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PACIFIC NORTHWEST ROAD TRIP

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travel dates: May 6 - May 10, 2019

total days: 5



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Seattle at Sunset with Mt. Rainier

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TRIP OVERVIEW

KEY/LEGEND



In Car/
Car Rental



Hotel/Lodging



Local Attraction/
Sight Seeing



Food



Bar/Winery



Shopping



Outdoor Activity



Scenic View



Bike Rental



DAY 1 *Monday, May 6*

Begin: **Seattle, WA, US**

Finish: **Vancouver, BC, Canada**

Drive Time: 3 hours Dist: 156 miles/251 km



DAY 2 *Tuesday, May 7*

Explore: **Vancouver**



DAY 3 *Wednesday, May 8*

Begin: **Vancouver, BC, Canada**

Finish: **Anacortes, WA, US**

Drive Time: 2 hours Dist: 95 miles/153 km



DAY 4 *Thursday, May 9*

Begin: **Anacortes, WA, US**

Explore: **San Juan Islands, WA, US**

Finish: **Seattle, WA, US**

Drive Time: 1.75 hours Distance: 81 miles



DAY 5 *Friday, May 10*

Explore: **Downtown Seattle**

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DAY 1

Monday, May 6



Begin: Seattle, WA, US

Finish: Vancouver, BC, Canada

Driving Time: 3 hours

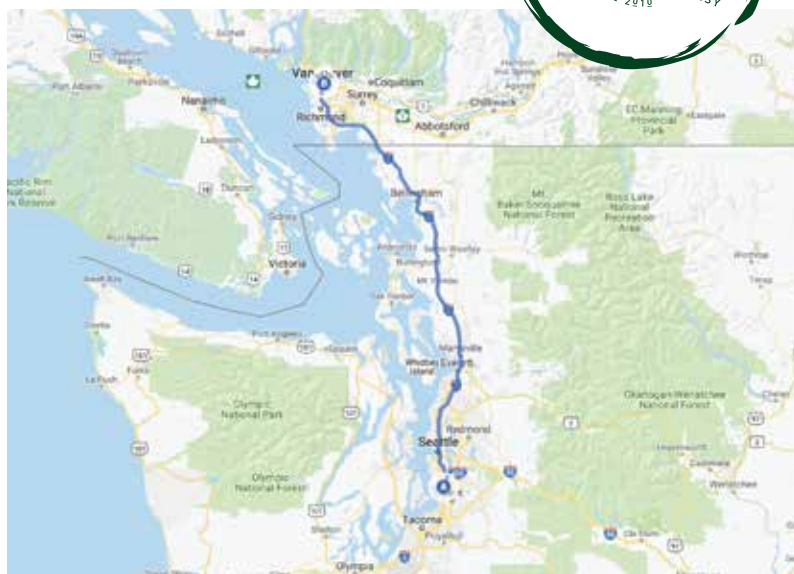
Distance: 156miles/251 km

Hyatt Regency - \$273 avg/night

Hampton Inn - \$192 avg/night

Hotel Le Soleil - \$178 avg/night

Ramada Limited - \$131 avg/night



IN SEATTLE



You'll land at 10am Pacific Time so it will feel like 1pm to you. After getting your checked luggage you'll need to get to the rental car terminal which requires hopping on a shuttle bus. We were there in August and it took about 15 minutes of waiting in line before we climbed aboard a shuttle.

One of you might want to grab a bite to eat while the other waits in the rental car line. I'd recommend either **Avis, Enterprise, National or Alamo** because they have a downtown drop-off location for your return on Friday, May 22. Once you have your car you can hit the road! The address for your hotel, **Hampton Inn & Suites**, is above.

IN VANCOUVER



The drive to Vancouver takes about 3 hours so you'll probably arrive sometime around 2pm PT. That might be a little early to check into the hotel, but you have a few options.

