

NORTH WEST AMERICA THE KINGDOM OF GIANTS

The big giants, the largest multi-trees on the planet, are the protagonists and the common denominator of this tour: an ideal zip-lining between the high peaks of the majestic and ancient trees, part of the vast forests that stretch along the West coast of North America. Starting from Stanley Park of Vancouver you will then go to Vancouver Island, with Douglas Fir of the ancient Cathedral Grove and ancient rainforest of Meares Island. You will see the immense Great Bear Rainforest, the ancient cedars and towering firs.





Our imagination zip-lining goes stateside to admire the enormous spruce of Ecola State Park, Douglas firs of the Tillamouk State Forest and the Siuslaw National Forest and the world's tallest pine in the Rogue River National Forest in Oregon and then, California Redwoods, which are among the highest in the world, in the Northern parks and the "General Sherman" and "General Grant" in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks , South of 2300 and 2700 years old.



The fauna that populates the area of the West Coast is also extraordinary: grizzlies, black bears and their rare subspecies, kermode bear; giant moose, deer, gray wolves; in the sea there are whales, killer whales, sea lions and sea otters in Canada and in the States, white-tailed deer, bobcats and mountain lions, coyotes and several species of reptiles, amphibians and birds.

Activities that you can practice in this environment are really numerous: among the many of them, in addition to wildlife observation trips, you can practice trekking, canoeing, rafting, mountain biking, riding and zip-lining not virtual but real!





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DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER



Upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport you will be greeted by one of our representatives who will accompany you to your hotel. During the transfer you will take a short city tour. Accommodation at Westin Bayshore Hotel or Sheraton or Century Plaza.



DAY 2: VANCOUVER

Your Tour starts with a visit to the main areas (guided on request) : Downtown Vancouver, Stanley Park Aquarium & Suspension Bridge, the Capilano Hatchery (salmon hatchery) and West Vancouver parks – the giant trees of Light House and Dundrave Park with picnic on the sea – if there is time and desire, visit to MOA, Museum of Antroplogy, at the UBC University of British Columbia. Free evening and overnight stay at your hotel.



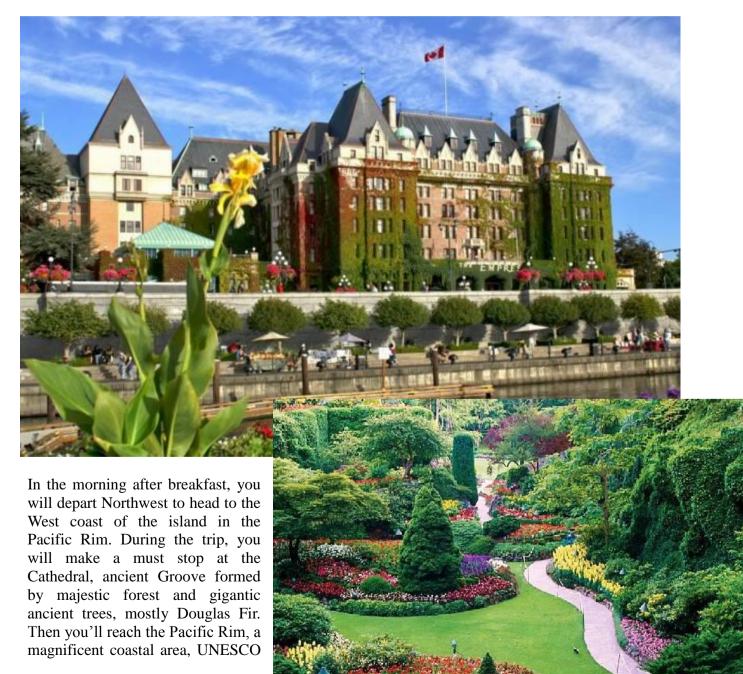
DAY 3: VANCOUVER ISLAND - VICTORIA



In the morning, you will pick up your car to get to the Tsawassen Ferry which will take you to Victoria, the colonial capital of Vancouver Island. The day will be dedicated to the visit of this colorful and charming city, with initial visit to the lovely Butchart Gardens. Then you will visit the colonial town and Inner Harbour, a beautiful harbor with a corollary of large colonial buildings. If there is enough time, you will visit an interesting Museum of British Columbia in the late afternoon and then you will go to your hotel of 3 stars category at the center of Victoria. Dine at a restaurant in downtown



DAY 4: TOWARDS THE WEST COAST – DOUGLASS FIR TREES OF CATHEDRAL GROVE





and the largest marine park in North America. You will arrive in Tofino in the early afternoon: right on time for your trip to the Bay to visit the Meares island and its ancient rainforest. The trees that are found in this forest are among the oldest and largest of the entire region. Upon return, you can change for a dinner at the restaurant in Tofino village where you can enjoy the excellent cuisine based on seafood. Night stay at your lodge.

