

An aerial view of the Seattle skyline at sunset. The Space Needle is prominent in the foreground on the left. The city's skyscrapers are silhouetted against the warm, golden light of the setting sun. In the background, snow-capped mountains are visible under a clear sky.

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# SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



PORT ANGELES

PORT GAMBLE

SEATTLE

MOUNT RAINIER  
NATIONAL PARK

ASHFORD

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON → MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON

145 mi/233 km

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON → PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON

179 mi/288 km

PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON → SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

84 mi/135 km

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## Day 1: Seattle, Washington → Mount Rainier National Park, Washington

Begin your adventure early in the morning, departing Seattle and heading south toward Mount Rainier via SR-706. As you approach the national park, marvel at the changing landscapes—from urban scenery to rolling foothills, dense forests, and finally, the dramatic alpine vistas surrounding Mount Rainier. Upon arrival at the Paradise Visitor Center, embark on the gentle Nisqually Vista Trail. This beautiful 1.2-mile loop trail meanders through lush wildflower meadows in full bloom during June, providing unforgettable views of the massive glaciers and rugged slopes of Mount Rainier.

After your hike, set off on the scenic Mount Rainier Loop drive, stopping frequently at stunning viewpoints like Reflection Lakes. The lake's glassy surface mirrors Mount Rainier's grandeur, creating picture-perfect opportunities, especially on clear, calm days. Absorb the serene beauty of the mountain landscapes before continuing your leisurely exploration of the area.

In the evening, check into your accommodations near the Nisqually entrance, either within Mount Rainier National Park or in the charming nearby town of Ashford. For dinner, dine at Paradise Inn's historic dining room, enjoying its rustic ambiance and hearty Pacific Northwest cuisine. Alternatively, visit Copper Creek Restaurant in Ashford, famous for its fresh meals and delicious homemade blackberry pie. Spend your night beneath the vast, star-studded sky, surrounded by the soothing tranquility of the forests.

**Overnight Accommodation: Ashford, Washington**



## Day 2: Mount Rainier National Park, Washington → Port Angeles, Washington

Wake refreshed and enjoy a leisurely breakfast, savoring the morning peace of Mount Rainier before departing northwest toward the vibrant coastal city of Port Angeles. The approximately three-to-four-hour scenic drive will lead you through picturesque countryside, small towns, and waterways, offering captivating views and charming places to pause and stretch your legs.

Upon arrival in Port Angeles, explore its inviting downtown district and bustling waterfront area. Stroll among charming local boutiques, unique galleries, and welcoming eateries. Visit the Olympic National Park Visitor Center, where you'll find engaging exhibits highlighting the region's diverse ecosystems, history, and cultural heritage.

As evening approaches, enjoy a meal featuring fresh local seafood at one of Port Angeles' popular waterfront restaurants, such as Kokopelli Grill or Next Door Gastropub. Following dinner, take a relaxing walk along the harbor, admiring views across the Strait of Juan de Fuca toward Canada's Vancouver Island, as you anticipate the exciting nature experiences awaiting tomorrow.

**Overnight Accommodation: Port Angeles, Washington**

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## Day 3: Port Angeles, Washington

Start your day with an unforgettable whale-watching adventure departing from Port Angeles Harbor. This three-to-four-hour boat tour provides a remarkable opportunity to witness marine wildlife in their natural habitat, including sightings of orcas, humpback whales, and graceful gray whales that frequent the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Expert guides will enrich your experience with fascinating insights into these magnificent creatures and their environment.

Back on land in the afternoon, drive into Olympic National Park and ascend to Hurricane Ridge. From this alpine viewpoint, choose the gentle Hurricane Hill Trail, a three-mile round-trip hike offering breathtaking panoramas of snow-capped mountains, green valleys, and abundant wildlife grazing on lush alpine meadows. Afterward, visit nearby Lake Crescent, a tranquil, deep-blue glacial lake surrounded by dense forest. Enjoy the short and pleasant hike to Marymere Falls, where the trail leads you through an old-growth forest to a picturesque waterfall.

Complete your day by savoring another leisurely dinner in Port Angeles, reflecting on your memorable experiences as you prepare for your final overnight stay.

**Overnight Accommodation: Port Angeles,  
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## Day 4: Port Angeles, Washington → Seattle, Washington

Begin your final day with a relaxing breakfast, then head eastward toward Seattle. Along the way, visit the historic town of Port Gamble, known for its beautifully preserved 19th-century buildings, antique shops, and fascinating heritage. Explore the Port Gamble Historic Museum to gain insights into the town's logging past and maritime history.

After your historical exploration, continue your journey to Bainbridge Island, where you'll board the scenic ferry to Seattle. Relax onboard and take exceptional views of the Seattle skyline, Mount Rainier in the distance, and Puget Sound as you approach the city. Arrive in Seattle by late afternoon or early evening.

**Overnight Accommodation: Seattle, Washington**

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