

# Washington – North Cascades Self-Drive



## Trip Summary

Vacation in a real-life snow globe as you venture into northern Washington's winter wonderland on this self-drive adventure. Local guides will lead you on private excursions near the North Cascade mountains, along Methow Valley trails, and Pearrygin Lake State Park. Snowshoe among snow-laden forests, get acquainted with cross-country skis before setting out on the slopes, pedal on Fat Bikes through the state park, and zoom around on snowmobiles in the North Cascades. Warm up in the cozy Inn at Mazama, a log lodge property with multiple cabins nestled between pines.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Seattle / Mazama

Drive from Seattle to the hamlet of Mazama, nestled in the heart of the North Cascades • Upon arrival, check in to your cozy mountain Mazama oasis, home for the next six days and then enjoy a welcome wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres • Dinner served at the Inn • *Overnight at Inn at Mazama (D)*

### Day 2: Methow Valley / Pearrygin Lake State Park

Enjoy your breakfast this morning of fresh baked pastries, granola, juice, coffee and more from the Inn's kitchen • Meet with your cross-country ski instructor and get a lesson in how to gracefully glide through the snow • After your lesson, set out on a guided tour of the glorious upper Methow Valley • Picnic lunch and cocoa will be included at a warming hut station • Return to your cabin to rest, change and enjoy the sweeping mountain vistas around your cabin escape • This evening, set out toward Pearrygin Lake State Park where your skilled guide and Fat Bikes await you • Depart on a scenic bike ride in the snowy woodlands while watching the sunset over the North Cascades • End at a warm and inviting bonfire where we will roast brats (vegetarian option provided) and try some of the favorite local craft beers--cheers to the amazing day of adventure! • *Overnight at Inn at Mazama (B, L, D)*

### Day 3: Methow Valley / Rendezvous Huts Trail System

This morning, enjoy another breakfast basket from The Inn's own kitchen and then head out with your expert guide for another day of adventure along the Methow Valley Trails! • Perched in a picturesque corner of the Methow, take in sweeping vistas of the snow-capped North Cascades while skiing between cozy huts • Lunch and cocoa will be served in one of the huts where we can appreciate just how lucky we are to be in such an incredible natural environment • Return to your cabin and relax and rest for the rest of the evening • Dinner will be an incredible, locally sourced, Neapolitan pizza and pasta private tasting extravaganza at the Inn • *Overnight at Inn at Mazama (B, L, D)*

### Day 4: Methow Valley

After a delicious Inn breakfast basket, don your snowshoes and meet up with your guide for a day chock full of wildlife and winterscapes! • From the Inn, head out on wildlife tracking and romp along the upper trails of the Methow Valley • A picnic lunch, coffee and cocoa will be served while out in the backcountry • Return to the Inn for a dip in the hot tub, happy hour and dinner at the Inn's restaurant • *Overnight at Inn at Mazama (B, L, D)*



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## Day 5: North Cascades National Park

This morning, enjoy your daily breakfast basket from The Inn's restaurant and then set out into the heart of the North Cascades on snowmobiles! • From the park entrance, your guide will take you out on a gorgeous snowshoeing adventure • Today you will undoubtedly have an incredible experience in a National Park that seems almost entirely your own for the day! • Picnic lunch will be served while out in the National Park. Return to your cozy retreat in Mazama • Dinner at The Inn or opt for a local chef to come and do a seasonal cooking class for you using local and seasonal ingredients • *Overnight at Inn at Mazama (B, L, D)*

## Day 6: Seattle

Enjoy your final breakfast and then say goodbye to Mazama • Drive back across the dazzling Cascade peaks to Seattle • *No overnight (B)*

*\*Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

## Activities

**Fat Biking** – Moderately easy terrain on snowy trails. Evening fat bike tour with a private guide through Pearygin Lake State Park at sunset. Distance catered to your group.

**Cross-country Skiing** – Easy to moderate terrain. A private guide will be with you at all times and will provide lessons for beginner skiers. Distance of each ski session catered to your group.

**Snowshoeing** – Easy to moderate terrain. A private guide will accompany you on the trails. Perfect activity to explore the snow even as a beginner. Distance catered to your group.

**Snowmobiling** – No experience necessary. A guide will accompany you on your snowmobile journey to and from North Cascades National Park.

**Discovery** – Become familiar with the Washington wilderness as your guides enlighten you with their knowledge of the area and the wildlife that call it home. Understand how to track mountain animals and their wintertime behaviors. Genuinely immerse yourself in the winter landscape as you snowshoe atop the glistening snow or glide through it on cross-country skis. Learn about North Cascades National Park, its mountain peaks, and its more than 300 glaciers.

All guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

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## Distinctive Accommodation

### Nights 1 – 5: Inn at Mazama

Located conveniently east of North Cascades National Park and multiple recreation areas, this rustic lodging serves as a cozy home base for all adventurers looking to explore Washington's natural beauty. Pine-studded landscape surrounds the log inn and cabins, creating a peaceful getaway. With its log beams and cedar siding, the Inn at Mazama is a quiet retreat in a small town secluded in the beauty of Washington's North Cascades. The 18-guest room lodge features rooms with 1 to 2 beds and private bathrooms. For families who need a bit more room, the Inn at Mazama offers over 30 privately owned vacation cabins in the Mazama area.

**Cabins:** Various cabins are a part of the Mazama property and provide guests more privacy and a fully-equipped kitchen. Some cabins are positioned as far as six miles from the main Inn or as close as 100 yards.

**Lodge Suites:** Private rooms are available in the main Inn and feature in-suite bathrooms with showers or tubs. Some rooms have propane stoves, mini fridges, Jacuzzis, private decks, and extra beds.

### Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D= Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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## Arrival & Departures

**Arrival:** The drive from Seattle to the Inn at Mazama takes approximately 4.5 hours via Interstate-90 in the winter. To make the start of your trip as smooth as possible, we recommend arriving to Seattle the day before your trip begins. This way, you'll be able to secure your rental car and embark on the winter trip to the Inn during daylight hours the following day, when it's safest to drive if the roads are icy or snowy.

**Departure:** With a 4.5-hour drive back to Seattle, we recommend booking late afternoon flights on the last day of your trip in order to give yourself plenty of time to make it back to Seattle, drop off your rental car and check-in for your flight.

## Trip Price

\$2,498 per person  
Single Supplement: \$580

## Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

## 2021 Dates

Please call for availability

## Host City

Seattle, Washington  
Airport code: SEA

## Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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mountain peaks, and active  
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## Trip Reservations

### Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

**Toll free:** 800-575-1540

**Phone:** 406-655-4591

**Online:** [austinadventures.com](http://austinadventures.com)

**Email:** [reservations@austinadventures.com](mailto:reservations@austinadventures.com)

**Mail:** Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

\* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

\*\* We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

### Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- Meals as indicated in itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Professional day guides for all activities.
- All activities as described.
- All necessary equipment (cross-country skis, snowmobiles, fat bikes, snowshoes).
- Wine tasting on Day 1 afternoon/evening.
- Pre-departure and packing information.

### Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities for day guides and Inn at Mazama staff.
- Alcoholic beverages (other than wine tasting on first day).
- Rental vehicle & transportation.
- Any meals not listed as included.
- Tax.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

### Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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## Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

## Solo Travelers

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement".

## Minimum Age

This adventure is booked just for you, which means we can accommodate just about any age of traveler on this self-drive trip. In order to enjoy the activities as planned, we recommend children ages 7 and up on this adventure.

## Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

\*\*\*As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

**Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure** – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

**Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure** – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

**Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure** – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

**Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure** – No refund is given

## Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.