

# Visiting the Olympic Peninsula, Washington

2-Night Sample Itinerary to Victoria, B.C. Starting in Seattle

Total Miles: 272

## DAY 1

**Downtown Seattle to Port Townsend** (Drive Time: 2 hours 45 minutes)

From downtown Seattle, take the Bainbridge Island Ferry to Bainbridge Island. You can also take the Edmonds ferry north of Seattle. Drive north up the **Kitsap Peninsula** and across the Hood Canal Bridge. Once across the **Hood Canal**, turn right on Hwy 19 towards the historical Victorian seaport town of **Port Townsend**. Artsy shops, fun events, seaside restaurants, and Victorian architecture can keep any visitor busy for several days. Plan on staying a night here in one of the quaint seaside inns or perhaps at historic **Fort Worden**.

### The Quimper Peninsula Area

While in Port Townsend, take advantage of the area's rich agriculture and wineries. Just south of Port Townsend in the **Chimacum Valley**, you can find local farms, wineries, and cideries open all year round. Stop in for a taste of local cider at **Finnriver** and don't miss the **Chimacum Corner Farmstand** for an abundance of organic produce and products.



## Day 2

**Port Townsend to Port Angeles Coho Ferry Terminal** (Drive Time: 1 hour 15 minutes)

On this second day, get an early head start to catch the **MV Coho Ferry** across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to **Victoria, B.C.** Follow Hwy 101 west towards **Port Angeles**. Hwy 101 winds through the little town of **Blyn**, home of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and the beautiful hand-carved totem poles that greet its visitors. Just 10 minutes further is the town of **Sequim**, famous for its lavender which is celebrated annually during Sequim Lavender Weekend the third weekend in July.

**Port Angeles Coho Ferry Terminal to Victoria B.C. Terminal** (Sailing Time: 1.5 hours)

Renowned for its charming ambience, **Victoria** boasts heritage buildings, colorful gardens, outdoor recreation and marine adventures at every turn. Among its world-class attractions are the elegant **Fairmont Empress Hotel** and the magnificent **Butchart Gardens**. The MV Coho sailing is 90-minutes, vehicle or walk-on, and pet-friendly. Plan on arriving at least an hour early for your voyage and be prepared to present a passport.

**Victoria B.C. Terminal to Port Angeles Coho Ferry Terminal** (Sailing Time: 1.5 hours)

After a day (or two!) exploring the beautiful city of Victoria, sail back to **Port Angeles**, the largest town on the Olympic Peninsula and gateway to **Hurricane Ridge**. Many visitors to the Olympic Peninsula stay in Port Angeles multiple nights to take day trips into **Olympic National Park**. Port Angeles and surrounding area offer many different lodging options including camping and RV sites, affordable hotels and motels, and bed & breakfasts – all within a short distance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Olympic Mountains.



## DAY 3

**Port Angeles to Hurricane Ridge** (Drive Time: 45 minutes)

On a clear day, the snow-capped peaks of the Olympic Mountains are visible and beckoning for a visit. The **Olympic National Park Visitor Center** located on the way to **Hurricane Ridge** offers park passes (required to visit Hurricane Ridge), maps, and back-country wilderness permits. From the visitor center, travel up Hurricane Ridge Road for 18 miles to reach Hurricane Ridge at an elevation of 5,242 feet.



💡 **Smart Travel Tip:** Note that the road to Hurricane Ridge is not open every day in the winter and snow falls autumn through spring. Vehicles are required to carry chains in winter. For travel conditions, call the Hurricane Ridge hotline at 360-565-3131.

**Return to Seattle:** From Hurricane Ridge, it's a little over 3 hours to return to Seattle. **Extend the trip** by taking the ferry from Victoria to the **San Juan Islands** or by continuing west on Hwy 101 around the Olympic Peninsula!

*Note that all times and distances are approximate. Unforeseen circumstances such as traffic, ferry delays, inclement weather, road construction and bridge closures can affect travel. Be prepared for possible traffic/ferry delays especially during summer. For information on current road conditions visit [wsdot.com](http://wsdot.com).*

