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Small-group Mt. St. Helen National Park Tour from Seattle

9 hrs · Shared · from Seattle

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At a glance

Start	7:00 AM, 7:10 AM, 7:15 AM, 7:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM
Duration	9 hrs
Pickup	Pickup is included from the listed pickup points — choose yours when you book. Pickup is up to 45 minutes before the start time; we confirm your exact pickup time before the tour. You can also meet us at the meeting point instead.
Cancellation	Free cancellation up to 24 hours before the tour starts.
Minimum age	1

Itinerary

> **Meeting point**

Bellevue Transit Center – 10850 NE 6th St, King County Bellevue, Washington 98004
Starts at 7:00 AM, 7:10 AM, 7:15 AM, 7:30 AM · pickup up to 45 min earlier

1 **Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, 3029 Spirit Lake Hwy, Castle Rock, WA 98611, 4 hours**

The stop includes an approximate 3 hours driving time from pick up locations:
Large, step-in model of the volcano
Life-size mannequins
Functioning seismograph and live feed of current Mount St. Helens volcano seismicity
Chronological timeline of events leading up to the volcanic blast on May 18, 1980
Theater program offered twice an hour; at :05 and :35 after.
Outdoors, visitors can explore Silver Lake along the 0.6 mile-long trail, including boardwalks over the wetland where a variety of aquatic plants and migratory waterfowl can be viewed at different times of the year.

2 **Coldwater Lake, Washington, USA, 1 hour**

On your way to or from the Johnston Ridge Observatory take a side-trip to Coldwater Lake formed by an avalanche during the volcano's eruption. The lake is just a short distance off the highway. You'll find a parking area with paths to the lake; restroom, boat launch (electric motors only) and trails (don't throw away that wrist-band!). You will need them as proof that you've paid to visit or hike the trails inside the Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument. There are also hiking trails around Coldwater Lake Coldwater Lake provides a tranquil ending to a long and scenic experience through a landscape that must be seen to believe.

3 **Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center, Hwy. 504, milepost 43, Amboy, WA, 1 hour**

The Johnston Ridge Observatory is open seasonally and is located on Johnston Ridge in the center of the 1980 blast zone approximately 8 km (5 mi) north of the Mount St. Helens summit. The Ridge was named in honor of David Johnston, the USGS volcanologist who was on duty at the USGS Coldwater II observation point during the May 18, 1980 eruption. He was one of 57 people who lost their lives in the eruption. The Observatory building houses seismic, deformation, and other monitoring equipment that relays data to the USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory for analysis.

4 **Eruption Trail, From the 5 Freeway, take the 504, 52 miles east of Castle Rock to the Johnston Ridge Observatory. Mount St. Helens, WA, 4 hours**

After this stop , we will head back - 3 hours drive time to drop off locations
A barrier-free, paved hike of less than one mile from the Johnston Ridge Observatory. The trail includes interpretive kiosks and 360 views of Mount St. Helens and the surrounding blast zone.

Drop-off
Back in Seattle
About 9 hrs in total

For reference only – the order and timings can change on the day. Your confirmed details come with your booking.

What's included

+ Private transportation
+ Bottled water
+ Pick-up and drop-off
+ Expert Guide

Not included

- Food and Drinks
- Tour Guide Gratuities

Know before you go

- Stroller / pram accessible
- Public transportation is nearby

Pickup and meeting points

- Bellevue Transit Center – 10850 NE 6th St, King County Bellevue, Washington 98004
- Canyon Park Park & Ride – 22400 17th Ave SE, Snohomish County Bothell, Washington 98021

Custom pickup & drop-off

We can arrange a custom pickup and drop-off location. Pickup and drop-off at most downtown hotels and the cruise terminal are free. Pickup or drop-off at the airport, or outside the city limits, costs extra – contact us to arrange airport pickup and drop-off.

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