DAY 5: WHALE WATCHING

In the morning, you will take an excursion to the ocean in the Pacific Rim, famous for the violent and squalls of the Pacific and passionate travelers destination and photographers. Large cetaceans, killer whales and great sea lions, are the residents and the real stars of this Pacific area. Aboard super fast dinghies these fascinating animals in the approach of the Broken





Group Islands. In the afternoon you can go to watch the fantastic sunset of this coast, walking along a stretch of the West Coast Trail, in a breathtaking scenery. The trail actually passes along rock ridges, adorned with red cedars perched on a deep blue sea. In the evening - candlelight dinner at the terrace restaurant of the village in Tofino. Night stay at your lodge.

DAY 6: THE EAST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

This morning, the Pacific Rim Highway, you will get back to the main highway, but before that you'll make a stop at the magnificent Shooner Bay for beach combing between colorful anemones and starfish. This morning, after breakfast, you will leave the West coast of Vancouver Island to move through the whole island towards its East Coast. Campbell River, your destination, is called "the capital of the salmon". Here you will stay at splendid Painter's Lodge. In the afternoon, guests can enjoy a pleasant and relaxing boat trip. You will enjoy a magnificent sunset on Discovery Bay, which is in front of your lodge. After that you'll return to the lodge and have dinner on the promenade in front of Quadra Island.

DAY 7: THE NORTH AND TELEGRAPH COVE





This morning, from Campbell river, you will depart to the North, and along the beautiful East coast road, you will reach, the most beautiful seaside villages of northern Vancouver Island, passing them through one by one if you want. Among these we'll find some tiny ones, gathered around a Bay and other larger ones such as Port Mcneil. Your final destination will be the most characteristic and charming one of these villages, the delicious and colorful fishing village of Telegraph Cove, where you will stay in a cabin on "bordwalk", the rustic and historic waterfront.

DAY 8: KILLER WHALES

This morning's trip is universally recognized as the best excursion to the orcas' world. The variety of wildlife in this park is truly unique: lots of grizzly bears, along with the black ones, gray wolves, bald-headed eagles, moose and deer, earth otters, and - killer whales, dolphins, sea lions and various species of whales at sea. But the star of the day will certainly be the killer whales. At the end, we'll head towards Port McNeil, and from here you will get on a small



ferry and in 20 minutes you'll reach Alert Bay, home of the Gitgà community, the original native population living here from immemorial time. You will sleep and probably dine in a nice lodge in this area.



DAY 9: DOWN TO VANCOUVER AND DEPARTURE FOR THE USA

In the morning you will proceed faster than the way along the East Vancouver coast of Island, returning to Nanaimo where you'll embark on the ferry that will take you back to Vancouver. In the afternoon transfer to the airport, car return and flight to the States. Upon arrival in Portland you'll pick up another car, then leave for Cannon Beach and settle down in a hotel. In the afternoon, you will immediately with start a fascinating trekking excursion to Ecola State Park, Indian Beach along the Clatsop Loop Trail, between enormous spruce. The Park's wildlife, including many species of birds, is varied and interesting. Overnight stay at your Hotel with breakfast.

DAY 10: DESCENT ALONG THE WEST COAST

Today you will begin your wonderful on the road trip along the West coast of the United States to discover outstanding parks, beaches and endless enchanting views. Along the way to Newport,



Highway 101, Tillamook, take a detour to the Tillamouk State Forest. Dominated by large Douglas firs, this lush rain forest is crossed by numerous trails that can be crossed both on foot and by mountain bike. Further South, another remarkable detour is what will take you to Cape Lookout, which together with Cape Kiwanda and Cape Meares, forms part of the Three Capes Scenic Route: one of the most famous and spectacular portraits of Oregon coast. In the evening - arrival in Newport and accommodation in hotel with breakfast.



DAY 11: FROM NEWPORT TO FLORENCE: THE SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST

During the short transfer between two towns, on highway 101, you will cross the Siuslaw National Forest that stretches along the Central Oregon coast. Significant dunes along the beaches and rugged coastline of Cape Perpetua scenic area. The Douglas fir, Grand fir, red alder, Maple broadleaf species are the predominant trees in this forest. During the trip, is "a must" to visit the Sea Lions Caves: a vast and spectacular cave system that hosts a colony of sea lions and various species of seabirds (closing at 16.00). Arrival in Florence in the late afternoon and accommodation in a Hotel, River House Inn or Drift Shore Inn, double room with breakfast.





