





Washington Trips

THERE IS NO QUINTESSENTIAL WASHINGTONIAN. So banish that stereotypical image of a Prius-driving, latte-sipping Seattleite from your mind. Instead, the spinal Cascade Mountains cut the state metaphorically in half. In a few hours you can drive from the wet, urban, liberal, evergreen coast, via a dramatic volcano-punctuated mountain range, to the arid, conservative, vineyard-patterned and scrublike east.

On the way you'll find literary inspiration in the footsteps of Jack Kerouac, geological epiphanies near Mt St Helens, vampire apparitions on the Olympic Peninsula and miles and miles of expertly engineered strips of winding asphalt that seem to defy the icy, precipitous terrain.

Mt Rainier National Park Snow-capped Mt Rainier (Trip 7)

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Classic Trip

1 Mountains to Sound Greenway 1–2 Days

Washington's only east–west interstate has a protected greenway. (p35)

2 Olympic Peninsula Loop 4 Days

Tolkien meets *Twilight* in surreal, wet forest. (p45)

3 Graveyard of the Pacific Tour 2 Days

Fear not, this is more maritime history lesson than creepy cemetery. (p53)

4 San Juan Islands Scenic Byway 3 Days

More float than drive around the speckled greenery of a 'lost' America. (p61)

5 Chuckanut Drive & Whidbey Island 1–2 Days

An old-fashioned alternative to the interstate, shadowing Puget Sound. (p69)

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6 Cascade Drive 4–5 Days

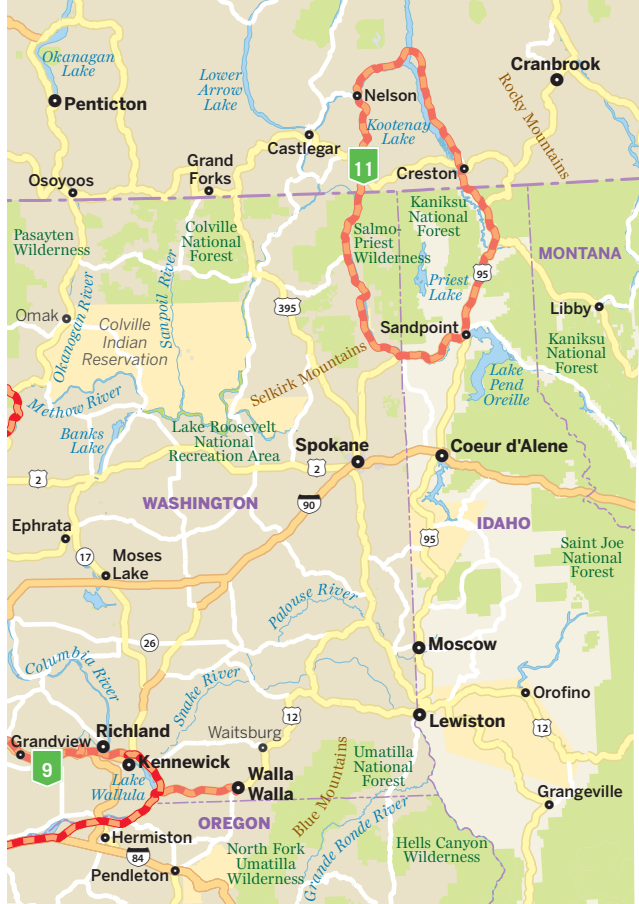
Wild West towns, Bavarian villages and moody mountains. (p77)

7 Mt Rainier Scenic Byways 2–3 Days

The Northwest's hulking emblem circumnavigated. (p87)

8 Mt St Helens Volcano Trail 3 Days

The fieriest of US volcanoes is a giant outdoor science lab. (p97)



9 Washington Wine Tour 3 Days
Is Washington the next Sonoma? Ply the Yakima Valley wineries for clues. (p105)

10 Mt Baker & Lummi Island 1-2 Days
An icy sentinel overlooking an island of culinary wizardry. (p113)

11 International Selkirk Loop 3 Days
Some of Washington's weirdest roadside attractions. (p121)

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12 On the Trail of Lewis & Clark 3-4 Days
American pioneer history etched in stone, wood and interactive state parks. (p129)

✓ DON'T MISS

Ross Lake Resort

A floating hotel on a wilderness lake; no wonder Kerouac loved the cold, almost terrifying, beauty on Trip **6**

Cape Disappointment

Few leave Cape Disappointment disappointed, thanks to its spectacular end-of-the-continent setting. Drop by on Trips **3 12**

Leavenworth

German theme towns rarely work in the US except when the alpine backdrop looks positively German. See it on Trip **6**

Northwest Railway Museum

Snoqualmie community saves a slice of American heritage: a moving museum on a train. Visit on Trip **1**

North Woven Broom

Long before Harry Potter, North Woven Broom was making artisan broomsticks. Sweep by on Trip **11**