

## Columbia River Gorge Waterfalls Tours

The Columbia River Gorge Waterfalls Tours are four hours long. Four choices are available:

- Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 1 PM to 5 PM (TH-Gorge)
- Friday, October 14, 2016 from 1 PM to 5 PM (FR-Gorge),
- Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 1 PM to 5 PM (SA-Gorge), or
- Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 8 AM to 12 noon (SU-Gorge)

### Sample Itinerary:

1:00 PM Pick up at the Vancouver Hilton. Head east to the only sea-level passage through the Cascade Mountains cut by the Columbia River.

1:35 PM Our first stop will be Chanticleer Point. Situated 700 feet above the mighty Columbia River, we'll be able to see incredible views overlooking the Columbia River, Washington State and the Oregon side of the gorge.

1:50 PM Stop at the historic Vista House for a spectacular thirty-mile view of the river and a rest stop with interesting historic photography and native wildflower exhibits.

2:15 PM Head further east on the "Old Scenic Highway" while you learn about the history of the first mountain highway of the west. We'll stop at several waterfalls with interesting names like Latourell, Wahkeena, Multnomah and Horsetail for short walks or longer hikes (you choose), quiet reflection and photo opportunities.

2:55 PM Guests always enjoy the visit to Multnomah Falls, Oregon's most famous and tallest waterfall at 620 feet. We will provide plenty of time for you to enjoy the ten-minute walk up to the Benson Bridge between the lower and upper falls for views and photos, and to visit the Nature Center and Gift Shop.

3:25 PM Still heading east, we'll discuss the life cycle of Pacific Northwest Salmon enroute to the Bonneville Dam, where we may see migrating adult salmon through the fish-viewing windows and in the fish ladders.

4:15 PM Returning west towards Portland, guests will observe the Columbia River Gorge from a different perspective. With the river at sea level and the Cascades Mountains rising above 4000 feet, the view is spectacular!

5:00 PM Return to the Hilton.

The cost of this half day tour is \$60.00 per person, which includes door-to-door transportation and the interpretive naturalist services of your ecotour guide.