

Announcing the 2023 NW Passage Tours!

The ORPCA Northwest Passage Team has put together another great driving tour, and is offering it again twice in 2023, with fun roads, beautiful scenery, great accommodations, delicious food, and an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. From majestic rivers, deep canyons, rolling hills, mountain roads to vineyards, the 2023 Northwest Passage route takes us again through some of the most scenic and best driving roads in the Northwest. The 2023 tour will visit the Columbia River Gorge, the canyons of the Columbia Plateau, the rolling hills of the Palouse, the Snake River Canyon, the majestic Wallowa's and some wineries of Walla Walla.



Porsche of Beaverton will host a pre-tour social event on Wednesday, June 21early evening in their beautiful showroom. An event not to miss, we will be treated to a tasty selection of hors d' oeuvres, wine and beer, amidst beautiful Porsches as we say hello to old friends and greet new tour participants.

The 2023 Northwest Passage begins on Thursday afternoon when participants meet at the Columbia Gorge Hotel. The Northwest Passage Team will host a welcome reception on Thursday evening with hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer to welcome participants and to provide a time for us to meet and socialize with one another.

Friday morning, we cross the Columbia River and drive along the Klickitat River to Goldendale, then turn south to Maryhill where we cross the river again and zigzag our way to Condon and Hepner for lunch stop. After lunch we head towards Hermiston, then along the Columbia River and finally turn east towards Walla Walla where we reach our accommodation for the next three nights, the Marcus Whitman Hotel.

For Saturday, you have two options: a drive to Lewiston followed by a 5-hour jet boat tour through the Snake River Canyon including lunch, or an exciting driving loop from Walla Walla, to Enterprise, then over

twisty mountain roads to Lewiston and back to Walla Walla. Saturday evening, we then meet all again for a hosted reception at the Marcus Whitman hotel.



On Sunday you have two options again: a drive to Joseph and exploration of the Wallowa's, or a morning drive to the conjunction of the Snake and Palouse river through the rolling hills of the Palouse followed by visits to two wineries in the afternoon.

Sunday late afternoon we meet all again for the traditional beer wash. This event gives everybody a chance to wash the road grime off their cars, socialize and just have fun.

Sunday evening, we have a hosted banquet at the Marcus Whitman.



Monday morning, we leave Walla Walla and drive on the Washington side of the Columbia River to The Dalles for the end of the tour.

Like last year, the 2023 NW Passage is again a five-day event. We will have two tours, each with 40 cars. The estimated cost will be \$950. Registration for both NW Passage tours is online at the ORPCA website, and payment will be by credit card at time of registration.

For registration questions, contact Heinz Holzapfel (650)-823-0951. If For Saturday, you have two options: a drive to Lewiston followed by a you have questions about the tour, contact Joe Kelly (562)-587-3090.

Registration will open 1/2/23 at 7pm.