

Oregon Scenic Tours 2026

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Over two long weekends in mid and late July, dozens of ORPCA members in dozens of Porsches joined Oregon Scenic Tour 2026, run as a pair of back-to-back tours through the heart of the state. The first tour, led by Danielle Morris, was over-subscribed, so a second was quickly organized under Heinz' guidance. These drives ran from Lebanon to Bend to The Retreat at Silvies near Seneca, with stops in Sisters, Post and Fossil along the way, the drives delivered everything a tour should: great roads, great meals, a world-class thunderstorm, and even better company. Rather than a mile-by-mile recap, what follows is the trip served up the way it felt - as a recipe. The second tour encountered some challenges due to the wildfire ignited by the thunderstorm during the first tour, but this did not prevent the attendees from having a great time.

Recipe for a Journey

Serves 46 friends • 24 cars • 1 unforgettable Oregon adventure

DIRECTIONS:

Begin with a generous handful of Porsches - Caymans, 911s, Macans, Cayennes and Panameras, plus one Tesla along with an air-cooled '89 (just to keep us legit) - polished just enough to catch the Oregon sun, driven just enough to remember what they were built to do.

Add 46 friends in 24 cars, spread across two tours, one road - drivers and navigators, old hands and first-timers, because a journey is never really made by cars. It is made by people.

Let the mixture rise overnight in Lebanon, at Boulder Falls, then carry it east to the Riverhouse in Bend, where mountains appear on the horizon and the roads begin to ask, Shall we keep going? The answer, naturally, is yes.

Add long stretches of pavement. A curve. Another curve. Take turns leading. Take turns following. No one needs to hurry - we are already exactly where we came to be.

At Post, the geographic center of Oregon, pause. Add meatloaf. Turkey melts. Chicken quesadillas. Then face the hardest decision of the

INGREDIENTS

A generous handful of Porsches:

Caymans, 911s, Macans, Cayennes and Panameras, plus one Tesla and an air-cooled '89 for legitimacy.

46 friends:

24 cars, divided across two tours. Drivers and navigators. Old hands and first-timers.

A generous portion of Oregon:

Lebanon, Boulder Falls, Bend, Post, Seneca, Fossil and The Retreat at Silvies.

Long stretches of pavement:

Add curves liberally. Take turns leading and following.

A selection of good food:

Meatloaf. Turkey melts. Chicken quesadillas. And, naturally, milkshakes.

A dash of adventure:

Horses, golf clubs, quads, ATVs, walking shoes—or nothing at all.

Good wine & creative cocktails:

Add responsibly, especially when driving resumes the next morning.

Oregon weather:

Preferably unpredictable.

Friendship, curiosity & joy:

Season generously.



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entire trip: *which milkshake?* A problem best solved by ordering one anyway.

Continue to Seneca and The Retreat at Silvies, and slow everything down. Add horses, golf clubs, quads, ATVs, walking shoes - or absolutely nothing at all. That works too. Make the dinners interesting. Pour good wine - but remember who is driving tomorrow. Then find Phil behind the bar, mixing from recipes of his own creation, a bartender who literally wrote the book on what he pours. Or get one of the four Scotch flights to taste the best of Scotland in the middle of Oregon's cowboy country.

For Friday, add Oregon weather. For Tour 1, not ordinary weather - a world-class thunderstorm, lightning splitting enormous skies, and somewhere beyond us, fires beginning, air quality issues require route changes. Adjust the recipe. Reroute. Keep moving. That, too, is part of the journey. Tour 2's Friday faced its own fire/weather considerations. Such is the driving life this season.

But first, Fossil - where Brenda and her team welcomed a wandering collection of Porsche people with pizzas, sandwiches, and the kind of hospitality that makes a small Oregon town feel like exactly the place you were meant to stop.

Mix well with friendship. Season generously with curiosity. Allow plenty of room for joy.

TO SERVE:

Because somewhere along the way, a collection of cars became a caravan, a route became a memory, and a group of travelers became friends who can someday say: Remember when we drove across Oregon together?

The final ingredient? There is always one. Leave just enough road unexplored to give us a reason to do it all again. ■

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