

# 2021 Oregon Coast Tour

## 8 Day Loop Tour (9 Nights Lodging)

### September 10 –19, 2021



Total cost: **\$1,825 if 18-24 Paid Participants**  
Total Cost: **\$1,650 if 25 or more Paid Participants**  
Single supplement: **\$850** (paid at time of registration)  
Deposit: **\$550** (paid at time of registration)  
Final Payment: **\$1,100/\$1,125 due by 6/10/21**

Rider limit: **30**

**Tour Leaders:** Ralph & Carol Nussbaum

**Tour Rating:** Intermediate (Read Level of Difficulty below.)

## OVERVIEW

This tour starts outside of the bustle of Portland in Forest Grove. We spend two days in the beautiful heavily forested coast range of Oregon and then arrive at the Pacific Ocean in Astoria. We will spend three days along the stunning Oregon coast with its miles of flat beaches punctuated by rugged cliffs and outcroppings which are still doing battle with the persistent waves. When we reach Newport, we turn inland and spend two days getting back to our starting point, going through the rolling hills, farmland, and vineyards of the Willamette Valley.

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** The ride is intended for riders with moderate biking skill levels or better. Everyone can ride at their own comfortable pace. The daily length averages between 60 and 70 miles and we will be climbing 2,000 – 3,500' per day. There will be a day off at Rockaway Beach near Tillamook. Although we prefer to travel on quiet roads and will do so at every opportunity, we will by necessity also be on the Coast Highway (US-101) which can be busy in spots, though there is usually an adequate shoulder.

**WEATHER:** Weather on the Oregon Coast can be very unpredictable. Riders should be prepared for warm sunny weather as well as wet, chilly conditions.

**MEALS:** This tour will provide both snacks and lunch on riding days. Breakfast and dinner are your responsibility; however, some of our accommodations provide a complementary warm breakfast.

**LODGING:** Quality of lodging varies from nice local lodging options to traditional motel chains such as Holiday Inn Express and Best Western.

**DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:** (Mileages & Elevation gains are approximate – route may vary slightly due to unforeseen circumstances.)

### Day 0: Friday, September 10

We meet the first night in Forest Grove, just under 30 miles west of Portland.

### Day 1: Saturday, September 11: Forest Grove to Clatskanie, 60 miles, 2,600 ft climbing:



north on rural roads and then on a lovely 20-mile Rail-to-Trail bike trail to the charming small town of Vernonia, and from there across a steep ridge and descend to the Columbia River to stay in the town of Clatskanie.

**Day 2: Sunday, September 12: Clatskanie to Seaside, 70 miles, 3,250 ft.**

**climbing:** From Clatskanie, we follow the Columbia River as it meanders to the coast. In Astoria, we will go the historic winter encampment of Lewis and Clark, and then to the mouth of the mighty Columbia River to gaze across the bar to Washington state. A short jaunt south will get us to iconic Seaside.



**Day 3: Monday, September 13: Seaside to Rockaway Beach, 45 miles, 3,200 ft. climbing:**



A short ride over several headlands gets us to Rockaway Beach, a long, beautiful beach with rocky outcroppings.



**Day 4: Tuesday, September 14: Rockaway Beach to Pacific City, 60**



**miles, 3,200 ft. of climbing:** From Rockaway, we go inland towards Tillamook, home of contented cows, stopping at the creamery, and then visiting the Tillamook Air Museum, housed in a huge blimp hangar built in WWII to support the hunt for Japanese submarines. It now houses a museum and airplanes from that era.

Then we head out over the scenic Three Capes Route to Pacific City for the night.



**Day 5: Wednesday, September 15: Day off in Pacific City** – you can choose to shop, swim, go for a bike ride, or take a relaxing walk along the beach.

**Day 6: Thursday, September 16: Pacific City to Newport, 58 miles, 3,500 ft. climbing:** On this day we ride along a section of the coast with some of its most stunning scenery. We end up in Newport, a fishing town preserved as a tourist venue.

**Day 7: Friday, September 17: Newport to Independence, 80 miles, 3,900 ft. climbing:** We bid farewell to the coast and embark on another traverse of the coast range on a small highway, climbing up to 900 feet. We descend into rolling farmland and end up in Independence, a historic town on the Willamette River not far from Salem.

**Day 8: Saturday, September 18: Independence to Forest Grove, 58 miles, 1,400ft. climbing:** Our last day, we travel over rolling hills, past vineyards (we may even stop at one) and farms, returning to Forest Grove for a final night before heading back home on **Sunday, September 19.**

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