

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ICONIC TRIPS



Here you have them. Eleven trips around the northwestern seaboard that take you to the places and put you on paths that are somehow definitively Pacific Northwest. Microbreweries? Got 'em covered – only this time by train, from Eugene, OR, to Vancouver, BC. Hot Springs? You bet, thanks to an interview with a Pacific Northwest hot-springs specialist who shared her top soaks with us. Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train trip? Of course. Native American traditions? Yep, on a trip that will have you marveling at totem poles, paddling a traditional dugout canoe and poking through the region's finest museums.

The trips in this chapter are the result of a bunch of us knocking heads, poring over maps and dreaming up journeys that really burrow into the culture, the art, the history and the exceptionally beautiful landscape of the Pacific Northwest. The result is a handful of trips which – despite the fact that we already know and love the place – truly blew us away, trips that really had us screaming, “This place is amazing!” We hope they have the same effect on you.

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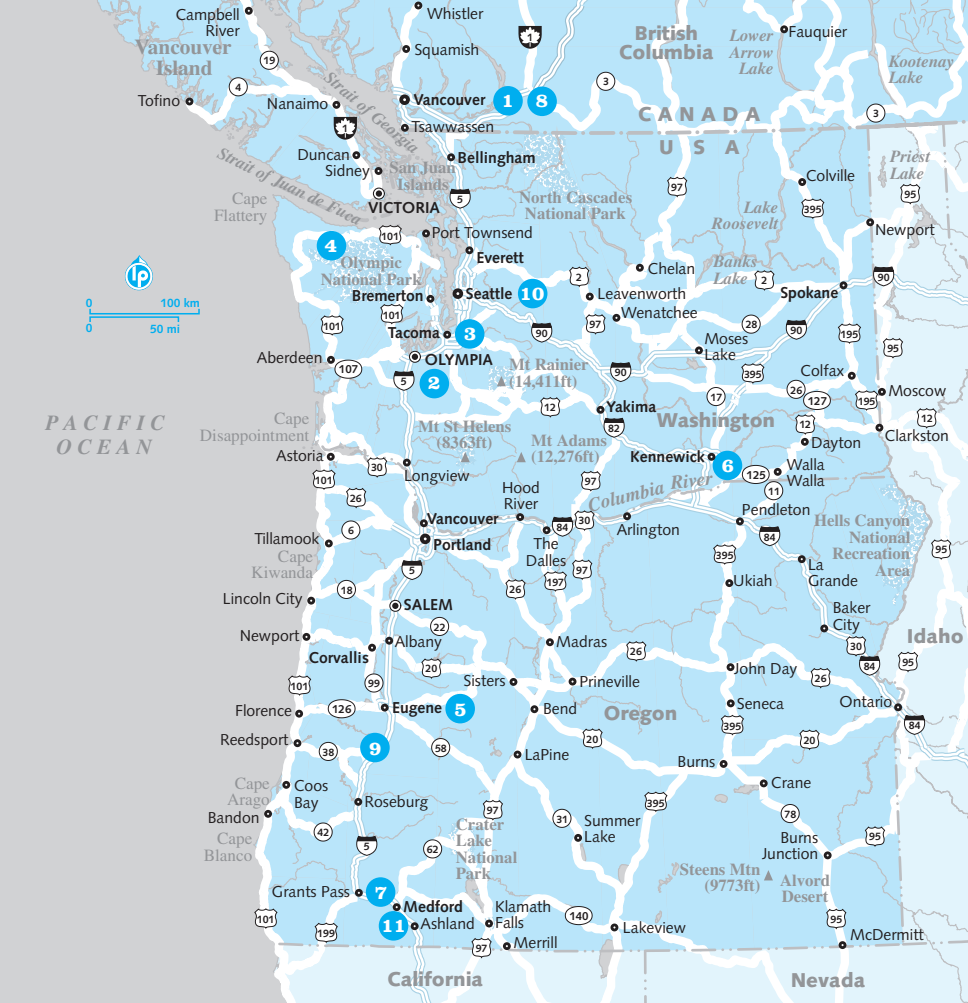
Whenever you're in radio-wave distance of Seattle, tune into KEXP 90.3 FM, which cranks out some of the best indie, old-school country and modern world music in the Pacific Northwest. The rest of the time, just play the following songs over and over again.

- “Posse on Broadway,” Sir Mix-a-Lot
- “Home,” Joshua Morrison
- “Gone for Good,” The Shins
- “Rose Parade,” Elliott Smith
- “Keep Your Eyes Ahead,” The Helio Sequence
- “Portland, Oregon,” Loretta Lynn
- “Northwestern Girls,” Say Hi
- “Mass Romantic,” The New Pornographers
- “Heart Cooks Brain,” Modest Mouse
- “Drugonaut,” Black Mountain



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