



Snohomish County, Washington Minutes north of Seattle Arts, Culture and Heritage Tour

Art Abounds. Public art collections, galleries, museums and festivals abound in Snohomish County. Snohomish County offers a rich and vibrant creative and cultural community that includes numerous performing, visual and public art opportunities, historic collections and artist studios as well as native cultural ceremonies.

Day One

(One hour) Begin your trip into the history and culture of Snohomish County with a visit to Heritage Park in Lynnwood. Heritage Park is a collection of historic buildings from the early pioneer days of Alderwood Manor, now known as Lynnwood. Take a guided tour of a fully restored 1909 single-ended wooden electric rail car, visit the historic Wickers building and transportation museum and learn how logged-off land was sold to gentleman farmers for egg production. The historic water tower and superintendent's cottage are still on the land, and the Humbel House, the park site's original residence, has been preserved and houses the genealogy research library.

(Two hours) No visit to the Pacific Northwest is complete without a trip to the Future of Flight – Aviation Center and Boeing Tour. The Future of Flight is a unique interpretive facility designed to let visitors experience the marvel of commercial jet aviation and production. The packaged ticket includes a factory tour in the largest building in the world to the assembly of the 777 and the new 787 Dreamliner.

(Two hours) Explore and shop in Edmonds for a leisurely afternoon in this waterfront town. Stroll through the quaint boutiques, galleries, garden stores, specialty shops and cozy coffee shops to please your palette and your hunger for scenic beauty. Include lunch at one of the many bistros, waterfront restaurants and bakeries.

(One hour) Edmonds Historical Museum exhibiting artifacts, photographs and other memorabilia preserving the heritage of South Snohomish County and the city of Edmonds.

(Two hours) Wander the delightful Bothell Country Village; 45 specialty shops and restaurants housed in cozy farm-style buildings in a decidedly un-mall atmosphere. Instead of shopping in a modern center with sleek wide corridors, you'll wander winding brick paths and flower-lined boardwalks. Antiques, a full service day spa, glass blowing studio, wine tasting, restaurants and train rides make every visit to Country Village fun for all ages.

Return to your Lynnwood hotel or other Snohomish County luxury accommodations.

Day Two

(Three hours) The "I never knew shopping could be so much fun" Itinerary. At Alderwood in Lynnwood, start a relaxing and fun day with a world famous Starbucks latte at The Terraces fireplace. Reacquaint yourself with a favorite store like Macy's, Nordstrom or Coldwater Creek, then check out The Village's one-of-a-kind shops and upscale retailers, or treat yourself to a rejuvenating spa treatment at Gene Juarez. If outlets are more to your liking, visit Seattle Premium Outlets in Tulalip (north of Everett) for haute couture fashions at unbelievable discounts.

(Three hours) On the national historic register for both their business and residential districts, the town of Snohomish is the "Antique Capitol of the Pacific Northwest". Stop by a riverfront café a delectable lunch, a cup of coffee and piece of pie, then stroll along historic streets and shop at one of the country and Victorian shops where over 450 antique dealers sell their treasures. www.cityofsnohomish.org.

Day Three

(Two hours) Tour Paul G. Allen's rare collection of vintage military aircraft at Paine Field in Everett at the Flying Heritage Collection. Tours are conducted by military aviation experts and recall the craftsmanship and innovation of the times, but more importantly, pay tribute to humanity's struggle and spirit during the ordeal of wartime. The aircraft are restored to a degree of authenticity never before attempted and are nearly as intact today as when they left the factory decades ago.

(One hour) The Western Heritage Museum is not to be missed. Committed to preserving the stories of the Snohomish River Valleys and sharing the local history, the interactive displays and guided tours feature the history of logging, mining and construction, transportation, and agriculture in Snohomish County.

(One hour) James Mongrain glass studio tour. Internationally recognized glass artist James Montgrain makes his home in Snohomish County and offers a tour of his private artist studio in the waterfront town of Mukilteo. At the onset of his career, Mongrain worked in hot shops around the country, including New York, Cincinnati, and New Orleans, where he focused his attention on becoming technically proficient in the Venetian tradition of goblet making. As a "gaffer" for internationally renowned glass artist and mentor Dale Chihuly, Mongrain worked on such projects as "Chihuly over Venice", "In the Light of Jerusalem 2000", "Fiore Di Como" in the Belliagio hotel, Las Vegas, and the Chihully "Bridge of Glass" in Tacoma. Recognized as one of Americas' finest goblet makers, Mongrain produces both beautiful and functional art.

(Two – three hours) Dinner nearby in Mukilteo or the Everett waterfront. Feast on famous seafood and delectable northwest cuisine while watching the Mukilteo-Whidbey Island Ferry come and go from the adjacent dock, or "Get Sauced Safely" at a cooking demonstration at Lombardi's Neighborhood Italian at the Everett marina. Learn the secrets of preparing 5 versatile sauces, which are the foundation of Italian cuisine. Each sauce will be demonstrated and served with a pasta or meat dish, and paired with a matching wine from Washington State.

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