

COOS BAY, OR Itinerary Information and Contacts

All businesses welcome tours and FIT business and look forward to working with tour and receptive operators. All hotels offer a group welcome reception, competitive group rates (group hotels have 24 double queen or double double guestrooms), complimentary breakfast, luggage service at nominal fee, and individual comp or discounted policies for motor coach driver and tour operator.

Southern Oregon Visitors Association / Travel Southern Oregon

Sue Price, Independent Tour Manager

sue@southernoregon.org

541-890-5472

Medford, OR

For general tourism information: www.southernoregon.org

For suggested tour itineraries: www.southernoregon.org/tours

COOS BAY/NORTH BEND/CHARLESTON INFORMATION AND ITINERARY

This area is known as Oregon's Adventures Coast. Visitors and locals alike enjoy the incredible scenic and well photographed beaches, the abundance of recreational options including hiking, boarding and kayaking opportunities, beautiful maintained garden parks, fresh oysters and clams, handcrafted cranberry sweets and handmade myrtlewood carvings, culinary educational programs, first class lodging options, and colorful history.

www.oregonsadventurecoast.com

For your group and FIT clients visiting the Coos Bay, North Bend, Charleston area, we have created a list of recommended businesses including contact information for sample ideas of tours, attractions, outdoor adventure, restaurants, and hotels. This is only a sample list. For a complete list of retail stores, attractions, art galleries, hotels, restaurants, festivals, and events visit www.oregonsadventurecoast.com.

Coos Bay – North Bend Visitor & Convention Bureau

Katherine Hoppe, Director of Promotions & Conventions

kat@oregonsadventurecoast.com

50 Central Avenue

Coos Bay, OR 97420

541-269-0215 or 541.297.2432

www.OregonsAdventureCoast.com

HOTELS OFFERING TOUR AND FIT RATES

Best Western Holiday Inn

Nathan Mischel, Manager and FIT and Tour Group Contact

38071@hotel.bestwestern.com

411 N. Bayshore Drive (Hwy 101)

Coos Bay, OR 97420

541-269-5111

www.bestwestern.com/holidaymotelcoosbay

83 rooms, indoor swimming pool, spa/hot tub, in-room Jacuzzi's available, fitness room, handicap accessible, kitchenettes, continental breakfast, WiFi.. Recent parking lot renovations. Adjacent to Kozy Kitchen restaurant for more dining options.

The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park

Lucinda DiNovo, Director of Sales

ldinovo@themillcasino.com

3201 Tremont Avenue (Hwy 101)

North Bend, OR 97411

541-756-8800

www.themillcasino.com

Experience over 200 well-appointed rooms and suites in our Tower and Lodge, Las Vegas-style gaming excitement, five excellent dining venues and live entertainment - all with a great view along scenic Coos Bay. Amenities include WiFi connectivity, a business center, and indoor pool, hot tubs on our bayside deck and a fitness center. Modern meeting facilities, banquet catering and group services are available.

Red Lion Hotel

Joseph Monahan, General Manager

Joseph.monahan@redlion.com

1313 N. Bayshore Drive

Coos Bay, OR 97420

541-269-4050

www.redlion.com/coosbay

145 Rooms, all non-smoking, swimming pool, spa/hot tub, room service, fitness room, handicap accessible, on-site sports lounge, meeting facilities and WiFi. On-site and off-site catering available. All rooms remodeled and upgraded in 2007.

Group Tours

Betty Kay Charters

Bill & Margery Whitmer fish@bettykaycharters.com

PO Box 5020; 90389 Albacore Lane, Charleston, OR 97420

(541) 888-9021

www.BettyKayCharters.com

Whale Watching & Sports Fishing excursions available. Two boats, US Coast Guard licensed skippers. Equipped with large comfortable cabin, restrooms, deck seating and storage. Coffee available on board. Bus driver and guide gratis w/ group tours.

Clam Digging or Crabbing Excursions - Wavecrest Discoveries

Marty Giles

PO Box 1795, Coos Bay, OR 97420

(541) 267-4027

www.WaveCrestDiscoveries.com

Nature based, recreational and educational tours. Step on service available. Customized packages available. Clamming, Crabbing, Hiking Excursions and more.

