

West Coast Road Trip

[Vancouver, BC to Seattle, Washington](#)

Heading south on BC-99 toward the United States border, you'll begin your west coast holiday.

First stop, via the I-5, is Seattle. No trip to Seattle is complete without a visit to the Space Needle and Pike Place Market. While you're at Pike Place Market, wander through the Post Alley by the Market Theatre and check out the gum wall, which has been hosting chewing gum from visitors from all over the world since 1993.

You can also grab a cup of coffee from the very first Starbucks Coffee shop.

Driving Distance – 229 KM

[Seattle, Washington to Pacific City, Oregon](#)

Take the I-5 to Highway 30 via Astoria so you can stop in at Cannon Beach and travel the coast to today's destination, Pacific City. Cannon Beach is known for Haystack Rock – a 235-foot sea stack where the 1980s movie, "The Goonies", was filmed.

After stopping in here, head to Tillamook and visit the Tillamook Creamery for some ice cream or pick up some cheese for your cooler. Arriving at Pacific City, enjoy everything from beachcombing and bird watching to dining at a quaint deli, or a higher-end restaurant.

Driving Distance – 434 KM

[Pacific City, Oregon to Gold Beach, Oregon](#)

Enjoy your drive today along the Oregon Coast Highway to Gold Beach. Stop in Newport at the Historic Newport Bayfront and check out the sea lions on the public pier or stop in Florence and visit the Sea Lion Caves there.

Before arriving in Gold Beach, stop in Bandon at Face Rock State Scenic Viewpoint and the Face Rock Creamery for a treat.

Gold Beach has some great hiking in Cape Sebastian State Scenic Corridor. Take in the magical Sitka Spruce rainforest and visit Turtle Rock – a rock formation that looks like a turtle, just off the highway.

Driving Distance – 455 KM

[Gold Beach, Oregon to Trinidad, California](#)

Today's drive will take you from coastal beauty into the world-renowned Redwood National Park in northern California. These handsome trees are estimated to be over 1000 years old and some have a circumference of 68 feet. Unfortunately, RV's are too big for the Shrine Drive-Thru Tree, but you can still visit and walk through it to experience the wonder of these living giants.

After exploring the forest, you'll head to Trinidad, a seaside city in Humboldt County perched on a rocky bluff overlooking Trinidad Bay. Enjoy spectacular views from local hiking trails and visit the lighthouses of the area.

Driving Distance – 183 KM

[Trinidad, California to Mendocino, California](#)

Be spellbound by your first stop along today's drive. Eureka is a charming seaport town with loads to do and see.

Hopping back on the road, you'll be travelling slightly inland before reaching the coast again. A must-stop is a Glass Beach near Fort Bragg, where there's an abundance of sea glass as a result of garbage being dumped in the sea.

Mendocino, your final stop for today, offers spectacular beaches, peaceful hikes and incredible food and drink. You won't be short on adventure or peace and quiet in this beautiful northern California town.

Driving Distance – 267 KM

[Mendocino, California to Point Reyes, California](#)

No doubt you've already snapped one thousand photos – so hopefully you still have room on your Sim card for Point Reyes.

Stop in Point Arena and check out the lighthouse and museum here. The short climb to the top of the lighthouse offers incredible views you don't want to miss out on. Another great place to stop is Salt Point State Park. Point Reyes National Seashore is a protected coastline offering a vast area of beaches, grassland hikes and pine forest walks. It's a beautiful place to spot the migrating gray whales along the coast. Decide on where you'd like to stay – whether in Marin County or heading down to Bolinas and Stinson Beach, it's a big area to explore and camp in.

Driving Distance – 243 KM

[Point Reyes, California to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, California](#)

Following CA-1 and Panoramic Highway to US-101, you're on your way to magical Big Sur today. Stop in at Mavericks Beach and watch the surfers, or stay on the road and save your seaside pit stop for the gorgeous towns of Monterey or Carmel-By-The-Sea. Rugged mountains meet coastal bliss here. It's the perfect place to star-gaze,

Big Sur offers numerous state parks for hiking and camping. Enjoy and play in this magical California destination.

Driving Distance – 323 KM

[Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, California to Santa Barbara, California](#)

Before hitting the road today, check out the roads and make sure you pick the best route to get you to Santa Barbara. In 2017 Highway 1 was closed in this area because of one of the biggest

mudslides in California history. While it has reopened, always check the roads online ahead of time to save any trouble along your journey.

Arriving in the city of Santa Barbara, where dramatic mountains meet coastal bliss, you can enjoy some small city delights from organic food and local cafes to high-end boutiques.

Driving Distance – 436 KM

Santa Barbara, California to Sacramento, California

It's time to head north back to Vancouver – your first stop is Sacramento, the capital city of California. Taking Highway I-5, today's journey will take you to Sacramento, the capital city of California. With plenty of camping options in and around the city, you can hunker down for the night before hitting the road again the next day.

Driving Distance – 624 KM

Sacramento, California to Medford, Oregon

Staying on the I-5, you'll be leaving California and arriving back in Oregon – driving through the gorgeous Shasta-Trinity National Forest and beside Mount Shasta, a potentially active volcano. It's the second-highest peak in the Cascade Mountain Range and the fifth highest in the state.

Medford, your final destination for today, is a small city in Oregon coined by Forbes as a global wine destination and home to the internationally prized cheeses of Rogue Creamery. Treat yourself after a long day on the road!

Driving Distance – 495 KM

Medford, Oregon to Portland, Oregon

Welcome to Portland, Oregon. After driving north on the I-5, you'll arrive in Oregon's largest and self-proclaimed weirdest city. Spend some time here and take in the coffee houses, microbreweries and thriving creative scene, including art, music and theatre. Visit Distillery Row and head to the famous "Keep Portland Weird" wall, located just South of the Burnside Bridge, to snap a photo. For book lovers, a must-stop is Powell's Books, home to more than one million books.

Driving Distance – 439 KM

Portland, Oregon to Vancouver, BC

The last leg of your epic coastal journey takes you further north back into Canada. Staying on the I-5, you'll drive by Seattle, through Bellingham, before crossing the border into British Columbia.

Driving Distance – 508 KM