





# Pacific Northwest

**Lush rainforests and volcanic peaks are the hallmarks of the Pacific Northwest.** Glacial snowfields emerge from a sea of clouds, and virgin stands of massive Douglas fir and red cedar serve as reminders of what the continent's ancient forests must have once looked like. Mt Rainier steals the limelight, but North Cascades, Olympic and Crater Lake offer plenty of breathtaking scenery on their own.

Over 1500 miles to the north lies Alaska, the wildest and remotest corner of the country. The state is home to eight national parks, which together protect 54 million acres of land, or more than all the other national parks combined. If you're planning on a visit, chances are you'll be traveling by boat or plane – roads are few and far between.