

# Itinerary Washington



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The Japanese Garden of Friendship is located in East Wenatchee.

## Flowers and gardens in the Wenatchee Valley



Gardens at Saint Laurent Winery boast a European theme.

### 8:15 a.m. — Japanese Garden of Friendship

This garden is a joint effort between the sister cities of Misawa, Japan, East Wenatchee, and Wenatchee. The garden symbolizes the close ties between the three cities and the events that link them. The sister city relationship between Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, and Misawa, Japan, began in 1981. The 1931 trans-Pacific flight of the *Miss Veedol* airplane from Misawa to East Wenatchee, piloted by Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, was the common bond. Depart at 8:45 a.m.

### 9 a.m. — Rocky Reach Dam

Each year, the dam's 30 acres of award-winning lawns and gardens are planted with thousands of flowers. Special features include Petunia Island, where 8,000 brilliantly colored annual flowers are planted in a new design every year. A display of bright red, white, and blue annual flowers depicts the U.S. flag, and dozens of varieties of dahlias await the visitor. The landscaping requires so many flowers that the dam has its own greenhouse to grow the number of plants it needs to beautify the grounds each year. Depart at 9:30 a.m.

### 10 a.m. — Ohme Gardens

Just north of Wenatchee sits one of the most famous alpine gardens in America. The dry and desolate hill was transformed into 9 acres of lush alpine beauty by years of work by the Ohme family. There are winding paths throughout the garden where visitors can view calm, clear pools surrounded by beautiful flowers and alpine groundcover. Vista areas offer spectacular views of the Cascade Mountains, the Columbia River, and the Wenatchee Valley. Depart at 11 a.m.

### 11:15 a.m. — Riverfront Park Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

The garden designed and planted by the Washing-

ton State University Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners boasts more than 40 varieties of low-water-use plants and grasses. The Xeriscape garden overlooks the Columbia River in Wenatchee's Riverfront Park and is located along the Apple Capital Loop Trail near the Nile Saunders Steam Train. Enjoy box lunches in the park. Depart at 1 p.m.

### 1:30 p.m. — Saint Laurent Winery

Enjoy a stroll through the winery gardens and experience the beauty of their European-theme landscape. Or relax under the basalt-columned pavilion while trying some of Saint Laurent's outstanding wines. Framed by the vast horizons of the Wenatchee Valley foothills and the towering Cascades, the gardens overlook the mighty Columbia River and the Three Lakes area. Giant lava flows created the towering columnar basalts behind the Malaga farm, which were carved by the ancient water of Lake Missoula. Depart at 2:30 p.m.

### 3 p.m. — Sleepy Hollow Nursery

Lavender, lavender, and more lavender can be found at Sleepy Hollow Nursery. This full-service nursery offers perennials, shrubs, and trees to both wholesale and retail buyers. Browse through its vast inventory and take home your favorite. Depart at 4 p.m.

Dinner is on your own in Wenatchee, and group members can have free time to explore.

This tour requires a one-night stay in Wenatchee/East Wenatchee.

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