There's a great open-canopy bus tour operated by Gray Lines that departs from Gastown, which is a 12-minute walk from your hotel. You can drop your bags with the concierge and walk to the bus tour kiosk in Gastown. You'll want the "hop-on hop-off" tour on the Park Route, which runs at C\$59 per person and lasts for about 1h45m. The last bus leaves at 3:05pm so don't be late! There's also an option for an evening bus tour which departs at 7:15pm. No matter which one you choose you'll need to make reservations in advance. I can help you with that.

If a bus tour doesn't interest you you could drive through Granville Island and the public market. Strolling around this refurbished industrial area is a great way to kill time while you wait for your hotel to be ready.

OTHER NOTES:

Apparently finding parking in Vancouver isn't difficult and traffic is light compared to other large cities. Obviously, the Canadian dollar is the currency of preference, so find an ATM somewhere or just use credit cards. The people are notoriously friendly so don't be afraid to ask for help or suggestions from the locals.



DAY 2

Tuesday, May 7



Explore: Vancouver



PLACES TO EAT & DRINK



I always like asking locals for their recommendations, like a concierge or tour bus operator. They tend to “read the room” better and provide recommendations tailored to what you’re looking for. But in case you don’t have time for that, a few places I’ve read solid reviews about are: **L’Abattoir** (industrial-chic setting for Pacific Northwest fare), **Tuc Craft Kitchen** (modern tavern fare with a diverse cocktail assortment), or **Chambar** (exposed brick space with creative Belgian cuisine and seafood). Anywhere on **Robson St.** or in **Gastown** is almost sure to please...more on that below.

PLACES TO EXPLORE IN TOWN



Gastown is the place to be for foodies and nightlife and reminds me much of Cincy’s OTR district. Luckily it’s close to your hotel on Robson Street, so you could walk. **Robson Street** also offers great shopping to browse if that’s your thing!

Granville Island is home to a bustling market, waterfront restaurants and bars, and art studios.

NEARBY NATURAL AREAS



Stanley Park is a can’t-miss area just west of downtown with walking trails, beaches, a seawall, and gorgeous views of the ocean (especially during sunset!). You could easily spend your whole day here if you wanted to. Your bus tour will highlight some of the activities you can do.

The Capilano Suspension Bridge Park is a very cool nature park with a 450-foot long footbridge that crosses a river 200-feet below. It also has an elevated tree trail network through the cedar forest, a cliffwalk experience, and a bird of prey exhibit. It’s just north of the city and does tend to get crowded, so arrive early.



DAY 3

Wednesday, May 8



Begin: Vancouver, BC, Canada

Finish: Anacortes, WA, US

Driving Time: 2 hours

Distance: 95 miles/153 km

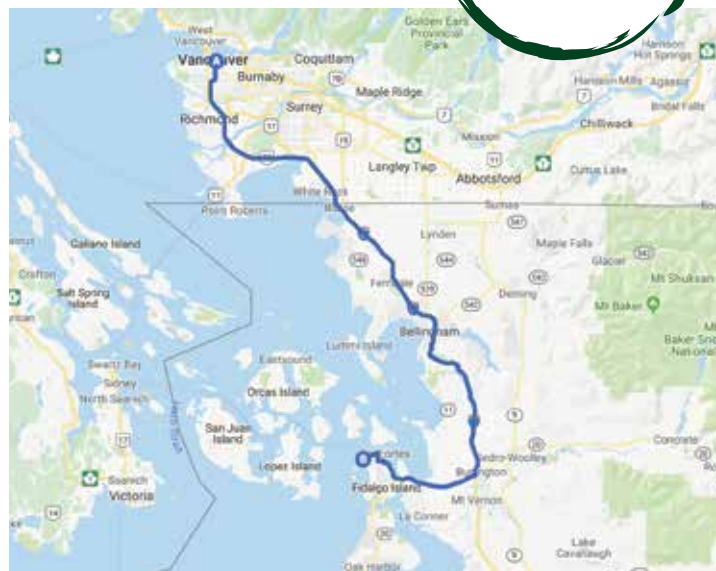
Ship Harbor Inn (BOOKED)

5316 Ferry Terminal Rd.

Anacortes, WA 98221

(360) 293-5177

Check-in: 3:00PM



IN VANCOUVER (MORNING)



Once you check out of your hotel you can choose to explore whatever part of Vancouver you missed, or just have breakfast and hit the road. The **Twisted Fork Bistro** has a comfortable vibe and creative French brunch food.

