



Crater Lake National Park Tour
With
Gadabout Serene Adventures, LLC

With the warmer summer temperatures finally arriving in Central Oregon, it was time for us to explore some of the attractions and wilderness beauty at higher elevations. The day began with clear sunny skies and temperate weather with visibility somewhere in the range of 50 + miles as we depart for Crater Lake National Park.

This Gadabout Serene Adventures, LLC, all-inclusive tour offered breathtaking views of Crater Lake from several vantage points and a personal presentation about the lake and the National Park by a Park Ranger. The tour included transportation from Bend and Sunriver, Crater Lake Park entry fee and picnic lunch. Gadabout Adventures can be reached at 541-593-6200 or at our web site at www.gadaboutadventures.com to receive a Calendar of Tours.

Crater Lake, formed by the crater of what was once 12,000 foot high Mount Mazama after it collapsed due to volcanic activity, is located in the Southwestern part of the state and is Oregon's only National Park.



We arrived at the lake to discover that our National Park Ranger had been called away for Coast Guard Boat Safety training (see boat in photo below). However, after lunch we discovered that Ranger Elizabeth from Texas had graciously volunteered to come in on her day off to give us a presentation of the lake, it's history and geology, and even some of the political activities that were necessary to get this area designated as a National Park.

Crater Lake itself is over 6 miles across and almost 2,000 feet deep. The water level is fed from snow melt throughout the year and is maintained at a constant level because of a layer of soft sandy soil that allows the excess millions of gallons of water to drain off into the Klamath basin and sustain Klamath lake.



Crater Lake is the deepest lake in North America and the seventh deepest lake in the world. The waters are so pure and clear that the only color reflected from the depths is the deepest blue that the human eye can see. It has also been designated a “Benchmark Lake” for scientific study of the impact of natural as well as manmade influences such as erosion, pollutants, etc. By studying the ecology and conditions of the lake and surrounding environment scientists are better able to understand the affect we have on our earth.

After our picnic lunch and presentation from Ranger Elizabeth, we toured around the lake to view the water from different perspectives and took advantage of the various scenic lookout locations. There were even a few snowballs thrown in jest during the day and everybody had a great time.

At one viewpoint we were able to see the tour boat down on the lake where the remaining Ranger personnel were receiving their safety training. The size of the boat in the photo below gives one a feeling of how truly amazing this lake is.



Gadabout Serene Adventures, LLC, located in Sunriver, OR, really enjoyed being able to add this tour to our schedule this year. We have had such great response to this trip we will definitely keep this trip in our Schedule of Adventures for next year.
Thank You.

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