

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK: RAINFOREST & TIDEPOLS

5
DAYS

DATES

September 10 - 14, 2025

ARRIVE/ DEPART

Seattle, WA

DIFFICULTY



COST

\$2950

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the stunning Hurricane Ridge, where panoramic mountain vistas meet lush meadows and the chance to spot local wildlife.
- Backpack along the rugged Olympic Coast, camping near sea stacks, tide pools, and enjoying a breathtaking sunset over the Pacific Ocean.
- Explore the vibrant Hoh Rainforest, walking beneath towering, moss-covered trees and experiencing the magical serenity of one of the world's largest temperate rainforests.

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1

TRAVEL TO OLYMPIC & HURRICANE RIDGE

Our adventure begins at our host hotel near the Seattle Airport, where you'll meet your Be Wyld guides and fellow adventurers. After a quick orientation, we load the van and board a ferry for a scenic ride across Puget Sound, offering incredible views of Seattle's skyline and the snow-capped Olympic Range.

After debarking the ferry, we head to the Olympic National Park Interpretive Center to explore the park's rich natural and cultural history. From there, we embark on a hike at Hurricane Ridge, famous for its sweeping mountain vistas and dramatic weather. As we take in the views, we keep an eye out for local wildlife, including deer, marmots, and black bears.

After an exciting day, we head to our campsite at Sol Duc Campground to set up, relax, and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by your guides.

Accommodations: Sol Duc Campground

Hiking Details: 3.2 miles, 650' elevation gain/loss

Drive Time: ~ 4 - 5 hours

DAY 2

MARYMERE FALLS & ELWHA RIVER VALLEY

We kick off the day with a hearty breakfast at camp, then set out for our first adventure – a scenic hike to the stunning Marymere Falls.* Surrounded by old-growth forests, this picturesque waterfall and its temperate rainforest are one highlight of Olympic National Park. As we hike, we immerse ourselves in the lush, moss-covered landscape, crossing rustic bridges and walking beneath towering trees.

After lunch, we head to the Elwha River Valley, a site of remarkable ecological restoration after the removal of the Elwha and Glines Canyon Dams. Here, we explore the valley and the revitalized river ecosystem, learning about the return of native salmon and the recovery of the landscape. The hike offers breathtaking views and a firsthand look at nature's resilience.

After an adventurous day, we return to our campsite to unwind and enjoy a delicious dinner around the fire.

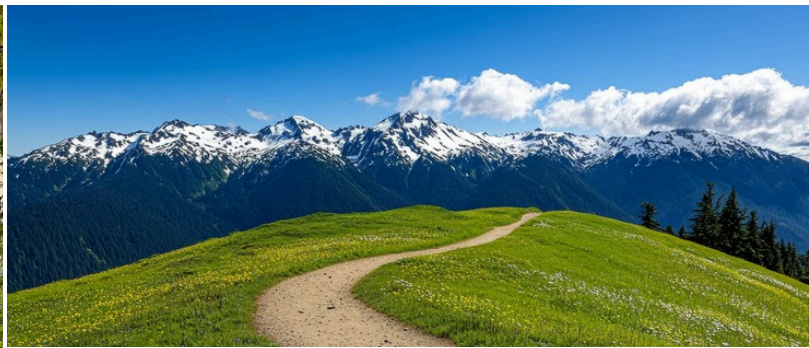
**Optional Mt. Storm King Hike: For those seeking more of a challenge, there's the option to tackle the strenuous Mount Storm King trail. With significant elevation gain and exposed sections, this hike rewards those who tackle it with panoramic views of Lake Crescent and the surrounding peaks.*

Accommodations: Sol Duc Campground

Hiking Details: 4 – 7 miles, ~ 1900' elevation gain/loss

(Optional Mount Storm King hike: 4 miles, 2100 elevation gain/loss)

Drive Time: ~ 2 hours



DAY 3

OVERNIGHT BACKPACK ON OLYMPIC'S SCENIC COAST

Today, we set out on an unforgettable overnight backpacking adventure along the Olympic Coast. After breakfast at camp, we gather our gear and head to Rialto Beach, the starting point for our journey. Following a thorough safety and gear briefing from our Be Wyld guides, we don our packs and hike along the rugged coastline to the famous "Hole in the Wall," passing sea stacks and keeping an eye out for wildlife such as eagles, otters, and maybe even spouting whales.