ON THE ROAD



Depending on what time it is when you near Anacortes, it could be fun to take a short detour to the waterfront town of **La Conner**. It's about 20-minutes out of your way but is a walkable village with specialty shops, historic buildings, and cafes. You will have missed their world-renowned tulip festival by a few weeks but the town is still very charming.

IN AND AROUND ANACORTES



While Anacortes itself is a nice place, we're just staying here because it's close to your ferry to the San Juan Islands (Thursday's itinerary). The **Ship Harbor Inn** is literally right around the corner from the ferry so you won't need to rush in the morning, and can even leave your car here on Thursday if you want to.

Once you check into the Inn you can try exploring downtown Anacortes but I couldn't find anything too remarkable about it. So, my suggestion would be to take a 15-minute drive south to **Deception Pass State Park**, a gorgeous cliffside natural area highlighted by the iconic Deception Pass Bridge. There are myriad hiking trails within the state park - I'd recommend the **Rosario Head Trail**, an easy 1.5-mile hike that puts you out on a peninsula with sweeping views of the ocean and bridge.

Once you've finished mozing around in Deception Pass you could continue south with a 30-minute drive to **Coupeville** for dinner. Coupeville is a beautiful and relaxing town on the water, so grab a bite to eat at one of the restaurants on Front St. by the wharf and then stroll around until you're ready to make the 45-minute drive back to Ship Harbor Inn.



DAY 4

Thursday, May 9



Begin: Anacortes, WA

Explore: San Juan Islands, WA

Finish: Seattle, WA

Driving Time: 1.75-hours to Seattle

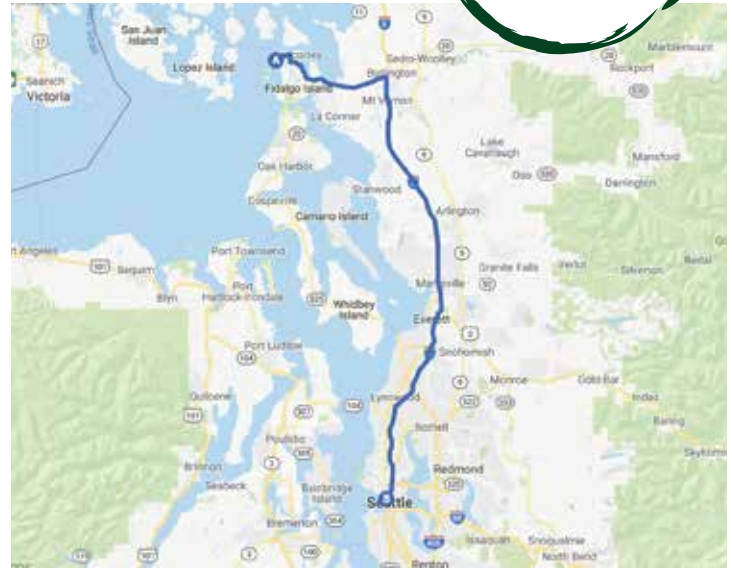
Distance: 84 miles

Warwick Seattle (BOOKED)

401 Lenora St.

Seattle, WA 98121

(206) 443-4300



THINGS TO DO IN FRIDAY HARBOR



Your ferry to Friday Harbor leaves at 6:20, 8:30 and 9:30am. It will take about an hour and you should have no trouble finding things to do once you arrive there. The lively waterfront area beckons you to stroll the docks, specialty shops, cafes, bars and friendly streets of this historic town.

