#) for lunch.

2:45PM Load bus for ride to [Ebey's Landing](#).

3:00PM Arrive at Ebey's Landing for a coastal hike ranging from 1 to 3.9 miles.

5:30PM Arrive back at the inn. Dinner on your own at one of the many fine restaurants nearby. Must get to bed early for a big day tomorrow.



Monday, September 20, 2010

6:00AM Load bus and head to the ferry dock to catch the 7:20AM ferry to Orcas Island. I suggest eating breakfast at the ferry terminal or on the ferry (Bagels, muffins, croissants, etc. are available). We need to be on site 60 minutes before the ferry leaves.

8:00AM Arrive at Orcas Island and take the 40 minute drive to [Moran State Park](#).

9:00AM Start hikes ranging from 1 to 12 miles. Eventually everyone will end up enjoying the magnificent views at the top of [Mt. Constitution](#).

1:00PM Enjoy lunch in [Eastsound](#).

3:30PM Load bus to catch the 5:20PM ferry back to Anacortes. There will be more time to shop and sight see once we get to the ferry terminal. Once again enjoy dinner at one of Anacortes' many fine [restaurants](#).





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Tuesday, September 21, 2010

This is a free day to explore Anacortes. Suggested activities are listed below:

Whale Watching cruise on the [Mystic Sea](#). This cruise leaves from the harbor near our motel at 11:00AM and will cost just \$49 if we have a group of 10 or more. This is a 5 to 6 hour cruise with food service available. You are likely to see sea lions and eagles as well.



Bus trip to nearby [La Conner](#) For wonderful shopping, wine tasting and dining in this charming resort village 25 miles from Anacortes. Costs about \$30.

Sea Kayaking in the Sound. Trips leave every 1 ½ hours and range from 1 ½ to 3 hours. The costs range from \$25 to \$74.

Bike or hike to [Guemes Island](#) via the ferry. Cost about \$25 to \$40.

Anacortes area hikes include the Staircase Hike along the bay to beautiful [Washington Park](#), the [Tommy Thompson Rails and Trails](#), and the rugged hike to [Mt. Erie](#).

6:00PM Short walk to the Anacortes Yacht Club for dinner on the coach. Jack and [Gerri](#) Gunn will help me host a cash bar.

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

8:00AM I will lead a neat 2 mile loop hike from our Inn up to Cap Sante point overlooking the harbor. This will be a good way to say good bye to this beautiful spot in the San Juan Islands.

10:00AM Checkout and load the bus for the 60 minute drive to the [Bellingham](#) area and the [North Cascades](#).

11:15AM Arrive at [Larrabee State Park](#) on the coast. Hikes here can range from 1 to 11 miles and will feature a beautiful hike up [Mt. Chuckanut](#) to and around [Fragrance Lake](#). We will have a late lunch in the Victorian village of Fairhaven on Bellingham Bay before checking into the [Lakeway Inn](#). [714 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham, WA 98229]

Enjoy the pool, sauna, and jacuzzi before going to Heritage Park in [Bellingham](#) to walk 1.8 miles along the [Bay Trail and Boardwalk](#) to Fairhaven for dinner.





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Thursday, September 23, 2010

- 9:30AM** Load bus for the 90 minute drive up to [Artist Point on Mt. Baker](#). High meadow mountain hikes in this gorgeous area will range from 1 to 10 miles. Supplies for a trail lunch will be provided.
- 4:00PM** Re-hydration stop at [Chair 9](#) in Glacier on the way down the mountain. Enjoy the pool, sauna, and jacuzzi at the hotel before dinner.

Friday, September 24, 2010

- 9:30AM** Checkout and load the bus for the two hour drive to Seattle.
- 11:30AM** Drop off on [Magnolia Drive](#) for a 1.3 mile hike along the bluff across the sound from Seattle.
- 1:30PM** Check in at the [Red Lion hotel](#). [1415 5th Ave., Seattle, WA 98101]
Late lunch in the [Pike Place Market](#) area (watch out for the [flying fish!](#)) and the rest of the day to explore downtown Seattle on the beautiful Puget Sound.

Saturday, September 25, 2010

- 10:00AM** Meet in the hotel lobby for orientation on the Super Seattle urban trek that includes 1st Avenue, [Pioneer Square](#), Safeco Field and Quest Stadium, the Broadway district, the [REI flagship](#) store, the Seattle Center ([Space Needle](#)), [Olympic Sculpture Park](#) and the [waterfront](#).
- 5:00PM** Meet back at the hotel balcony for one of Seattle's finest happy hours before making the difficult decision which one of Seattle's great [restaurants](#) to enjoy.

Sunday, September 26, 2010

- 8:00AM** Checkout of hotel and load the bus for the shuttle to the airport.
- 11:24AM** Leave Sea-Tac via United Flight 904.
- 5:20PM** Arrive Chicago O'Hare airport.
- 9:00PM** ETA at SMC Niles campus.

NOTES

- Schedule is tentative and subject to last minute changes.
- All times are local time.