The trail takes us across driftwood-strewn beaches and rocky tide zones, where the rhythmic crash of waves provides a soothing soundtrack. Along the way, we pause to marvel at intricate tide patterns and vibrant marine life hidden in colorful tide pools.

Upon reaching our backcountry campsite beneath towering sea stacks, we set up camp and spend the afternoon exploring the beach, uncovering more tide pools, or simply relaxing by watching the waves crash into the rocky sea stacks. As the day winds down, we gather to watch a breathtaking sunset over the Pacific, painting the sky with vibrant hues of orange and pink — a perfect end to our day on the coast.

Accommodations: Backcountry Camping

Hiking Details: 2 – 5 miles, ~500 ft elevation gain/loss

Drive Time: ~ 1.5 hour

DAY 4

SUNRISE, HALL OF MOSSES, AND SOL DUC HOT SPRINGS

We rise early to witness a stunning sunrise over the Pacific Ocean, marking the start of another unforgettable day. After breakfast, we pack up camp and say farewell to the Olympic Coast.

Next, we embark on a scenic drive to the famous Hoh Rainforest, where we step into a fairy-tale world, wandering beneath towering trees draped in emerald moss. The serene atmosphere is a true wonder of nature and a gem of Olympic National Park.

After exploring the rainforest, we return to Sol Duc Campground where we indulge in a relaxing soak at Sol Duc Hot Springs. Here, we soak in the warm waters, letting our muscles relax while basking in the tranquil beauty of Olympic National Park. As the day winds down, we enjoy a delicious final celebratory dinner prepared by your Be Wyld guides, sharing stories and reflecting on the incredible memories we've created together.

Accommodations: Sol Duc Campground

Hiking Details: 4 miles, 700' elevation gain/loss

Drive Time: ~ 3 hours



DAY 5

SOL DUC FALLS AND BACK TO SEATTLE

Our adventure isn't quite over! After a quick breakfast and packing up camp, we head out for a final hike to Sol Duc Falls. The trail meanders through a vibrant, moss-covered forest, with the soothing sound of rushing water guiding us toward the breathtaking cascade. We take time to soak in the beauty of these iconic falls and capture some last memories of our Olympic adventure.

Afterward, we begin our scenic drive back to Seattle, following the picturesque Hood Canal back to the bustling city. As we make our way back to where our journey started, we reflect on the unforgettable experiences and lasting memories from our time in Olympic National Park.

Accommodations: On Your Own

Hiking Details: 1.6 miles, 200' elevation gain/loss

Drive Time: ~ 4- 5 hours

PACKING LIST

IMPORTANT NOTE: Our adventure will take us into the great outdoors, where we'll spend most of our time immersed in nature and exposed to the elements. Having the right clothing and gear is essential for both your comfort and the success of the group. Once you've officially joined the trip, you'll receive a comprehensive Welcome Packet with packing list and glossary to help you prepare for your journey.

CLOTHING

- ☐ 1 Hiking Pants
- ☐ 2-4 T-shirts
- ☐ 1 Fleece/ Down Jacket
- ☐ 3-5 Underwear
- ☐ 1 Beanie
- ☐ Sweatpants / Long Underwear
- ☐ 1-2 Hiking shorts
- ☐ 1-2 Long Sleeve Shirt
- ☐ 1 Rain Jacket
- ☐ 1 Pair Lightweight Gloves
- ☐ 1 Hat / Baseball Cap

LUGGAGE & BEDDING

- ☐ Large Backpack (50 - 70 liters)
- ☐ Sleeping Bag / Quilt (rated to 40 - 50 range)
- ☐ Waterproof Rain Cover for Backpack
- ☐ Day Pack (20- 35 liters)
- ☐ Sleeping Pad
- ☐ Compression Sack for Sleeping Bag

OPTIONAL

- ☐ Backpacking Pillow
- ☐ Camp Chair
- ☐ Camera, Memory Card, & Charger / Extra Batteries
- ☐ Stuff Sacks
- ☐ Large Trash Bag
- ☐ Journal or Book

ESSENTIALS

- ☐ ID / Passport
- ☐ Medicines
- ☐ Money / Credit Card
- ☐ Phone

ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Quick Dry Towel
- ☐ Chargers
- ☐ Personal First Aid Kit
- ☐ 2-3 Liter Water Reservoir
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Trekking Poles
- ☐ Mess Kit: Cup, Bowl, Plate, Eating Utensils

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Lip Balm
- ☐ Menstrual Products
- ☐ Kula Cloth

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ 1 Pair Hiking Boots / Trail Runners
- ☐ 1 Pair Sandals with Heel Strap (Chacos, Tevas, Crocs)
- ☐ 3-5 Pairs Hiking Socks

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN THIS TRIP ACCOMMODATE?