In case you do need some inspiration, I'd recommend strolling up Spring St. once you leave the ferry and meandering down the cross streets. You'll find restaurants like **Downriggers**, **San Juan Bistro**, or the **Cask & Schooner Public House**, along with bars like **San Juan Brewing Co.** or **Mike's Cafe and Wine Bar**. The boutiques are plentiful and art galleries are a dime a dozen, along with bookstores and a theater! Further away from the waterfront are museums and parks.

If you're up for more of an adventure then hop aboard a whale and wildlife tour! While whales and orcas are no guarantee, eagles, sea lions and seals are almost a sure thing.

THINGS TO DO ON SAN JUAN ISLAND



Exploring the rest of San Juan Island will be easy if you ferried your car, but if you didn't you could still rent a bike or moped! I'd recommend making your way to **Susie's Rentals** on Nichols St. since they rent any type of vehicle you could want. They will also give you ideas of a few routes by which to explore the island.

One of which could be venturing out to the **Lime Kiln Lighthouse**. A scenic drive will take you to this orca-watching hot spot. Check out the list of recent sightings or give a listen to the park's two hydrophones that stream live sounds of nearby whales.

Did I mention there's also a vineyard on the island? **San Juan Vineyards** has daily wine tastings!

OTHER NOTES:

Keep in mind that you'll have a 1-hour ferry ride back to Anacortes, and then a 2-hour drive to the hotel in Seattle. The ferry departs Friday Harbor at 4:15, 6:25, 7:45, and 8:50pm. You'll also need to return your rental car on Friday morning.



DAY 5

Friday, May 10



FINAL DAY IN SEATTLE

Since you'll have your luggage and won't have a car, you'll need to flag a taxi or an Uber/Lyft to take you to your next stop. I found a reputable service called **bagbnb.com**. They come with great user reviews and meet the exact need of people like you - travelers who want to spend a day sight-seeing but need to do something with their luggage. You pay about \$6 per bag and they'll hold your luggage all day. There's a location very close to Pike Place Market that opens at 10am and closes at 5:30pm - perfect for what you'll do today. I can help you arrange this!

