

# Experience Oregon Tours

## The International Basque Festival & Sawtooth Mountains

July 29 - August 3, 2010



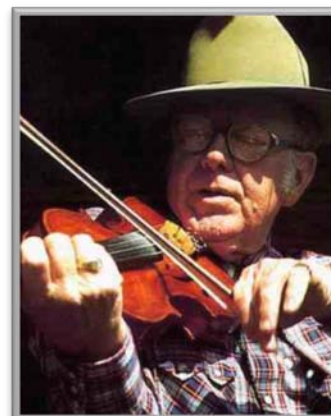
Welcome to the International Basque Festival in Boise, Idaho called *Jaialdi*. This traditional Basque event has been held here once every five years and features exciting cultural dances and musical exhibitions as well as sporting competitions indigenous to the Basque people. Visitors from all over the United States and the world attend, compete and celebrate in what is Boise's largest cultural event. Enjoy the colors, sights, sounds and tastes of this wonderful event! In addition to *Jaialdi* our three nights in Boise allow time for sightseeing the highlights of the area. The Sawtooth Mountains are truly spectacular and are well worth a visit. With 42 peaks over 10,000 feet,

the jagged glacial crags are a sight to behold! Led by the retired director of the Idaho State Historical Society, we explore Idaho's High Country and traverse gorgeous mountain passes in the Sawtooth Range. Stops are planned in the well-preserved gold-rush boomtown of Idaho City, in Stanley-- a town still clinging to its Wild West heritage, and at the grande dame of American ski resorts, Sun Valley. Also included is a narrated city tour of Boise for a look at landmark sites such as historic buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Oregon Trail ruts, the elegant and graceful State Capitol building and much more. Additionally, a trip to Boise is not complete without visits to the extensive Idaho Botanical Garden and the fascinating Old Idaho Penitentiary State Historic Site. All this and more make for a vibrant tour not to be missed! Don't forget your camera!

### Day 1: Thursday, July 29 Eastern Oregon

From Eugene follow Highway 58 over Willamette Pass, to the resort community of Sunriver for a lunch stop. There is time to browse and dine at your choice of several restaurants. Traverse the beautiful high desert country to our destination for the night, Hines, Oregon. After dinner, get your toes tappin' at a private concert performed by the Old Time Fiddlers. The nostalgic sounds are sure to bring back good ole' memories!

- 9:00 am Depart Shopko Eugene. All other departure points accommodate this time.
- 12:00 noon Arrive Sunriver for lunch on your own.
- 2:00 pm Depart
- 5:15 pm Arrive hotel in Hines.  
Dinner on your own.
- 7:30 pm Private performance with Old Time Fiddlers
- Hotel:** Best Western Rory & Ryan **Phone:** 541-573-5050  
*Added cost: lunch and dinner*



## Day 2: Friday, July 30

## Boise and Basque Festival

Motorcoach eastward into the agricultural region of western Idaho this morning and arrive at the Capital city of Boise. Today the *Jaialdi* festivities “Basqueing on the Block” get under way. With food, drink and strolling musicians, the Basque Block of Boise comes alive. The Basque Museum and Cultural Center is a focal point of the Block where many red-green-and-white flags adorn the buildings. The museum’s exhibits and collections celebrate the legacy of the Spanish Basques in this area. Stop in for a look.

5:00 am Breakfast service begins  
7:00 am Bags outside your door  
7:45 am Depart Hines. (Gain one hour crossing into Mountain Time Zone)  
12:45 pm Arrive Boise for lunch.  
2:00 pm Depart for an afternoon at the *Jaialdi* Festival  
5:00 pm Arrive at hotel for check-in  
**Hotel:** Red Lion Hotel  
**Phone:** 208-344-7691  
*Lunch included*  
*Added cost: breakfast (\$5.00 discount coupon included) and dinner*



## Day 3: Saturday, July 31

## City tour and *Jaialdi* Festival



First thing this morning, tour the city of Boise with our step-on-guide, the retired director of the Idaho State Historical Society and co-founder of the Basque Museum and Cultural Center. See the impressive State Capitol Building built in the early 1900s, the historic Union Pacific Depot and Egyptian Theatre, cathedrals and buildings dating back to the mid-1800s, and much more. Our city tour terminates at the *Jaialdi* Festival where many exciting events are scheduled. “Basqueing at the Fairgrounds” today features over 30 traditional dance groups from six western states on two indoor stages. Vendors with unique novelties, souvenirs and clothing set up shop as well as plenty of food and drink kiosks. Traditional Basque sports events are scheduled near the outdoor fountain where sheep wagons are on display. See 300-lb cylinders being lifted, speed wood chopping, wagon lifting, hay bale throwing, milk-can carting and more. Be sure to bring your camera as the colors, costumes and sights should prove to be outstanding!

