

CENTRAL OREGON HIGH DESERT TOUR V 11 – 14 AUGUST 2022



Sign up now for the fifth edition of the Central Oregon High Desert Tour. This year's tour will start out from Camas, WA, and will end up in Sisters, OR. Make reservations now for one night (Thursday, Aug 11) in Camas, WA, at the Best Western Plus Port of Camas–Washougal Convention Center ([website](#) – **833 487-0567**) and for two nights (Friday, Aug 12, and Saturday, Aug 13) at one of the following resort hotels in Sisters: Five Pine Lodge ([website](#) – **541 549-5900**), Sisters Inn & Suites ([website](#) – **541 549-7829**), Best Western Ponderosa Lodge ([website](#) – **541 549-1234**). Sisters is a village, and the hotels are within a 3- or 4-minute drive or 10-minute walk of each other.

Nothing organized is planned for Thursday evening in Camas. You should, however, try to arrive in the mid to late afternoon, specifically 1 to 3 hours before but definitely by 5:00 PM, so that you can relax with a beer or cocktail after your drive from wherever you started out from in Oregon, Washington, or beyond.

Friday morning, every one will be on their own for breakfast at the Best Western or in town. You are, however, to be checked out of the hotel before or by 8:00 AM and in front of the lobby at 8:15 with your motors running. The tour will begin at 8:30, make its way up the Columbia River on the Washington side, crossover into Oregon on Hwy 97 for a brief stop at Biggs Junction, and then meander up Hwy 208 (Cottonwood Rd) for lunch in Fossil. After lunch, the tour will weave its way along Hwy 218 (Shaniko-Fossil Hwy) to Madras for a brief stop, and finally makes its way into Sisters between 3 and 4 PM. This drive (5½ hrs behind the wheel) will treat you to some of the most spectacular, breath-taking views there are to be had in Central Oregon.

Saturday, you can choose between sight seeing in Sisters, Redmond, or Bend or one of a half dozen or so minitours. The minitours will vary from 2 to 4 hours of driving, with each passing through some pleasant place for lunch. These tours will not be guided – the routes can be driven at any pace desired.

Dinner Saturday night, a partial potluck at the organizer's (Doug and Lilo) home in Sisters, will comprise something off the grill along with something like hot German potato salad prepared by Doug and Lilo and green/fruit salads and deserts brought by the participants.

Everyone fend for themselves Sunday – more dilly-dallying in Sisters or heading home at will.

Let us know as much in advance as possible if you'll be coming this year. You're guaranteed to have a good time!

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