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Agriculture Tours In the area of The Oregon Garden Silverton, Oregon Marion County, called “The Eden at the End of the Oregon Trail”



The Oregon Garden The Oregon Garden embraces 80 developed acres on a 200 acre site featuring over 20 specialty gardens and spotlighting Oregon Agriculture, our nursery industry, and some outstanding botanical areas of interest. The 25-minute tram ride provides a narrated overview of the site and additional specialty tours are available highlighting such features as:

- Oregon agricultural products in the Silverton Market Garden
- Over 500 conifer specimens from around the world
- Native American use of native plants in The Oak Grove and plants noted in Lewis and Clark’s journals in the Lewis and Clark Garden
- Wetlands and water use in our extensive created wetlands
- Forestry industry and practice in our Rediscovery Forest.

The Gordon House Also on this 200 acre site, but a separate organization, The Gordon House National Historic Site designed by Frank Lloyd Wright offers guided tours about Mr. Wright and his architecture.

The Oregon Garden Resort: Is a beautiful facility overlooking The Garden and the Willamette Valley beyond. The main lodge houses a full-service restaurant, a lounge, a spa, and meeting rooms with 103 guest rooms with great amenities.

In Silverton (or nearby)

Hop growing tours, Seven Brides brewery, and Vitis Ridge Winery tours (allow 2 hours for the hop farm tour and 2-3 hours at the brewery and winery) Take a tour of a hop farm where you will be introduced to the site, learn how the hops are transported from the fields, and follow the process from where they are picked and dried to baling and shipping. Back at the Seven Brides Brewery, see the brewing process and taste the result. An enjoyable beer tasting ‘quiz’ can be arranged. Regular hours are Thursday-Sunday. Tours and Monday-Wednesday hours by appointment. A \$7.50 per person fee tasting includes the glass

Vitis Ridge Winery is at the same location. Vineyard tours, winery operations tours, and tastings. A \$5 tasting fee is currently charged.



Givaudan What creates those Robust and Flavorful soups? Those delectable fruit ingredients in many foods? The answer is to be found here in Silverton. Givaudan will

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provide a plant tour, a short course in flavor and ingredient production and product samples that will vary with the season. In conjunction with their food production they are partners in farm to factory sustainability and they will be pleased enhance your experience and provide an expert to discuss their adventures in the 'greening of agriculture'.



Willamette Valley Fruit Company Just a few miles west of The Oregon Garden, practically in our backyard, Willamette Valley Fruit Company offers a visitor center with a look at their pie-making facility, a chance to purchase a tasty dessert snack, and perhaps take a look at their fruit processing. You might ask about the chance to visit a field where their suppliers grow their fruits and berries.

Geercrest Farm An 1851 house and farm glow at the heart of this experience of agrarian life and culture. The farm is a heritage site/museum and visitors can request stories of farm life or a bit of oral history related to the Westward Movement and the Oregon Trail. Take a walk around the farm, visit with the animals, and enjoy the view from a rocking chair on the wrap-around porch. Visitors can also take part in small groups. Arrangements can be made to observe the making of goat cheese, help with the production of butter, and enjoy other seasonal activities which could range from nut cracking to garlic braiding. To make the best of this excursion, include lunch in your visit. They will cook for you a savory, home-cooked meal, just like grandma used to make - fresh from the farm!

EZ Orchards EZ Orchards can offer tours to motorcoach groups of their fruit orchards and, in season their fruit orchards offer the rich colors and juicy bounty real and up front. In season they can also offer apple and pear tasting and/or some combination of cheese, donuts, and cider. The fresh bounty in the glorious month of October is featured in their fall festival which includes several other family-friendly activities. In the spring and early summer, there are fresh berry and fruit shortcake desserts. They would love to work with tour operators to set up an experience and a pricing structure just right for the group.

North of Silverton To the Woodburn Area

Vitality Participate in a hands-on cooking experience with local ingredients. Groups visiting our area who want to create their own tasty memory of the fresh foods abundant in this area will want to contact Chef Eric and the hospitable people at Vitality to schedule a cooking (and eating) class.



Al's Garden Center Visit Al's Garden Center in Woodburn or Sherwood and experience an award winning family owned and operated garden center. You'll see thousands of fresh, locally grown plants and amazing seasonal displays offering great ideas for your yard and home. Special events fill the calendar. Guided tours of what's new and popular as well as special demonstrations can be arranged.

