Volcanoes to Tidepools

Portland, Tillamook, Oregon Coast, U of O, Central Oregon



Sample Itinerary 2027

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Depart home airport early morning for Portland, OR **Arrive Portland, OR early-afternoon. Meet ETSI staff and motorcoach at the airport.** **Orientation to Portland, OR** **Flight schedule dependent:** Take a walking/bus tour of Portland, OR (aka "Bridgetown"), where students will explore the scenic Tom McCall Waterfront Park, snap a photo at the "Keep Portland Weird" mural, discover the magic of Powell's City of Books—the world's largest independent bookstore, and stop at the legendary Voodoo Doughnut shop, known for its wild flavors and offbeat charm. You may even cross an iconic bridge or two along the way! **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! (Pending employee sponsorship) **Evening activity—TBD** Options may include hiking in Forest Park, OMSI After Dark, Portland Night Markets, Beaverton BG Food Cartel, Escape Room, iFly, hotel swim. **Check into a Beaverton area hotel** *Meals: lunch & dinner*	**Depart by motorcoach for Tillamook, OR (~1.3 hours)** **Tillamook Forest Center** Discover the heart of Oregon's forest heritage at the Tillamook Forest Center. Students will explore the beauty and resilience of Oregon's woodlands through engaging and interactive exhibits. Students will even have an opportunity to climb up a fire tower with 360° views of the Northern Oregon Coastal Range. **Tillamook Creamery Tour and Lunch Stop – Did someone say ice cream? Chocolate please!** **Continue by motorcoach to Newport, OR (~2 hours)** **Yaquina Head Lighthouse** Take a self-guided tour of the tallest lighthouse in Oregon. Perched high above the Pacific, this lighthouse has guided mariners since 1873. At low tide, students can venture down to Cobble Beach to explore tide pools teeming with marine life where a Ranger is available for questions. **Oregon Coast Aquarium—** **SLEEP in the DEEP** Dive into an unforgettable marine adventure after-hours where students will explore the aquarium without all the crowds and get behind-the-scenes tours of what it takes to operate and care for marine life. At bedtime, students will nestle down in underwater tunnels and snooze surrounded by sharks, rays, rockfish, wolf eels, and more! *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Depart after breakfast by motorcoach for Florence, OR (~1.3 hours)** **Hobbit Trail** This magical trail begins in a lush forest and leads to a hidden beach at the foot of coastal cliffs. This one-mile hiking trail is popular among visitors because of its mossy and enchanting landscape opening to the wide-open beach. **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. **Continue by motorcoach to Eugene, OR (~1.6 hours)** **University of Oregon** Students will embark on a U of O Campus Tour and discover where innovation meets inspiration. The Campus Tour is led by college students and is intended to inspire pre-college students and expose them to potential majors and/or careers options. The tour may even take students by one or more of the athletic facilities—Quack, Quack!! **Check into Eugene area hotel** *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*

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Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Prefontaine Classic Experience track and field history in the making at the legendary Hayward Field for the 51st annual Prefontaine Classic. Honoring the legacy of the late University of Oregon runner, Steve Prefontaine, this annual outdoor track event attracts elite athletes from around the world. Students will spend the day on campus watching athletes rewrite record books while soaking in the energy of the historic track stadium. **Continue by motorcoach to Belknap Hot Springs Lodge (~1.4 hours)** **Check into Belknap Hot Springs Lodge** Relax, recharge, and reconnect. Tucked away in the lush Willamette National Forest along the McKenzie River, Belknap Hot Springs is one of Oregon's hidden jewels. The lodge features two natural mineral hot spring pools, cozy accommodations, an outdoor pool, and easy access to hiking trails. *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Depart by motorcoach to Sahalie Falls (~.5 hours)** **Sahalie Falls Hike** Hike the Sahalie Falls trail, featuring a roaring 100-foot waterfall surrounded by mossy forests, lava rocks, and crystal-clear water. Stroll a short loop to extend your trek to nearby Koosah Falls for double the beauty. (2.6 mile trail) **Continue by motorcoach to Camp Sherman, OR (~1 hour)** **Wizard Falls Hatchery** Located in the Deschutes National Forest along the breathtaking Metolius River, this fish hatchery offers students insight into fish ecology, habitat restoration, and wildlife stewardship. **Continue by motorcoach to Bend, OR (~1 hour)** **Free time in Bend, OR** Optional activities may include: Deschutes River Float (tube and paddleboard rental and shuttle options) Drake Park and Downtown Bend Bike rental in the Old Mill District Shopping **Check into Bend area hotel.** *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Newberry National Volcanic Monument** Students will start in the Lava Lands Visitor Center where friendly Rangers will help orient them to the center. Students can explore the interpretive exhibit to gain insight into the geologic and cultural history of the site, see educational films scheduled daily, and hike up to the top of Lava Butte for spectacular views. **High Desert Museum** Otters, porcupines, owls, oh my! The High Desert Museum is an immersive adventure where students explore the history and culture of the West and the high desert through artful exhibits. **Whitewater Rafting – The Big Eddy Thriller** Students will splash their way through one of Central Oregon's most beloved whitewater adventures—the Big Eddy Thriller on the Deschutes River. This 3-mile section of the river offers a variety of excitement from mellow currents and swimming holes to thrilling class 3 rapids. This excursion is suitable for children ages 6 and older and is considered a beginner attraction. Safety instruction and gear provided. **Water shoes required.** **Depart by motorcoach en route to Portland, OR (~3.5 hours)** **Dinner Stop at Timberline Lodge** Located at the crossroads of the PCT, this Lodge was built as part of the New Deal and is a National Historic Landmark. Also, the location for the movie "The Shining". It will not disappoint! **Check into hotel near PDX** *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Early morning flight to home airport** **Welcome home!** *Meals: breakfast & lunch*

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