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From Seattle – Private Mt Baker and Cascades Tour in SUV

9 hrs 30 min · Private · from Seattle

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At a glance

Start	7:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Duration	9 hrs 30 min
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.
Cancellation	Free cancellation up to 24 hours before the tour starts.

Itinerary

> **Start**

Seattle
Starts at 7:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM · pickup up to 45 min earlier

1 **Mount Baker Scenic Byway**

Embark from Seattle to a scenic drive towards Mt Baker on I 5. Mount Baker Highway (SR 542), connects Bellingham to snow-capped Mt. Baker. The highway was built gradually in the late 1800s as an access road for the lucrative logging industry and its rich history is well documented.
At Glacier, the road passes into the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and is a designated National Forest Scenic Byway. Towering evergreens and leaf maples line the route, with skirts of the Nooksack River peeking out at several points.
In the summer months, the highway ends at milepost 58 in a parking lot, which gives visitors access to Artist Point and its spectacular views of Mt. Baker's 10,781-foot peak. The area is a great jumping-off-point for Mt. Baker hiking.
In the winter months, the road ends at milepost 55, which is the Mount Baker Ski Area – holder of the world record for snowfall in a single season and is the birthplace of snowboarding.

2 **Larrabee State Park**

Make a scenic stop at Larrabee State Park — Washington's very first state park, established in 1915 and one of the most beloved coastal destinations in the Pacific Northwest. Located just seven miles south of Bellingham along the stunning Chuckanut Drive, this 2,748-acre park offers a breathtaking mix of rocky beaches, ancient tide pools, old-growth forest, and sweeping views across Samish Bay to the iconic San Juan Islands. Stroll the rugged shoreline of Wildcat Cove, explore the secluded Clayton Beach with its fascinating sandstone formations, and keep an eye out for bald eagles, harbor seals, and great blue herons along the water's edge.

3 **Fairhaven Historic District**

If you love great food, boutique shopping, an amazing art scene and getting outside in a small town, you will love Bellingham's Fairhaven Village. One of my favorite things about the Village is that everything is local and can only be found here in Whatcom County, making it the perfect day trip from Seattle. No visit to Bellingham is complete without crossing off at least a few items on this list.

4 **Heather Meadows Visitor Center**

The Civilian Conservation Corps built the Heather Meadows Visitor Center in 1940 for a ski warming hut. Workers used rock and heavy timber to meticulously restore the building's architectural lines to blend into the surrounding environment. The center sits on a rock ledge at the edge of the Austin Pass Picnic Area and overlooks Bagley Lakes in the Heather Meadows area located along the upper reaches of the Mt. Baker Scenic Byway, State Route 542.

5

Artist Point

After you've wound your way up Mount Baker Highway, all the gorgeous mountain scenery comes to an extraordinary climax at Artist Point. A short hike takes you to grand views of Mount Baker itself, the volcanic peak to the southwest of Artist Point. You don't even have to leave the parking lot to take in the breathtaking sight of Mt. Shuksan and the North Cascade Range. Hiking trails, including the short Artist Ridge trail, allow you to savor the views in all directions.

6

Nooksack Falls

Nooksack Falls (mile 40)
A short drive off the main highway along Wells Creek Road (a well-maintained dirt road) takes you to the viewing area for this charming misty waterfall.

7

Picture Lake

Picture Lake (mile 55)
For much of the year, this extremely photogenic little lake is as far as you can travel along the Mount Baker Highway. The road circles the lake, as does a flat and accessible half-mile trail. From the trail (or your parking spot) you can enjoy an amazing view of Mt. Shuksan, made all the more lovely reflected in the still lake.

8

Back to Seattle

Drop the guests back to Hotel

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Drop-off

Back in Seattle
About 9 hrs 30 min in total

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

What’s included

+ National Park Entrance Fee
+ Air-conditioned vehicle
+ Bottled water

Not included

- Gratuities
- Lunch

Know before you go

- Infant seats available

- Public transportation is nearby
- Stroller / pram accessible

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