Along the 101, about halfway between Florence and Coos Bay, Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, in the Siuwslaw National Forest, you can hire a 4WD to admire adventurously, but comfortably, the dunes that tower 150 meters above sea level, or go hiking or canoeing.

The dunes grow to about 65 kilometres along the coast and are the largest in North America. 2 hours planned excursion to Florence with UTV, a fun safari through the dunes of the coast. Truly spectacular stop!

DAY 13: THE ROGUE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Today's stage will take you in California. From Coos Bay, along the 101, you can admire the spectacular views of the South coast of Oregon. You'll find yourself in Rogue River National Forest. The forest covers an area of approximately 1,800,000 acres and stretches between the Cascades Siskiyou Mountains at Mountains, almost at the Pacific Ocean. Slightly less than onetenth of this forest lies in California. The forest boasts the tallest pine in the world, a



ponderosa of almost 82 metres, plus several Douglas firs and cypresses of Lawson very old. You can choose between various outdoor activities: rafting, canoeing, trekking, biking. At the end of this

eventful day, shortly after crossing the border between Oregon and California, you will arrive to Crescent City and arranged to Crescent Beach (Motel) or other similar Hotel, in double room with breakfast.

DAY 14: CALIFORNIA PARKS OF THE GREAT REDWOODS

Crescent City is the natural gateway to Northern Redwood National and State Parks. The trees that make up the forests of these parks are among the tallest redwoods



and ancient in the world. The parks also protect grassland, forests of oak and almost 40 km of wild coastline and a varied wildlife ...

Hiking in the Redwood Forest, especially in the morning, can be an unforgettable experience. The sounds are reduced to gurgle of water drips between ferns and moss-covered rocks. The light penetrates into the mist with rays of sunshine nearly hung like cobwebs. Paths to more than 320 km cross different types of environment, including grasslands, forests of old-growth redwoods and beaches. At the end of this long day of exploration, you will come to Eureka in a delicious and exquisite lodge, in double room with breakfast.



DAY 15: FROM EUREKA TO WILLITS: SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest, where you can easily access from Eureka, is the largest of California and covers an area ranging from 300 to 4300 meters altitude on about 850.00 hectares. Includes five wilderness areas, hundreds of mountain lakes and more than 10.00 km of rivers and streams. Inside, the Shasta Lake, with its rugged coastline and numerous and deep inlets, is ideal for those who love to explore the wild nature and the canoe. At the end of the day, you'll make a stop in Willits, where there will be set up in another manor at americana, in double with breakfast.

DAY 16: THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST



The Mendocino National Forest is the only National forest in California not to be crossed by paved roads and is a favourite destination for those who enjoy outdoor activities in peace and solitude. It offers various opportunities for activities including hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, and of course photography. Here vou will find a wide variety of wild flowers that bloom at different times from spring to including summer, the California poppy, bluebells, dodecatheon, wild iris. buttercups, dogwood, lilac and many varieties of wild Lupine. Among the trees. several



varieties of conifers and Oaks and savannah. A very diverse wildlife, including white-tailed deer, black bears, mountain lions, Bobcats, coyotes, different species of reptiles, amphibians and birds. Your trip continues on to San Francisco, where we arranged in 3 or 4 star hotel in a double room with breakfast.

DAY 17 - 18: SAN FRANCISCOOOO!!!

Steep hills, architectural eclecticism and cultural vibrancy. San Francisco, the second city of the United States after New York for its population density, is located on 43 hills that create a particular and distinctive appearance, with its many steep uphill and downhill avenues - all to admire the beautiful views of the city. This eclecticism is characterized by both Victorian style and modern architectural structures. Each of these features has made San Francisco the most "European" of American cities. The city is almost entirely visitable afoot, but if you prefer a more in-depth tour of the hinterland, you can take the Scenic Drive 49 Mile. Following an easy way, for about 79 km, well marked by blue and white signs, you can visit many places of attraction. Worth seeing are also colorful murals, you'll find more than 200 in the Mission District, these include one of the most beautiful, the Carnival Mural on 24th street. There is also a Walking Tour of Little Italy and North Beach, absolutely worth visiting.