Antique Powerland The Good Ol' Days of Agriculture are here, on a site containing 15 specialty museums. Interpreted visits to the main museum are provided and visitors will want to be sure to ask about riding on the Willow Creek Railroad miniature line and the operating electric railway with the Oregon Electric Railway Museum. Other demonstrations may be possible ranging from flour milling, steam-powered sawmill operations, and steam-powered tractors over 100 years old. This site offers great insight into agriculture and daily life many years into the past.





Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival and Farm Acres of bright, warm color pop out of our green Willamette Valley floor every spring and transform several fields into the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival. The annual Tulip Festival offers a beautiful walk through 40 acres of tulips, a display of powered-up antique farm machinery, a gift shop, food vendors, and friendly Tulip staff ready to answer questions and offer background information.

In the seasons following the tulip blossom season, visitors can visit Wooden Shoe Farm for a tour of their tulip bulb harvest, their shipping facility, and other aspects of the bulb farm business.

Rose Arbor Farm. Visitors to the farm can enjoy feeding, petting and leading animals through an obstacle course. Tour operators can request a simple craft project available using alpaca fiber that would be fun and give the tour visitors a look at the many ways the fiber is used. At Rose Arbor Farm they raise alpacas and llamas and have a shop on the farm selling alpaca products and other gift items, and they offer educational materials and demonstrations on all aspects of animal care, training and fiber production. Tour groups would have a wonderful time at Rose Arbor Farm!

Schreiner's Iris Garden Provides a stunning 10-acre display garden with over 500 named varieties of iris and a wide variety of companion plants. They cultivate over 200 acres of iris for sale through their catalog and the view of the fields during blossom season is a photographer's delight. In season, visitors can also enjoy a covered display of hundreds of blossoms and a gift shop. The ideal time to visit is typically about May 15-31, but weather can create considerable variability in the season. Be sure to contact for details.

Garden World was created by a co-operative of local Oregon retail nurseries and growers. The site covers about 10 acres and contains a couple of greenhouses, in addition to the large sales yard. They specialize in Japanese maples, shade perennials, small groundcovers, hardy tropical plants, and vines.



Adelman Peony Gardens During the blossom season, typically May 1 to June 15, shows twelve acres of peonies and a professionally landscaped display garden. Educational tours scheduled on request. In season, bus tour guests have the option of a complimentary flower to take with them. There is a picnic area.

Bauman Farms Just about anything that is local, fresh, and in season can be found at Bauman Farms. They have a beautiful nursery, display garden, bakery, produce market, and country store. Their family has been farming in Oregon's Willamette Valley since 1896. Groups can request tours of their general operation, nursery or display gardens and have a chance to meet with a family member providing a unique insightful perspective on the local agriculture community. They are famous for their harvest celebration during the month of October with over 50,000 visitors every fall, so groups in the area for Oregon Bounty should check to see what great opportunities await them at Bauman Farms.

In Other Directions:

If you are on your way to the Oregon Coast through Salem, an interesting stop might be:

Willamette Valley Cheese Company; They produce handmade, farmstead cheeses including cheddar, mozzarella, gouda, havarti, jack, and brie. They ask a group fee of \$50



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per group which includes a tour and cheese tasting at the end. They have a new tasting room which is open Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00am-6:00pm.

Red Ridge Farms: Yes, Oregon has its own olive orchard and olive press. Sample a few olives and be prepared for them to try to talk you into seeing a bit of the wine country, too.

South of Silverton toward Hwy 22 and Stayton and the covered bridges:

Fresh to You Produce Provides tours of their growing fields and horticultural background on the particular cultivars that they feature. This is an opportunity to get a perspective on a seedling-to-table growing operation. They also feature jams and syrups made off-site from fruit grown at their farm.

To experience two wonderfully different faces of agriculture in Oregon:

Visit Hood River, famous for pears, apples, cherries, and 20-somethings immersed in adventure sports.

Boardman, a very important port for the rich and vast array of agricultural products coming out of our Columbia Basin, located on “Oregon’s other coastline”. Potatoes, mint, garlic, onions, ethanol, and a huge hardwood lumber mill highlight the bounty in the Boardman area.

Lodging information

The Oregon Garden Resort, next to The Oregon Garden, is at the heart of this itinerary. The resort is also described in brief above. Motorcoach groups are always welcome, of course, to enjoy the well-appointed rooms, full-service restaurant with a view out over the Garden, a spa, and meeting rooms.

This area is ideal for:

- Personal travel
- Corporate retreats
- Business meeting
- Nature enthusiasts

Need more information. Contact Voyages Terra Natura and we will design a package that is right for you or your group!



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