6:00 am Buffet breakfast service begins  
9:30 am Depart for morning city tour terminating at the *Jaialdi* Festival  
4:00 pm Return to hotel  
5:30 pm Depart for dinner  
8:00 pm Return to hotel  
**Hotel:** Red Lion Hotel  
**Phone:** 208-344-7691  
*Breakfast and dinner included*  
*Added cost: lunch*



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#### Day 4: Sunday, August 1



#### Sawtooth Mountain Range

Our step-on-guide joins us this morning for a full day excursion. We begin with a visit to Idaho City, a well-preserved relic of the gold rush days. Dating back to 1865, it is home to Idaho's oldest store and newspaper. Stop for lunch in Stanley, a town located in the heart of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. It sits scenically alongside the Salmon River amidst cattle ranches and forested land. Traverse Galena Summit, elevation of 8701-feet, and stop for a phenomenal photo-op view of the Sawtooth Range and Salmon River. One of Idaho's most famous areas is Sun Valley, a town site founded in

1936 because of its resemblance to the Swiss and Austrian Alps. A brief stop here allows us to see why it has become home to international celebrities.

- 6:00 am Buffet breakfast service begins
- 7:00 am Depart for full day excursion with step-on guide
- 11:30 am Buffet lunch at the Mountain Village Resort in Stanley
- 5:30 pm Return to hotel. Dinner on your own.

**Hotel:** Red Lion Hotel **Phone:** 208-344-7691

*Breakfast and lunch included Added cost: dinner*

#### Day 5: Monday, August 2

#### Boise Basin to John Day

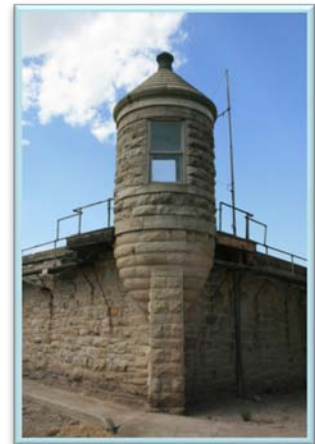
Stroll the paths of the Idaho Botanical Garden with its many eclectic displays of western flora, including the Lewis and Clark Native Plant Garden, the Meditation Garden, the Labyrinth, the Heirloom Rose Garden, and much more. Then peruse the haunting but fascinating historical buildings of the castle-like Old Idaho Penitentiary State Historic Site. A short video presentation, self-guided tour and numerous exhibits are located throughout the site. After lunch, we begin our journey westward through the colorful hills and valleys of Malheur County, Oregon, ending in the tiny town of John Day.

- 6:00 am Breakfast service begins
- 8:00 am Bags outside your door for collection
- 8:45 am Depart for Idaho Botanical Garden.
- 10:15 am Depart for the Old State Penitentiary
- 11:45 am Depart
- 12:15 pm Barbeque lunch at Banbury Golf Resort.
- 1:45 pm Depart Boise (Lose one hour entering into Pacific Time Zone)
- 4:45 pm Arrive John Day  
Dinner on your own.

**Hotel:** Best Western John Day Inn

**Phone:** 541-575-1700

*Breakfast and lunch included Added cost: dinner*



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## Day 6: Tuesday, August 3



## John Day Fossil Beds

Continue westward, making stops at several of the John Day Fossil Beds locations, including the spectacular Painted Hills Overlook which abounds with vivid colors. The Thomas Condon Paleontology Center located at the Sheep Rock Unit features exhibits of fossils, geology and the process of paleontology. Stop in Prineville at the Meadow Lakes Resort and Golf Course for lunch. The view is awesome! Be sure to watch for deer and rabbits! From here we're homeward bound.