DAY 19: THE PARKS AND FORESTS OF SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

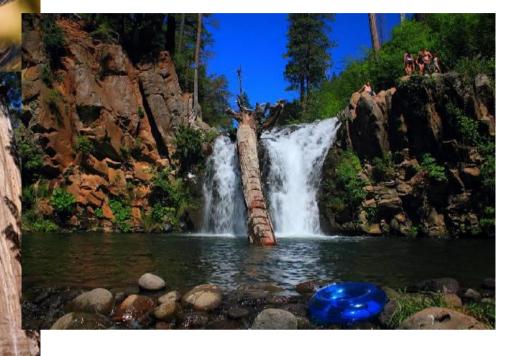
South of San Francisco, in the territory of Santa Cruz Mountains, lies a system of parks, forests and nature reserves. This territory has always been populated by giant redwoods and its trees were used to build San Francisco and surrounding towns. Currently, the forests of these mountains are populated bv Redwoods, Douglas firs, Alders, maple leaf and a large variety of oak. The mountains also host twelve varieties of fern and other species of flora. The fauna of these parks includes Jays, hawks, woodpeckers, salamanders. owls. newts. millipedes, raccoons, deer, squirrels, skunks, rabbits, possums, feral pigs, coyotes, Bobcats and mountain lions. For walkers and hikers, there are hundreds of kilometres of trails between the old redwoods and other large trees. Return to San Francisco and night at the same hotel.

DAY 20: CALAVERAS BIG TREE STATE PARK

From San San Francisco you will travel for a trekking tour guided in Calaveras Big Tree State Park. A



forest of Giant Redwoods, tourist attraction since 1930. If you always wanted to walk right in the middle of a sequoia tree, Calaveras is the place for you. The Park is divided into a North and a South. The area north of the Park, more traffic because of its location near the motorway and 4 camping.



The South Grove area rather more quiet, where you can enjoy the sight of giant sequoias in greater relaxation. The attractions of the Park include the Stanislaus River, Beaver Creek, Lava Bluff Trail and Bradley Trail. In the evening we go to Fresno, where you arrive after about 3 hours by car. Overnight stay at your hotel

DAY 21: FRESNO SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS





Day dedicated to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Two contiguous parks, where there are large trees, high peaks and deep canyons. Located in the southern Sierra Nevada, have a territory that rises from 418 metres at the foot of the hills to 4,417 meters on



the peak of Mount Whitney, the highest

mountain of the 48 contiguous States (excluding Alaska). Underground, there are over 200 marble caves with endemic fauna. The largest sequoias are high as a 26-story building and their underlying diameter exceeds the width of the streets of many cities. The age of the Redwoods known as General Sherman and General Grant is estimated at between 1800 and 2700 years. Various outdoor activities that you can do in the two parks, including, of course, trekking along the nearly 1300 km of trails. Return to Fresno and overnight stay at your Hotel.

DAY 22: RETURN FLIGHT FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Return to San Francisco and transfer to international airport. Here, after having returned the car, you will take your return flight.



LIST OF SERVICES – ROAD BOOK DELIVERED UPON ARRIVAL – ON-SITE ASSISTANCE 24/7

Meet & greet at Vancouver airport and transfer to the Hotel 2 Night hotel Vancouver Sheraton or Century Plaza, with breakfast 1 rental car, compact, 5 places with CASCO insurance, Vancouver to Vancouver 7 days **1** seaplane Excursion on the Bay in Vancouver (on request only) 1 pass x 2 pax Ferry to Vancouver Island, with car in tow, round trip 1 night Hotel Huntinghton or Inner Harbour in Victoria with breakfast 1 entrance to the Burchart Garden x 2 pax in Victoria cabin for 2 nights x 2 pax, with kitchen, in Lodge in Tofino on the Pacific Rim 1 Whale Watching excursion for 2 Pax on the Pacific Rim (on request) 1 night at the Painter's Lodge at cabin in Campbell River 1 night Telegraph cove in Cabin with kitchen on Board walk 1 excursion to the Orcas Marine from Telegraph Cove x 2 pax 1 night Hotel or small lodge in Alert Bay with breakfast **1 Ferry Ticket from Port McNeil to Alert Bay round trip** 1 guided excursion to the Heritage centre of U'Mixed Tribe x 2 Pax Car rental in Portland for the duration of the trip, basic insurance included 1 night Hotel in Cannon Bay Lodge with breakfast 3 star **1 guided trekking at Ecola State Park** 1 night NewPort (Oregon) Elizabeth Street Inn or similar one with breakfast 2 nights in a Hotel in Florence, Oregon Drift Shore or River House Inn with breakfast **1 night at the Crescent Beach Motel** 1 night Hotel Carter House in Eureka in double room with breakfast 1 guided excursion to the Rogue River National Forest and the Redwood National Park **1 night Hotel in Willits** 1 guided excursion to Mendocino National Forest and the Great Bear Rainforest 3 nights in San Francisco Hotel Drisco or Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf, or Crescent Hotel 1 Helicopter Tour to the Bay of San Francisco (on request) 1 sailing boat excursion at sunset on the Bay of San Francisco 1 guided excursion to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks 2 nights in Hotel in Fresno, Courtyard or Residence inn in double with breakfast

Exclusions: everything not included in the abovementioned list.

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