

## Bicycle Tours in USA: Bicycling Oregon's Columbia River Gorge (TourzPlus™)

### OVERVIEW

The Columbia Gorge, navigated more than 200 years ago by Lewis and Clark, is the crown jewel of the Pacific Northwest. The world's greatest concentration of waterfalls plunge hundreds of feet in a captivating display of nature. Snowcapped peaks tower majestically above glacial lakes, lush forest, and fields of wildflowers. The region surrounding the Gorge offers incredible opportunities to tour the region by bike and by foot. The area is also a photographic wonderland. To the south lies majestic and glaciated Mt. Hood, Oregon's tallest peak. To the north, Washington's Mt. Adams forms an equally impressive backdrop.

Learn more about our [TourzPlus™ partner tours](#) and how they differ from regular ExperiencePlus! bicycle tours.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Columbia Gorge, Mount Hood, Waterfalls, Mount Adams, Hiking, cycling and rafting, Bicycle Magazine's Best Ride in the USA, Rafting White Salmon River Keep in Mind: We work hard to maintain consistency

### TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Style</b>	■ <a href="https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus">TourzPlus: Learn more about our TourzPlus tours at https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus</a>
<b>Includes</b>	Use of a quality 24-27 speed bicycle; 5 nights accommodation; all meals except 1 dinner and 1 lunch(excluding drinks); rafting on the White Salmon River; transfer back to Portland
<b>Countries</b>	USA
<b>Begin/End</b>	Portland
<b>Arrive/Depart</b>	Portland Int'l Airport (PDX)
<b>Total Distance</b>	89 - 191 cycling, 5 - 12 hiking
<b>Avg. Daily Distance</b>	25 - 50 miles per riding day
<b>Tour Level</b>	▶▶▶▶▶
<b>Keep in Mind</b>	We work hard to maintain consistency across all of our tours, but some trips have unique differences. Here are some things to keep in mind about this tour. Cycling, hiking, rafting in one of the most beautiful places on the planet.

**Please Note:** We may have small itinerary changes to this trip after you download this PDF document. If you have booked this trip and there are major changes, including changes to towns or activities, we'll email you directly. However, you should always be sure to refer to the ■ [online itinerary](#) for the most up-to-date trip information including arrival and departure tips before you depart for your trip:

<https://www.experienceplus.com/bike-tours/usa/biking-oregons-columbia-river>

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**DATES & PRICES**

**DAILY RIDE SUMMARY**

Day	Distance/Gain	Terrain	Day Level	Notes
1	39km / 0m (24mi / 0ft)			
2	64km / 0m (40mi / 0ft)			
3	72km / 0m (45mi / 0ft)			
4	58km / 0m (36mi / 0ft)			
5	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
6	74km / 0m (46mi / 0ft)			

**Bicycle Tours in USA: Bicycling Oregon's Columbia River Gorge (TourzPlus™)****Meet in Portland**

**Highlights** Bike fitting, Willamette River and welcome dinner

Meet at our hotel in Portland then cycle the Willamette River through natural areas before returning through lovely neighborhoods depicting classic architecture, tree-lined boulevards and stunning views of Mt. Hood. Our hotel, recently named to Travel & Leisure's Top 100, is in a beautiful park-like location on the banks of the Willamette River. Just steps for the door, shops and restaurants line a pedestrian walkway overlooking the River.

**DAY 1: Sun, Jul 28th**

**Distance** 39 km (24 mi)

**Meals** Dinner

**Waterfalls of the Columbia River Gorge**

**Highlights** Waterfalls, forest, riding and hiking

The Columbia River Gorge is a designated National Scenic Area providing some of the best scenery in the Pacific Northwest. Cycle a spectacular two-lane road winding past seven waterfalls. Enjoy short hikes along paths at several of the falls. The route provides stunning views over the Gorge before it dips through lush forest. Enjoy a spa or just relax in the gardens at our inn for the next four nights, recently named to the top 20 in Travel & Leisure's Top 100. Tonight enjoy fabulous cuisine in the inn's dining room, one of the top-rated in Oregon.

**DAY 2: Mon, Jul 29th**

**Distance** 64 km (40 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Mount Hood & the Hood River Valley**

**Highlights** Mount Hood, spectacular hike, cycling through fruit orchards

Enjoy a lovely hike around a remote lake providing spectacular views of Mount Hood, Oregon's highest peak at 11,239'. The crystal clear waters of the lake are fed by glaciers on Mount Hood. Enjoy a dip in the lake or paddle a canoe on its placid waters before a delicious picnic lunch on the lakeshore. Cycle through pear and apple orchards on the return to Hood River. Dinner this evening is on your own at one of the many outstanding restaurants in town.

**DAY 3: Tue, Jul 30th**

**Distance** 72 km (45 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch

**Bicycle Tours in USA: Bicycling Oregon's Columbia River Gorge (TourzPlus™)****Raft the White Salmon River****DAY 4: Wed, Jul 31st****Highlights** Ride to Washington State, rafting, spectacular views**Distance** 58 km (36 mi)

Bicycle past open fields with views extending to massive Mount Adams, the dormant volcano not far from Mount Saint Helens. Pass through a wildlife refuge that provides habitat for a variety of waterfowl, birds of prey, and wildlife. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the glacier-fed White Salmon River, designated a Wild & Scenic River. Enjoy an exhilarating raft trip conducted by professional river guides. Dinner this evening is at one of our favorite restaurants in town and features fresh local ingredients and a fabulous wine selection.

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Hike the Forests & Alpine Meadows of Mount Adams****DAY 5: Thu, Aug 1st****Highlights** Mount Adams**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

As with many of the larger peaks in the Cascade Range, glaciated Mount Adams is volcanic. The mountain itself is huge, covering 230 square miles and topping out at 12,276'. Our hike will take you near the timberline and features sprawling meadows of wild flowers interspersed with cascading streams and shimmering lakes fed by glaciers high on the mountain. The dense forests that surround the mountain are home to elk, lynx, and other elusive animals of which we would be fortunate to catch a glimpse. Toast the week's adventures with your new friends during our final dinner together at the Inn.

**The Eastern Gorge & Columbia Gorge Discovery Center****DAY 6: Fri, Aug 2nd****Highlights** Bicycling Magazine's Best Ride in the USA**Distance** 74 km (46 mi)

Your final day of cycling offers spectacular riding to the east of Hood River. This section of the tour was described by Bicycling Magazine as one of the best rides in the US and the lightly traveled routes and stunning scenery can't help but confirm this. Visit the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, the official interpretive center for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. You will be transported to the airport in Portland in mid-afternoon. Distance: 15 - 46 miles

**Meals** Breakfast