Coos Art Museum

Stephen Broocks

235 Anderson Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420

(541) 267-3701

www.CoosArt.org

Housed in a former US Post Office building, this is the 3rd oldest art museum in Oregon. Features multi-discipline changing exhibits and a highly regarded permanent collection of Contemporary Northwest Art. The Steve Prefontaine Memorial Gallery is on the 2nd floor. Special arrangements are possible.

Coos Historical Museum

Annie Donnelly cmuseum@frontier.com

1220 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459

(541) 756-6320

www.CoosHistory.org

The 3rd oldest historical society in the state, more than 70,000 historic photographs and 40,000 artifacts communicate the county's diverse history; includes items associated with the Coos and Coquille Indians, and with later coal miners, loggers, ranchers and shipbuilders. Local shipwrecks are chronicled, along with frequently changed exhibits.

Sightseeing - Wavecrest Discoveries

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PO Box 1795, Coos Bay, OR 97420

(541) 267-4027

www.WaveCrestDiscoveries.com

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South Slough National Estuarine Reserve

Deborah Rudd deborah.rudd@state.or.us

PO Box 5417; 61907 Seven Devils Road, Charleston, OR 97420

(541) 888-5558

www.SouthSloughEstuary.org

First estuarine reserve in the nation. 4700 acres of fresh water streams, upland forest, salt marshes, mudflats, open water channel, nature trails, boardwalk and tide flats. Many educational presentations, bookstore, interpretive center, restrooms, phone, wheelchair access. Guided tours available.

Spinreel Dunebuggy Rentals, Inc

Richard & Jean Burkholder

67045 Spinreel Road, North Bend, OR 97459

(541) 759-3313

www.RideTheOregonDunes.com

Explore the Dunes. Group tours available up to 24 people. ATV & buggy rentals for singles or doubles.

Whale Watching Tours - Wavecrest Discoveries

Marty Giles

PO Box 1795, Coos Bay, OR 97420

(541) 267-4027

www.WaveCrestDiscoveries.com

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CULINARY SPECIALTIES

Cranberry Sweets & More

1005 Newmark Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420

(541) 888-9824

www.CranberrySweets.com

Made famous by Rachel Ray, Cranberry Sweets & More has invented a way to capture the cranberry's unique tang in a candy that leaves customers coming back for more. All candies are made by hand, free sample products are always on good supply. Located in Coos Bay's Empire District and in Bandon.

www.cranberrysweets.com

In 2012 Cranberry Sweets will be celebrating its 50 year anniversary.

Oregon Connection/House of Myrtlewood

LouAnn Dewater

PO Box 457; 1125 S. 1st Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420

(541) 267-7804 or (800) 255-5318

www.OregonConnection.com

Tour one of the coast's oldest working Myrtlewood Factories! Gift and specialty shop with free fudge samples for group tours.

Oyster Tours - Clausen Silverpoint Oysters

Lilli Clausen

66234 North Bay Road, North Bend, OR 97459

(541) 756-3600

www.SilverPointOysters.com

Tour a working oyster processing facility. Oysters grow well in Coos Bay because rich nutrients are brought into the bay by twice daily tidal exchange. Tastings available as well as Oyster Market.

Suggested GROUP RESTAURANTS

Benetti's Italian Restaurant

Bay View Dining. Private banquet room.

Tricia@benettis.com

260 S. Broadway (hwy 101)

Coos Bay, OR 97420

541-267-6066

www.benettis.com

Upstairs banquet facilities for up to 50 people, privacy, full bar and view of Coos Bay. On site or off site catering available. Escorts & Bus Driver gratis for group tours. Special pricing available.

Black Market Gourmet

On site cooking classes, Catering services, or specialty dine in options.

thebmg@msn.com

495 Central Avenue

Coos Bay, OR 97420

Jardin Kazaar & Kristin Hoefler

541-269-0194

www.blackmarketgourmet.com

Catering service & event planning for all occasions from Beachside Seafood BBQ's to elegant formal sit-down affairs. Cooking demonstrations using fresh local ingredients available.

The Hilltop House

Nostalgic setting overlooking the Bay.

Owner/Chef Joseph Zamora

93405 Wilsey Lane

North Bend, OR 97459

541-756-4160

Web site not available.

Tasty local seafood, steaks, nightly specials and our course, their famous chowder. Special group dining menu available.

The Plankhouse or Saw Blades Buffet at the Mill Casino-Hotel.

