

Come with Sagers Garden Travelers to visit the fabulous **Gardens and Rain Forests of Washington and Canada**. For the first time ever, our tour group will see the breathtaking scenery and gardens of Washington's Olympic Peninsula and Canada. The climate is conducive to lush scenery and spectacular gardens.

Is it that climate or the English Gardening tradition that makes the difference? In any case the Victoria/Vancouver area showcases the most colorful assortment of gardens on the western half of North America. See unforgettable Butchart Gardens – world famous for their lavish flower displays – magnificent Vancouver's Minter Gardens and other beautiful displays in Northwest Washington.

This trip will take you to stunning, don't-miss gardens new to our groups. We have conducted tours to this area before but never in the fall and never to all these places. Gardens change through the seasons, so even those we've seen in spring will be wearing their fall frocks.

Nature has a knack for creating its own gardens, too. The lush and enchanting Hoh Rain Forest is one of nature's finest. This is your chance to enjoy this uniquely beautiful area.

The inner waterways of the Salish Sea are another natural garden dotted with the beautiful, forested San Juan Islands. We'll see them as we cruise through the sound.

Come enjoy the flowers, nature and the wonderful company of fellow garden lovers like yourself. Let's not forget the sumptuous food and the fine entertainment. It doesn't get much better.

Check our website at www.larrysagers.com for pictures and more details.

DAY 1

Our mid-morning flight takes us to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Start at **Point Defiance** sited on a bluff looking down on the waterfront of Puget Sound. You'll see beautiful

coastal scenes surrounded by a stand of old-growth forest.

Visit the Rose, Dahlia and lovely Japanese Gardens at the point. The prominent Japanese Pagoda was erected in 1914 as a streetcar station.

Elandan Garden, an internationally recognized bonsai garden, will open especially for our group. You'll find dramatic landscapes contoured with spectacular rock formations encrusted with moss and lichen, cascading streams beautifully maintained plantings. The amazing displays of gnarled bonsai trees were collected from the wild, manifesting hundreds of years of nature's treacherous and whimsical markings. One of the oldest in the collection is a Rocky Mountain Juniper nearly 1500 years old.

DAY 2

Explore the lovely scenes of **Olympic National Park's** mountains, old growth forests and meadows.

Look into the pristine waters of glacially carved **Lake Crescent**, nestled in the northern foothills of the beautiful Olympic Mountains. In places, visitors can see 60 feet down into the clear, blue water.

See it for yourself – the real-life town of **Forks Washington** where fictional Bella Swan, vampire Edward Cullen and werewolf Jacob Black, lived in Stephanie Myers' *Twilight* series.

For desert-dwellers like us, the lush beauty of the **Hoh Rainforest** is mind-boggling and unforgettable. Yearly rainfall is 140 to 170 inches – 12 to 14 feet! (In contrast, rainfall in many parts of Utah averages about 12-14 inches per year.) The result of all that moisture is a lush, green-draped canopy of coniferous and deciduous trees with mosses and ferns blanketing the forest floor. It is one of the largest temperate rain forests in the United States.

DAY 3

Your adventure today begins with a voyage across the Strait of Juan de Fuca on the **Coho Ferry**

from Port Angeles into Victoria Harbor on Vancouver Island, Canada.

Savor fabulous sights around **Victoria Bay**. Victoria is British Columbia's picturesque capital city. Neo-baroque Parliament Buildings and the Fairmont Empress Hotel flank its inner harbor. They are surrounded by the English influence on world-famous gardens, flower festooned lampposts setting off a statue of Queen Victoria.

Come to **Craigdarroch Castle**, the historic Victorian home of Scotsman Robert Dunsmuir who made his fortune from Vancouver Island coal. The regal turreted mansion and gardens have been restored to their original splendor.

Stroll around the **Government House** for gardens with a traditional English flavor. They are designed with the native plants of British Columbia, hostas, hellebores and other shade-loving plants.

DAY 4

The **Gardens at the Horticulture Center of the Pacific** is recognized as a center for horticultural education and outstanding gardens. More than 10,000 varieties of labeled plants grace the Japanese, Native Plant, Mediterranean, Perennial Gardens and more.

You will never forget **Butchart Gardens**, North America's most visited and beloved garden. Jennie Butchart transformed an abandoned limestone quarry into a floral extravaganza that is one of the world's finest sunken gardens. This pristine fantasyland will leave you breathless as you shoot dozens of photos of the spectacular plantings.

Ramble through living rainbows of vibrant colors in gorgeous blossoms, foliage and waterfalls. A fairyland of luxuriant green-draped rock walls are reflected in the fountains and lake. Savor the Italian courtyard's magnificent blend of water and plants. Relax in the serenity of the Japanese Garden and stroll through the delightful perennials of the English Garden. Butchart is the crown jewel of Western North America gardens.

Enjoy the sights of the forested **San Juan Islands** from the deck of our ferry as we pass through the **Puget Sound** to the mainland British Columbia.

DAY 5

Change pace with stunning **Minter Gardens**, nestled at the base of 700-foot-high Mount Cheam amid a vast wilderness of rivers, lakes, waterfalls, hot springs and snowcapped mountains. Explore cornucopias of magnificent, vivid blooms in 12 themed garden rooms. Magnificent water displays set off the gardens and charming features greet you at every bend. You will come away filled by this garden feast for the senses. Perhaps one of the most romantic settings, the canopy of greens over the Arbor Garden's curved pathways hide the end from the beginning. The Children's garden is a whimsical treat, and the fern and hillside gardens offer more natural surroundings. Discover stunning topiaries, fragrance, parterre, and stream gardens, a Penjing garden and much more.

DAY 6

Indulge in wonderful garden delights or gather ideas for your home garden from the garden wonderland of **Bellevue Gardens**. Discover acres of enchanting cultivated gardens amid 53 acres of restored woodlands and natural wetlands. Get an intimate view of plants and forest in the spectacular view of the Ravine Gardens from the 150 foot suspension bridge that spans it. Find garden inspiration in the Alpine, Water Wise, Groundcover, Dahlia, Perennial Border, Fern, Yao, and Ravine Gardens.

The tour price includes everything you need for an amazing trip*:

Airfare, luxury coach transportation, ferry fares, tips, fees, taxes, excellent hotel accommodations, portorage for one piece of luggage, admissions to listed tour sites, daily breakfast and 5 other meals, on this six-day escorted tour.

Not included are souvenirs, personal items and airline luggage fees.

(*See sign-up sheet for pricing)

About our tour company:

The late Larry Sagers, co-founder of the company was a horticulturist with Utah State University Extension and garden guru of the Saturday Morning KSL Greenhouse show.

His wife and tour director, Diane, is an Advanced Master Gardener and garden writer. She has organized and conducted tours in 40 states and 7 countries.

Gretchen Campbell, co-tour director, is an Advanced Master Gardener and Horticulture Education Director at Thanksgiving Point Gardens in Lehi, Utah. Gretchen has been our assistant on many tours.

Tours fill fast, so call now to reserve your spot for this great tour!

For more information, call the number below or check the web page at www.larrysagers.com. Contact us to let us know if you will join us.



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