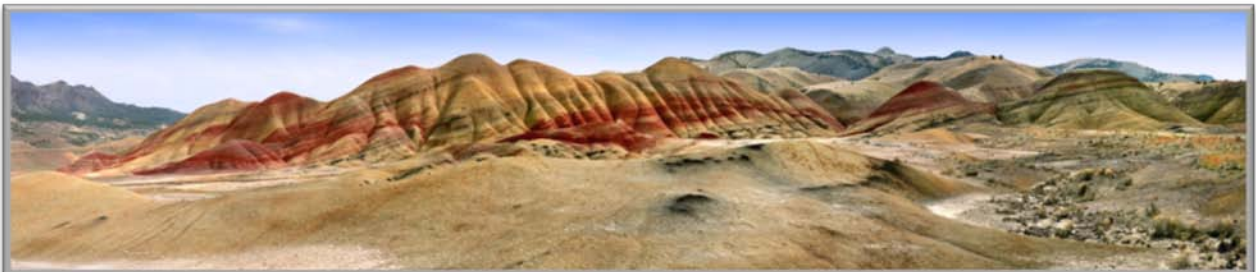
6:00 am	Continental breakfast service begins in hotel
7:30 am	Bags outside your door for collection
8:15 am	Depart John Day
9:00 am	Arrive at the Sheep Rock Unit
10:15 am	Depart
11:15 am	Arrive Painted Hills scenic area
12:00 pm	Depart
1:00 pm	Arrive Meadow Lakes Resort in Prineville for lunch
2:15 pm	Depart
5:45 pm	Arrive Eugene

*Continental breakfast and lunch included No added cost.*

**The total cost for this trip is only \$899 per person double occupancy, \$ 1135 single occupancy, \$844 per person triple occupancy.** Tour includes: five nights hotel, four breakfasts including a \$5 coupon, four lunches, one special dinner in Boise, private Old Time Fiddlers performance, the services of a professional step-on guide, admission to the "Basqueing at the Fairgrounds", admission to the Idaho Botanical Garden, admission to the Old State Penitentiary, all sightseeing as described, Experience Oregon motorcoach transportation per the itinerary, all taxes and gratuities for the above. **Deposit:** \$200 per person at time reservation is made.

**Payment/Cancellation Policy:** Payment is required in full sixty (60) days prior to tour departure, no later than May 29, 2010. If payment is not received by this time, reservations may be cancelled and any waitlisted passenger could be added to the trip. Cancellations received after final payment date are charged \$100 per person cancellation fee plus any irretrievable payments made to vendors. Cancellations made less than seven (7) days prior to departure including no-shows are non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Call for details.

**Meals:** Please advise when making your tour reservations with us if you require vegetarian options. We will do our best to accommodate your special needs.



**Walking:** Walking is an essential part of this tour so be sure to bring comfortable, rubber-soled shoes. Experience Oregon is not a handicap accessible company.

**Jaialdi Festival :** Please note that the official festival time schedule is subject to change and thus our times may be revised due to circumstances beyond our control.

**Weather:** July/August temperatures in Boise average 90 degrees during the day, high 50's at night. At higher elevations, and we will be up to 8700 ft., temperatures are cooler. We suggest dressing in layers to accommodate all possibilities. Be sure to bring along comfortable walking shoes if you wish to take full advantage of all sights visited. We recommend bringing an umbrella to keep the sun off you.

- ❑ Trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Call for details.
- ❑ Bring a bathing suit as several hotels have pools and/or spas.
- ❑ Customary end-of-the-tour gratuity for Experience Oregon escort and driver is not included in your tour price. Gratuities can be extended on a voluntary basis and should be in direct proportion to the professionalism and service extended to you throughout the tour.
- ❑ Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost of the meals.
- ❑ If travel will require more than two hours, we plan a rest stop.
- ❑ While a nametag will be provided to you, wearing the nametag is always optional.
- ❑ To insure proper portage, please be sure a luggage tag with your name clearly written on it is attached to your suitcase when you meet the bus on the first day.
- ❑ Please note that all times are approximate and subject to change depending on circumstances of the day.
- ❑ Seat rotation on extended trips will take place.
- ❑ We try to accommodate room preferences, but we cannot guarantee the hotel will honor those requests.
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