# 2027 Northwest Mountains & Coast Summarized Itinerary

**Trip Begins:** Seattle, Washington
**Trip Ends:** Seattle, Washington

**Day 1:** Our group will meet at the airport in Seattle, Washington, this afternoon. Once everyone has arrived and all bags have been collected, we will transfer by van and trailer to our first campground. This afternoon will be spent getting to know one another, going over trip details, playing games, and getting excited for our adventures to come.

**Day 2-4:** On the morning of Day 2, we will travel to Olympic National Park, an area rightfully known as the "Land of Contrasts." Our first full days together will be spent breaking in our boots completing day hikes on some of the park's most scenic trails. We will hike the breathtaking ridgeline at Hurricane Ridge and walk along the shores of Lake Crescent, taking time to enjoy a refreshing dip in some of the most beautiful blue waters we have ever seen.

**Days 5-8:** We will say goodbye to Olympic National Park on Day 5 and head east, taking a ferry off the Olympic Peninsula as we set course for the San Juan Islands. Upon arrival in Anacortes, Washington, we will meet our professional sea kayaking guides and begin a three-day paddle through the stunning waterways of Puget Sound's San Juan Islands. As we explore around Guemes and Cypress Islands by kayak, we will watch for seals, keep an eye out for orca whales, camp on remote beaches, and take in the rugged coastline from the water. We will also give back to this remarkable ecosystem by volunteering with the Washington Department of Natural Resources to collect data that contributes to the ongoing study and preservation of the San Juan Islands.

**Days 9-11:** After we come off the water, we'll head northeast to our second national park as we start our exploration of the North Cascades. During our day hikes in the park, we'll discover why this area is called the "American Alps." Views of snowcapped peaks and alpine meadows await us as we hike through this spectacular landscape. We'll wrap up our time in the North Cascades spending a day whitewater rafting the world-class Skagit River with professional guides: a true thrill!

**Days 12 & 13:** On our last full day together, we will head back to Seattle and explore its famous Pike's Place market (among other attractions) on foot. On the last morning of the trip, we will transfer back to Seattle airport for flights home. We'll part with hugs and plans to keep in touch with new friends.

*Please note that all itineraries are subject to change.*

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