

Northwest Passage



Parkwest is looking forward to presenting another late-summer flying tour of the Western National Parks. Getting past the summer heat, turbulence and (hopefully) wildfires will provide us the opportunity to see some beautiful parts of the country, by air and land, and enjoy the crisp fall days and fall color display of aspen in the high country. This trip includes destinations both new and old, but even the repeat destinations will be seen in new ways. From our new base in the Inland Northwest, we'll make a clockwise loop to Glacier National Park, down to the Yellowstone-Teton region, west for two Oregon destinations in Cascade Country, then terminate in Washington's gem: Olympic National Park. We are excited that our new home offers the perfect launch pad to visit the beautiful, wild country of the Pacific Northwest. Hope you can join in on the 11-nights of fun!

September 1-12, 2018

Highlights:

- **Tour Length:** 11 nights
- **Trip Start:** Spokane, WA
- **Trip End:** Port Angeles, WA
- **Flight Distance:** ± 1800 nm
- **Tour Highlights:**
 - Labor Day weekend festivities in Spokane
 - In-park, historic lodging at Glacier & Olympic NPs
 - Scenic flight day over Grand Teton & Yellowstone NPs
 - Canoeing the Cascade Country in Bend, Oregon
 - Hellgate Jet Boat adventure on the Rogue River
 - Spectacular fall color flying in the Rockies
 - Oregon (& Washington) Coast flightseeing at its best
 - And much more!

Itinerary

Saturday 9/1

Arrive Spokane Felts Field (SFF) and transfer to "Washington's grandest hotel." Whether it's the soaring architecture, award-winning amenities, rich history, or proximity to nearby Spokane attractions, the Historic Davenport Hotel has welcomed film stars, explorers, writers, politicians and other luminaries (like Parkwest pilots!) for more than 100 years. Welcome dinner at local restaurant. D

Sunday 9/2

There will be a combination catered breakfast/group meeting at the hotel. Parkwest guides will provide detailed Tour and Flight briefings to get you excited and prepared for our coming adventure. In the afternoon, we'll get acquainted with downtown Spokane via trolley cycle, a pedal-powered way to move about the city. Afterwards you will have free time to enjoy the fun at Riverside Park, which plays host to Pig Out in the Park, a food and music festival dating back nearly 40 years. B

Monday 9/3

After breakfast we'll transfer to SFF for departures. It will be a spectacular morning flight from Eastern Washington, across the Idaho Panhandle, then on into Glacier Country. We are rekindling the old days, and will use the Starr-Browning airstrip on the Blackfeet Reservation, and tour the east side. Transfer to the Many Glacier Hotel, another historic gem built by the Great Northern Railway in 1912 and situated on the shore of gorgeous Swiftcurrent Lake. L

FEATURED HOTELS:

Historic Davenport Hotel, Spokane WA
Many Glacier Hotel, Glacier National Park MT
Moose Creek Ranch, Victor ID
The DoubleTree at Bend, Bend OR
The Lodge at Riverside, Grants Pass OR
Lake Crescent Lodge, Olympic National Park WA



Northwest Passage Itinerary – cont.

Tuesday 9/4

You will have an entire day to enjoy this spectacular National Park at your leisure. There are multiple hiking options as well as lake cruises to enjoy; some may want to curl up with a good book in the comfortable, rustic lobby of Glacier's largest hotel. B/D

Wednesday 9/5

This morning we'll head back to Starr-Browning for departures to Driggs, Idaho with a fuel stop en route. Once landed at Driggs, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch and museum tour at Warbirds Café and Museum. From there, we'll make our way to our lodging for the next two nights at Moose Creek Ranch, set amidst the stunning forests of this area of "Wy-Daho" where people don't much care which side of the state line you're on, because everyone is here to enjoy the same, incredible scenery that straddles both Wyoming and Idaho. After check-in, there will be time to relax around the lodge before our catered dinner. B/L/D

Thursday 9/6

Today we offer an optional flying day for those who want to experience both Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks by air. Parkwest has long provided pilots with the thrill of a scenic flight over the Teton peaks and Yellowstone, the granddaddy of the National Park System; the geysers, thermal pools, lakes and waterfalls are a treat to experience from the cockpit. Some may wish to leave the plane tied down for the day and enjoy hiking, horseback riding and comfort the Ranch has to offer. B/D

Friday 9/7

We'll transfer back to Driggs from the Ranch and enjoy a two-flight day across Idaho and eastern Oregon to get to Bend, an inviting mountain getaway with a cosmopolitan feel. Dubbed the "outdoor playground of the West," Bend has so much to offer visitors, as witnessed by the area's steady growth of tourism, cuisine, craft beer and vibrant arts scene. B/L

Saturday 9/8

After a leisurely morning to spend as you wish, the group will journey into the mighty Cascade Range to paddle the glassy waters of a spectacular mountain lake with the renowned naturalist guides of Wanderlust Tours. We will spend over 2 hours on the water enjoying parts of these large lakes that are only accessible by paddling into the fingers, coves, bays, and wetlands created by ancient eruptions and erosion. Surrounded by the Three Sisters, Broken Top, or Paulina Peak, canoeing provides the ultimate experience in this area! D

Sunday 9/9

We'll transfer back to the Bend airport and enjoy a fun breakfast at the Pickled Pig restaurant before departing on our short flight to Grants Pass, Oregon. After transferring to The Lodge at Riverside, you'll have some free time to explore this fun river town before loading up for our jet boat excursion on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River. This 4-hour, 36-mile round-trip through historic Hellgate Canyon will stop downriver at the OK Corral, an old homestead, where you'll enjoy delicious Western home cookin' perched high above the river. B/D