PIKE PLACE



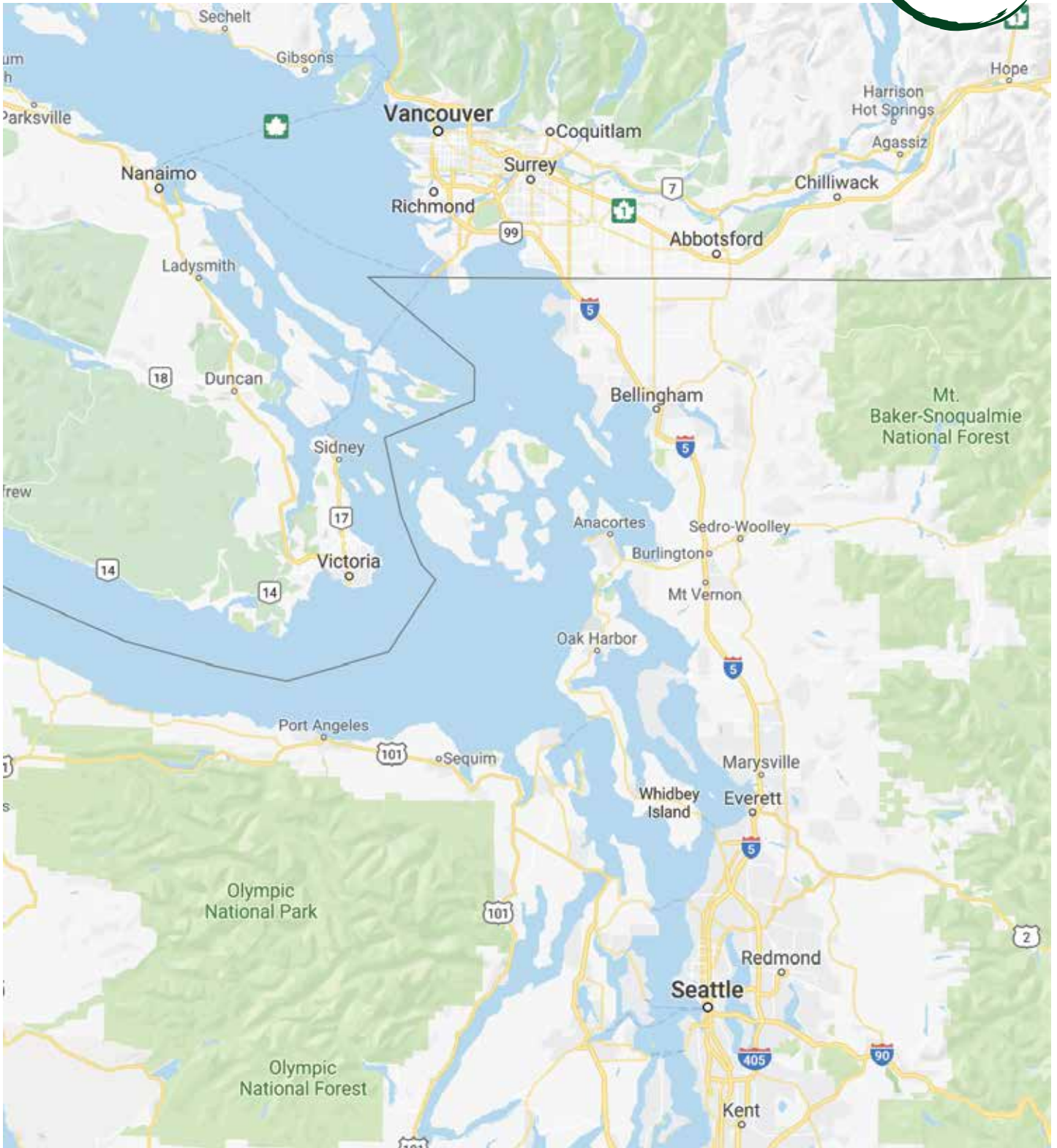
Once you've dropped off your luggage with your "Angel" (nicknames for the bagbnb hosts), the market awaits! It is a bustling place full of life and character. The best way to experience it is to simply stroll around without an agenda, ducking into shops that look interesting and sampling the food on display. Don't forget that there's an upper and lower level to explore!

Definitely plan on having a meal in the market or somewhere nearby. **Lowell's** has amazing seafood and gives you views of the Puget Sound from one side or back into the market from the other side. **Matt's In The Market** provides views of the water with Pacific Northwest fare. **Cafe Champagne** is a casual French bistro about a block away from the market.

SEATTLE CENTER AND DISCOVERY PARK



In case you do want to venture out of the Pike Place area, consider seeing **Seattle Center**. It's much more than just the Space Needle; this is where the **Chihuly Glass Museum** and **Museum of Pop Culture** are located! There's also the massive urban nature park, **Discovery Park**, with nature hikes - one of which finishes along a stretch of beach with a lighthouse and views of downtown. Both of these places will require a short Uber/Lyft ride.





WHAT'S NEXT?

STEP 1

REVIEW RESULTS

Review your options, share with whoever you need to, mull it over. But don't dilly dally. **These results are currently available as of: Dec 9, 2018** for the dates you've requested.*

STEP 2

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

Decided? Let us know. If you're still undecided, also let us know. We want you to be happy with your decision. We will hit the drawing board again if these don't fully work for you. If you're happy, we're happy!

STEP 3

LET'S BOOK!

Once you've decided, we are more than happy to assist you with booking. We will work with hotels/rentals on your behalf to book (confirm/pay) to the extent you are comfortable with.

OTHER SERVICES



Vacation Homes



Ground Transportation
Logistics



Flights



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