Ancient Forests to Volcanic Wonders

Crater Lake and Redwood National Parks



Sample Itinerary

Monday, July 19th	Tuesday, July 20th	Wednesday, July 21st	Thursday, July 22nd
Depart home airport early morning for Portland, OR **Arrive Portland, OR early-afternoon. Pick up rental vans at the airport.** **Drive to Eugene, OR (~2 hours)** **University of Oregon** Students will take a self-guided U of O Campus Tour and discover where innovation meets inspiration. UofO offers several self-guided tours focusing on a variety of interests, including sustainability initiatives. Students will have an opportunity to learn what UofO is doing to be a steward of our planet—Quack, Quack!! **Drive to Florence, OR (1.5 hours)** **Check into Florence area hotel** *Meals: lunch*	**Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area – Sand Buggy Tour** $ Get ready to explore one of the most unique landscapes in the Pacific Northwest—the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. Stretching over 40 miles along the coast, these massive, shifting sand dunes offer endless opportunity for exploration and discovery. On this thrilling adventure, students will climb aboard a giant sand buggy and speed across the sandy dunes. **Drive to Gold Beach, OR (2.5 hours)** **Jerry's Rogue River Jet Boat Adventure** $$ Get ready for an unforgettable adventure aboard Jerry's Rogue Jets! Students will experience the thrill of racing up the scenic Rogue River, navigating exciting twists and turns while surrounded by breathtaking wilderness. Along the way, keep an eye out for bald eagles, osprey, and other wildlife as expert boat captains share stories about the river's history and natural wonders. **Alternate/additional stops along the route:** **Cape Arago State Park** **Samuel Boardman State Scenic Corridor** **Continue on to Crescent City, CA (~1 hour)** **Check into Crescent City area hotel.** *Meals: breakfast*	**Giants of the Forest – Introduction to the Redwoods National Park** **Hiouchi Visitor Center in the Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park area** Step into a world of towering giants as Students explore the breathtaking beauty of Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park! Hike beneath ancient redwood trees, some reaching more than 300 feet tall, and discover the wonders of one of the world's most magnificent forests. Along the way, Students will learn about forest ecosystems, wildlife, and conservation while experiencing the adventure and natural beauty of the great outdoors! **Optional suggested hike: Stout Memorial Grove Trail** (.5 mile loop) **Alternate attraction at low tide: Battery Point Lighthouse and Museum/Crescent City Lighthouse** Walk to a historic lighthouse accessible at low tide and learn about maritime navigation, lighthouse keepers, and coastal hazards. Students will see sea anemones, hermit crabs, and snails – just to name a few! **Return to the Crescent City area hotel** *Meals: breakfast*	**Waterfalls, Wildlife & Redwood Discovery – Explore the southern region of the Redwoods National Park** **Drive to Elk Meadow in the southern region of the Redwood National Park (~1 hour)** **Elk Meadow** Students will have an opportunity to observe wildlife behavior and discuss habitat protection, ecosystems, and conservation. And hopefully, they will see a Roosevelt Elk! **Optional suggested hike: Trillium Falls Trail** (2.7-mile loop) **Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center** Enjoy exhibits on redwood ecology, Yurok culture, conservation, and the park's history. **Drive back to Crescent City area hotel (~1 hour)** **Return to the Crescent City area hotel** *Meals: breakfast*

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Friday, July 23rd	Saturday, July 24th	Sunday, July 25th	Monday, July 26th
Coastal Trails & Treetop Adventures **Suggested hike: Yurok Loop Trail at Lagoon Creek** (~1 mile) **Trees of Mystery** $ Students will take their redwood adventure to new heights as they cross suspended canopy bridges, ride SkyTrail Gondola above the forest, and explore the interpretive nature trails. Discover the wonders of this incredible ecosystem as you experience the redwoods from a whole new perspective! **Yurok Country Visitor Center** Learn about the Yurok Tribe who has cared for the region for generations. **Return to Crescent City area hotel** *Meals: breakfast*	**Drive to Crater Lake National Park (~3 hours)** **Steel Visitor Center** **Rim Village and Sinnott Memorial Overlook** Enjoy your first look at one of Americas' most spectacular natural wonders. Explore the rim and discover the story of Mount Mazama's massive eruption approximately 7,700 years ago, which created the caldera that eventually filled with water. **Optional suggested walk: Discovery Point Trail** (~2.2-miles round trip) **Check into local Crater Lake area hotel** *Meals: breakfast*	**Drive into Crate Lake Park (~45 minutes)** **Watchman Overlook** **Optional suggested hike: Watchman Peak Trail to fire lookout** (~1.7 miles round trip) **Phantom Ship Overlook** View the fascinating rock formation that resembles a ghostly sailing ship rising from the lake. This is a great place to learn about erosion, geology, and the volcanic forces that shaped the landscape. **Pumice Castle Overlook** Discover colorful orange and reddish volcanic formations along the crater wall. **Diamond Lake Resort - Afternoon Free Time** Let the adventure continue with an afternoon of outdoor fun! Surrounded by stunning Cascade Mountains, Students will enjoy an afternoon of free time. Optional activities include kayaking, paddle boarding, and swimming—although watch out, the water's cold! **Return to local Crater Lake area hotel**	**Watson Falls** Take a quick stop at Watson Falls and see a majestic 272-foot waterfall! **Drive to Portland, Oregon (~4 hours)** **Nike Campus Tour** Experience the energy and creativity of one of the world's most iconic brands with a guided tour of Nike's World Headquarters in Beaverton, OR. Students will walk the same paths as top athletes, explore the innovative spaces where ideas come to life, and get inspired to dream big—just like Nike's motto: Just Do It! **Check into Portland area airport**
			Tuesday, July 27th
			Depart for airport mid-morning to return home. **Welcome home!** *Meals: breakfast & lunch*

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