

## Companion Tours

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007**

### **Whidbey Island Tour**

**9:00am – 5:00pm (meet in the lobby at 8:30am)**

**\$96.00 per person (including lunch)**

Enjoy a day exploring one of the many beautiful islands located near Seattle. Located in Puget Sound, Whidbey Island's old-growth forests, sand dunes, 174 varieties of bird and spectacular views of shoreline, mountains, islands and sunsets mark it as a favorite for visitors to the Northwest. The human history of Deception Pass State Park on Whidbey Island dates back over 6,000 years, when the first people settled the area now known as Cornet Bay. The name

"Deception Pass" derived from Captain Vancouver's realization that what he had mistaken for a peninsula was actually an island. He named that island "Whidbey" in honor of his assistant, Joseph Whidbey, who was at his side when Vancouver realized the mistake. The captain named the inlet at which he was anchored "Deception Pass" to commemorate the error.



Head to Deception Pass State Park, where you will walk the beach, explore the many hiking trails and enjoy a scenic stroll through the park's coastal rainforest. At the Deception Pass State Park, guests will take a charming boat cruise on an open deck boat to look for



bald eagles, seals and porpoises as well as take in the picturesque setting and hear the history of the area from the boat captain.

Following Deception Pass, travel to Fort Casey State Park in the town of Coupeville. Fort Casey is a 467-acre marine camping park with a lighthouse and sweeping views of Admiralty Inlet and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. In 1858, the U.S. government purchased ten acres of land costing

\$400 for the construction of Admiralty Head Lighthouse. In 1890, the army took over the premises. It named its garrison "Fort Casey" in honor of Brigadier General Thomas Lincoln Casey, the last U.S. Army chief of engineers. At that time, Fort Casey, in union with Fort Worden and Fort Flagler, was said to comprise a "triangle of fire" guarding the entrance to Puget Sound.

Coupeville is a quiet waterfront farming community that still reflects the character of a frontier seaport when Puget Sound was being settled. The historic Coupeville Wharf is the icon that symbolizes the town's history as a once major seaport (more important than Seattle for



awhile). It now houses shops and galleries which guests will be given time to explore.

Coupeville also provides a welcome respite from fast food. Its restaurants, cafes, delis and coffee houses offer a range of personalities to choose from.

Before the return to Seattle aboard a Washington State Ferry, explore the town of Langley. Perched on a low bluff overlooking the waters of Saratoga Passage and the Cascade Mountains, Langley's quiet streets are lined with historic buildings, flower filled walkways and "pocket parks." Fine shops and galleries are waiting to be discovered.

Note: A light jacket and comfortable shoes are recommended.



**MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007**

**Roundtrip Transportation to Seattle Center**

**10:00am – 4:00pm (meet in the lobby at 9:30am)**

**\$35.00 per person (lunch on your own)**

Bus to Seattle for the day where you will spend the day at the Seattle Center featuring the Space Needle and the EMP. Ride the monorail to fabulous downtown Seattle shopping or take a short ride taxi to the Waterfront, Pike Place Market, Seattle Aquarium and Olympic Sculpture Park. You will find yourself asking "What shall I choose? It all sounds so wonderful!" Top it off by knowing that each option hosts a variety of dining experiences sure to satisfy virtually everyone!

**The Space Needle** is located at Seattle Center. Whatever your interests - theatre, ballet, opera, professional sports, rock 'n' roll history, roller coasters, science, movies, shopping, exploring or just plain walking around-the city, it all unfurls from the Space Needle.

<http://www.spaceneedle.com/>

**EMP** is a one-of-a-kind music museum combining interactive and interpretive exhibits to tell the story of the creative, innovative and rebellious expression that defines American popular music. Featuring a world-class collection of artifacts, unique architecture by Frank O. Gehry, state-of-the-art technology, and exciting interactive presentations, EMP will encourage visitors of all ages and backgrounds to experience the power and joy of music in its many forms.

<http://www.emplive.org/>

**The Seattle Center Monorail** was built for the 1962 Seattle World's Fair to provide a crucial link between the fairgrounds and the amenities downtown. Today, the trains carry approximately 2.5 million riders every year. The monorail has become an important fixture in Seattle for locals, who use the trains during major festivals and sporting events. Seattle Center Monorail is the nation's only fully self-sufficient public transit system.

<http://www.seattlemonorail.com/>

Located in the heart of downtown Seattle, **Westlake Center** is a four-story, glass enclosed retail pavilion (with a Food Court on the Upper Level) offering a mix of national reputation retailers and a unique selection of the finest quality regional merchandise. The Center offers a high-energy, one-of-a-kind urban shopping environment.

<http://www.westlakecenter.com/html/index10.asp>

The history of **Pike Place Market** is as rich and colorful as Seattle itself. Its nine acres and 100 years of operation encompass thousands of unique and interesting stories - stories of immigration, internment, gentrification and urban renewal - that explain why Pike Place Market is called "The Soul of Seattle." Pike Place Market is internationally recognized as America's premier farmers' market and is home to nearly 200 year-round commercial businesses; 190 craftspeople and 120 farmers who rent table space by the day; 240 street performers and musicians; and 300 apartment units, most of which house low-income elderly people. "The Market," as the locals affectionately say, attracts 10 million visitors a year, making it one of Washington's most frequently visited destinations.

<http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/>

See, touch and explore our amazing underwater world at the **Seattle Aquarium**. Get face-to-fin with marine life and discover the natural wonders of the Puget Sound. What are you waiting for? Dive in!

<http://www.seattleaquarium.org/>

The **Olympic Sculpture Park** transforms a nine-acre industrial site into open and vibrant green space for art. This new waterfront park gives Seattle residents and visitors the opportunity to experience a variety of sculpture in an outdoor setting, while enjoying the incredible views and beauty of the Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound. Admission is free.

<http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/OSP/default.asp>

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007**  
**Tulip Festival and La Conner**  
**11:30am – 4:30pm (meet in the lobby at 11:00am)**  
**\$35.00 per person (lunch on your own)**



Your tour begins with a trip to fertile Skagit Valley and the quaint town of La Conner. This picturesque waterfront town, located at the mouth of the Swinomish inlet, is rich in both history and heritage. Time will be allotted for guests to peruse the interesting shops and galleries as well as take in the rustic, rural scenery while here.

After spending time in La Conner, your group will make a memorable stop at RoozenGaarde, the epicenter of the annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival and home to the most gorgeous tulip fields in the state. During the month of April, a stop at colorful RoozenGaarde is a must! RoozenGaarde is a division of The Washington Bulb Company, Inc. (the largest grower of tulips, daffodils and irises in the United States). While here, guests will peruse the gardens and gift shops as well as take advantage of the many photo opportunities. Cameras are a must at RoozenGaarde as many beautiful floral displays and a Dutch windmill decorate the garden paths.