Lucinda DiNovo, Director of Sales

ldinovo@themillcasino.com

3201 Tremont Avenue (hwy 101)

North Bend, OR 97411

541-756-8800 ext 2288

www.themillcasino.com

The Plankhouse: Overlooking the peaceful, shimmering waters of Coos Bay. Try one of the Early Bird dinner specials from 4-6pm daily! Always great seafood, steaks and chowder made to perfection.

Saw Blade Buffet: Incredible entrees, succulent sides and delectable desserts - fill your plate as often as you like! Enjoy a fresh Seafood Buffet Fridays & Saturdays! Each night has a different themed Chefs in Action Station, you tell the chef which ingredients to use and the chef custom prepares your dinner

Oregon Coast Culinary Institute

Shawn Hanlin

shanlin@socc.edu

1988 Newmark Avenue

Coos Bay, OR 97420

541-888-1540

www.occinet.net

Wonderful culinary dinners as part of their new externship program. Creative and tastefully prepared lunch and dinners delight diners every Fridays. Specialty menus and dates are available.

GOLF

Sunset Bay Golf Course

11001 Cape Arago Hw

Charleston, OR 97420

(541) 888-9301

www.sunsetbaygolf.com

This professionally designed par 36 course is over 3,000 yards and majestically wanders through a natural valley setting. We are family friendly and welcome everyone to enjoy a relaxed game of golf. The Pro shop is open from 8am to 6:30pm every day and power carts and club rental are available. Groups and tournaments

are welcome, call for arrangements. We are located 3 miles south of Charleston adjoining the Sunset Bay State Park and close to the campgrounds.

Watson Ranch Golf Course

Coos Sumner Lane,

Coos Bay, OR 97420

Office: (541) 267-6313

Pro Shop: (541) 267-7257

www.watsonranchgolf.com

Contact: Ryan Benson

Open year round, this Par 72 course is open to the public with golf pro and driving range. Play 18 unique holes in a natural forested and wetlands setting. Nine new holes were added in 1998.

SAMPLE THREE DAY ITINERARY

Day ONE

3:00pm Arrive Coos Bay. Check into hotel or inn of choice. Relax in your room

Dinner at restaurant of your choice. Tell us where you're going ahead of time and we'll make sure you get a personal greeting from the chef. After dinner relax, or grab a shuttle to the **Mill Casino** for late night fun and weekly live entertainment. www.themillcasino.com

Day TWO

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel at your leisure.

10:00am Take a guided tour of the historic **Marshfield Sun Printing Museum**. Everything looks exactly as it did in 1944. They'll even let you run the printing press! www.southportforest.com/

11:30am. Hop on the bus for a guided **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Tour**. Large ATV vehicles will take you for an excursion over our towering dunes and tell you a little history of the area. Available for groups up to 24. For larger groups, we'll prepare a campfire at the neighboring campground to keep everyone busy; complete with a short hayride. www.ridetheoregondunes.com

1:30pm Shore Acres State Park, former home & gardens of timber baron and town founder; Louis Simpson. Step on guides are available to share the rich history of the Simpsons. www.shoreacres.net

3:30pm Complete the **Cape Arago Loop** with a visit to our seal watching site to see thousands of seals and sea lions greet you with a wave and a bark!

5:30pm Black Market Gourmet for a special dinner using local ingredients prepared by Chef Jardin. www.blackmarketgourmet.com

Day THREE

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel at your leisure.

9:30am Tour of a working **lumber mill**. www.southport.com

11:30am A forester will step on to your bus and take you through the forests of Coos County. You'll stop in the **Menasha Forest Grounds** where you'll walk through the woods, see what the lumber industry does to protect salmon, and how they continue to keep Oregon green and even get to pick mushrooms!

3:30pm Myrtlewood Factory and Showroom. See how each piece is lovingly hand-crafted from Myrtlewood trees to a beautiful piece of art. www.OregonConnection.com

5:30pm Downtown Coos Bay for your choice of several restaurants, all within a few blocks of each other.

Day FOUR

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel at your leisure. Post cards with stamps will be provided by the Visitor & Convention Bureau so that each guest can write to their loved ones before heading to their next location.

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LOCATION FROM COOS BAY

Southern Coast Lighthouse Tour Bandon (30 mins. N)

Winchester Bay (60 mins. N)

Crater Lake National Park www.nps.gov/crla/index.htm (3.5 hrs. E)

Hellgate Jetboat Excursions www.hellgate.com (3 hrs SE)

Trees of Mystery, California www.treesofmystery.net (4 hrs S)