



Excursion to experience the Columbia River Gorge

The Columbia River Gorge is unforgettable. Just a short drive from downtown Portland, the spectacular canyon views, lush natural beauty, majestic waterfalls, and Columbia River flowing through the Oregon and Washington mountainsides combine to form one of the most beautiful scenic areas in the Pacific Northwest.

We have contracted with Grayline of Portland to give us a full narrated tour of the Gorge. They have 70 years of experience taking passengers out to experience the gorge; check out their site below, but informational only do not book tickets on their site – you can buy on check out from our site.

https://graylineofportland.com/tours/portland-oregon/multnomah-falls-columbia-river-gorge-tour-9602_6/

Join us on the pre-conference excursion which will leave early Friday morning, hit all the highlights - Multnomah Falls! Crown Point/Vista House! The (aptly named) Bridge of The Gods! A cruise up the Columbia River on a Stern Wheeler! An AA Meeting at the base of the Bridge of the Gods- and have you back at the conference in time for dinner, ice cream, and the speaker meeting. If you haven't seen the Gorge, please take our advice and join us – it's truly an experience not to be missed! If you would like to join us and follow along without riding the bus, feel free; you will have to pay for your passage on the sternwheeler - Full itinerary outlined below:

- 8:15am Bus to load at the University of Portland <https://www1.up.edu/>

 breakfast snacks and drinks to be provided

 pick up registrations and laminates at the bus, cars can stay at the school
- 8:30am Depart the University of Portland for a narrated excursion up the Columbia

 Drive up the I-84 along the bank of the Columbia River
- 9:15am First Stop - the Multnomah falls; one of the most photographed sites in the Pacific Northwest - http://www.oregon.com/attractions/multnomah_falls

This will be a short stop; no hiking to the top (that takes hours) photo from the base or bridge only please.

- 9:45am Time permitting, we will whip up to Crown Point and the Vista house - <http://www.vistahouse.com/>
Our driver knows a secret back way; enjoy the amazing view up and down the river – quick stop, great place for photo then off to the high point of the trip the Stern Wheeler
- 10:30am arrive at Cascade locks to load on the Stern Wheeler - <http://portofcascadelocks.org/marine-park/sternwheeler-columbia-gorge/>
- 11:00am depart on the Columbia Gorge Stern Wheeler for Cruise up the Columbia River – one hour tour of the river returning to where we started – 1 hour total trip time.
- 12:00 pm load the bus to go to the Bridgeside restaurant <http://bridgesidedining.com/> (2 minute drive) for lunch (meals are not provided – individuals will need to pay for food but we will have forms so you can pre-order on the bus) and an AA meeting in the banquet room hosted by the Shivering Denizens of Hood River - http://www.xman-oregon.com/shivering_denizens/
This meeting will be in a private back room with windows overlook the Columbia River and up to the Bridge of the Gods <http://portofcascadelocks.org/bridge-of-the-gods/>
- 1:30pm Lunch over – load bus to continue the tour
- 1:45pm Depart the Bridgeside for the trek back to the University of Portland

Cross the Bridge of Gods and come back along the other side of the Columbia River on the Washington (north) side of the Columbia river on Hwy 14 where there are many View points...Beacon Rock - <http://parks.state.wa.us/474/Beacon-Rock> Skamania, <https://www.store.skamania.com/> Bonneville Dam... <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/Columbia-River/Bonneville/>

If preferred the bus could go back on 1-84 and stop at the Vista House or the Bonneville Dam
- 4:45 pm Tour arrives back at the University of Portland
- 5:00 pm Dinner provided for tour participants at the school (only for the Cruise/ Expedition folks)
- 5:00 pm Ice Cream social to begin – included in all registrations

5:30pm Wellbriety to start their piece
Rona Yellow Rose to join toward the end

6:00pm start allowing \$10.00 speaker meeting and Columbia River Crack Up show folks
come in

6:15 pm Speaker meeting to begin

6:20- 7:10 Rona Yellow Robe talk

7:30 – 8:30 AA Speaker – Charles Carney

8:30- 9:45 Break

8:45 pm Comedy show – Columbia River Crack up featuring some of the hottest comics in
the area – program and non
Becky Braunstein – Hottest comic in PDX right now
Our own Joanie Quinn
Liz Donahue (Seattle comic coming down to be with us)
Martin Lendahls
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