We believe in small groups to create a more authentic and meaningful experience. For this trip to run, we require a minimum of 4 participants, with a maximum group size of 10.

For our Rainforest & Tidepools adventure, we offer two group options: one designed for travelers aged 25–50 and another as a family-friendly trip open to adventurers aged 7 and up. These distinct options allow us to tailor the experience to the unique needs and interests of each group.



WHO ARE THE BE WYLD GUIDES?

Our Be Wyld Guides are passionate outdoors enthusiasts and travelers with extensive group leadership and wilderness experience. They're knowledgeable, fun, and thoughtful, creating a welcoming and engaging atmosphere for all levels of adventurers. All guides are trained in Wilderness First Aid, with many holding advanced certifications, ensuring not only your safety but an unforgettable adventure.



WHAT IS THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THIS TRIP?

This trip is rated **Active (2)**. This trip is ideal for those with a basic level of fitness who enjoy exploring diverse landscapes at a relaxed pace while embracing the beauty of Olympic National Park. Participants should be prepared for a moderately active adventure, including daily hikes ranging from 2–6 miles with elevation gains and losses of up to 1,000 feet. Daypacks will weigh between 10–25 pounds, and one overnight backpacking segment requires carrying packs weighing 30–45 pounds for two miles along the scenic Olympic Coast.



WHAT TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED?

For the duration of your adventure, we'll travel in a 15-passenger van with an attached trailer for gear. This setup will serve as our home away from home, allowing us to move comfortably and efficiently between destinations. We'll provide all transportation from the starting hotel to the final hotel at the end of the trip, making it easy for you to focus on the experience without worrying about logistics.



WHAT TYPE OF FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED?

The majority of our meals will be prepared in a camp setting, with Be Wyld guides taking the lead on cooking. While we handle most of the work, we always welcome a helping hand from adventurers who want to pitch in! We will occasionally dine out at local restaurants to celebrate the group's successes.

We can easily accommodate vegetarian diets and other dietary restrictions, such as allergies or specific food preferences. Prior to your trip, we'll ask for details about any dietary limitations, so be sure to inform us in advance to ensure your needs are met.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT WILL THE WEATHER BE LIKE?

In mid-September, the Olympic Peninsula is perfect for adventures and features warm to mild weather. Daytime temperatures typically range from 60°F to 70°F, with cooler evenings that can dip to low 50s°F. The coastal areas tend to be milder, while higher elevations, like Hurricane Ridge, may experience cooler temperatures and stronger winds. Rain is possible, particularly in the Hoh Rainforest, so be prepared for occasional light showers. Please pack layers, rain gear, and be ready for changing weather conditions.



WHERE WILL I BE SLEEPING?

For the duration of the program, we will be camping. Accommodations are based on double occupancy according to gender identity, which helps reduce gear, lighten our load while backpacking, and helps keep you warm during chilly nights. If you prefer a single occupancy tent, a supplemental fee will apply, and you will be responsible for carrying your tent during the backpacking portion of the trip.



WILL I HAVE INTERNET/PHONE SERVICE?

While traveling in wilderness settings, phone service will be sporadic and sometimes unavailable. We encourage you to embrace the adventure fully by using your phone sparingly, allowing you to connect with nature, your fellow adventurers, and immerse in your experience.



WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED TO CANCEL MY TRIP?

As a small, employee-owned company, we understand that life can be unpredictable, and we'll do our best to work with you when possible. However, many trip expenses are incurred prior to travel, so we follow a clear refund policy. The full details of our cancellation and refund policy can be found on the Be Wyld website under the trip details, but here's a quick summary:

- o 120+ days prior to departure: Full refund
- o 61 - 120 days prior to departure: \$500 deposit is non-refundable
- o 31 - 60 days prior to departure: 50% of the total trip cost is non-refundable
- o 0 - 30 days prior to departure: No refund or transfer options