Monday 9/10

After breakfast at the Lodge, we'll transfer back to the airport for a two-flight day to Port Angeles, Washington. Our desired stopover is Tillamook, home to the Tillamook Air Museum and Hangar B, a 1940's-era wooden hangar constructed to house K-class airships used by the Navy for anti-submarine patrol during World War II. After lunch and museum tour, we'll carry on for Port Angeles where we will check in to the beautiful and historic Lake Crescent Lodge, inside Olympic National Park, for our last two nights together. Dinner on own. B/L

Tuesday 9/11

We'll have much of the day to explore the beauty and diversity of Olympic National Park. We will see waterfalls, b-i-g tree canopies, the high country at Hurricane Ridge, and more. A picnic lunch is included. You will also have a bit of free time to enjoy lake activities at the lodge. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner, where we eat too much food and relive all the fun and adventure we've had along the way. B/L/D

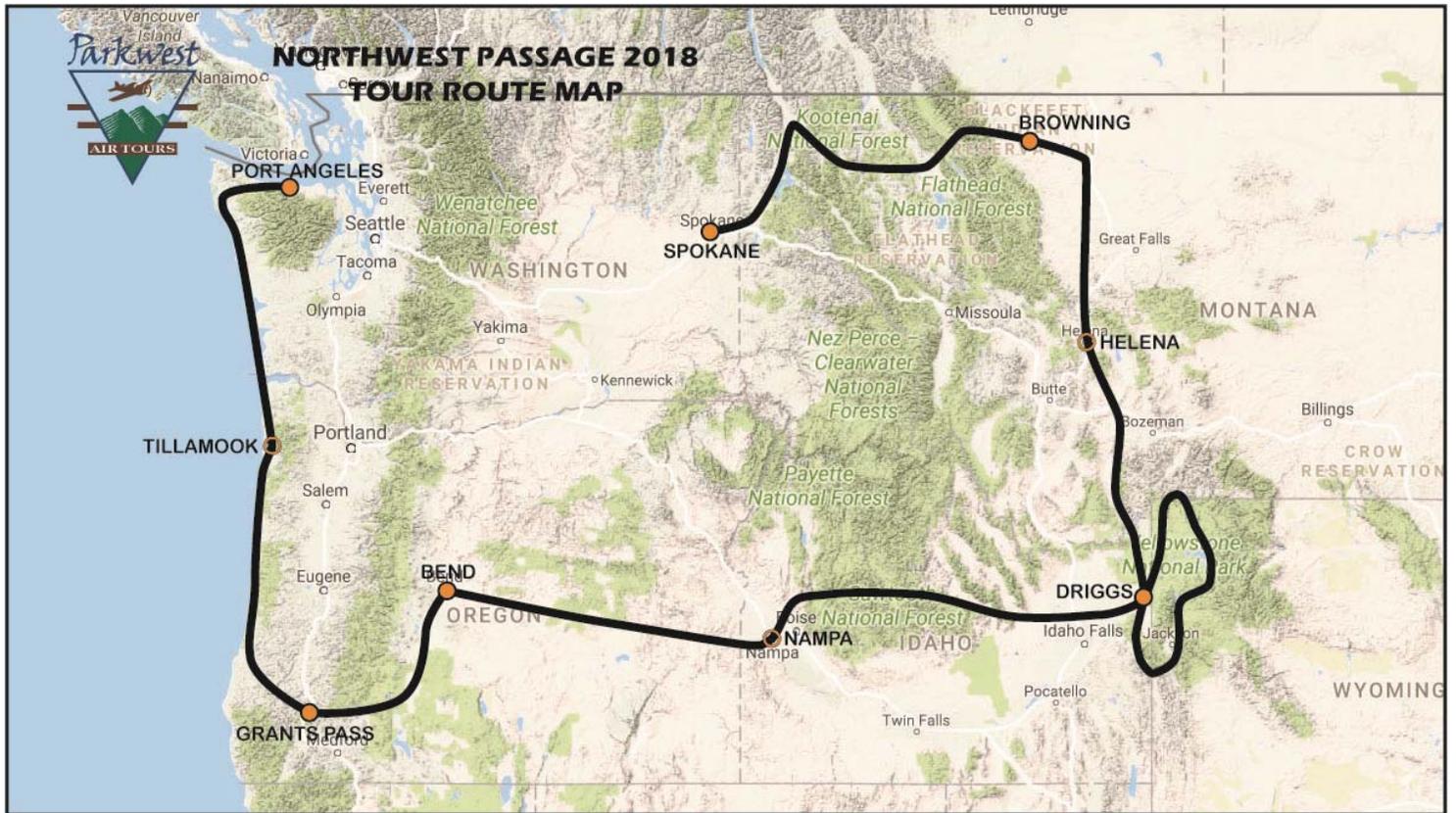
Wednesday 9/12

Breakfast at lodge, and transfer to airport. B

**Note: While much of this itinerary has been confirmed, it is subject to change.*



Tour Route:



Route Details:

Airport	Identifier	Elevation	Length	Comments
Spokane / Felts Field	KSFF	1,956	4,499	Class D
Browning	8S0	4,657	4,051	No Fuel
Helena	KHLN	3,877	9,000	Class D
Driggs	KDIJ	6,231	7,200	
Nampa	KMAN	2,057	5,000	
Bend	KBDN	3,459	5,200	
Grants Pass	3S8	1,130	4,001	
Tillamook	KTMK	39	5,001	
Port Angeles	KCLM	291	6,347	

