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Private Bainbridge Island and Poulsbo Tour from Seattle

8 hrs 30 min · Private · from Seattle

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At a glance

Start	6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 7:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 8:30 AM
Duration	8 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 6:00 AM, 6:30 AM, 7:00 AM, 7:30 AM · pickup up to 45 min earlier

1 **Bainbridge Island Ferry Passenger Terminal**

Step aboard the iconic Washington State Ferry from downtown Seattle — departing from historic Colman Dock — to kick off your Pacific Northwest adventure. Find a comfortable spot on the spacious outdoor decks or relax inside by the large viewing windows. As the ferry glides across the sparkling waters of Puget Sound on this scenic 35-minute crossing, you'll be treated to unmatched, postcard-perfect views of the receding Seattle skyline, the bustling Elliott Bay harbor, and the dramatic, snow-capped peaks of the Olympic Mountains framing the horizon. Keep your eyes peeled for harbor seals, sea lions, and the occasional whale swimming alongside the ferry. It is a relaxing, quintessential local experience — ranked among the most scenic ferry rides in North America — that sets a beautiful tone for the day ahead.

2 **Dickerson Creek Falls**

Immerse yourself in the tranquil, lush greenery of a classic Pacific Northwest forest on this beginner-friendly 2.3-mile loop trail through the Kitsap Peninsula. The well-maintained path winds through a surprisingly dense canopy of towering Douglas firs, western hemlocks, and red cedars, with vibrant native ferns and moss-covered rocks creating a magical atmosphere even on an overcast day. As you follow the gentle path alongside the winding waters of Dickerson Creek, the soothing sound of rushing water grows louder and louder, guiding you toward the highlight of the trail — a beautiful waterfall cascading over moss-covered rocks into a clear pool below, framed by large fallen logs that make for incredible photo opportunities. A refreshing and rejuvenating hike that offers the perfect chance to breathe in the crisp forest air and capture stunning nature photography.

3 **Island Lake County Park**

Take a peaceful break at Island Lake County Park, a charming 23-acre lakeside retreat tucked between Poulsbo and Silverdale. Stroll along the wide, paved trail that winds along the water's edge through a beautiful forested canopy, with calm lake views, picnic areas, and a small island visible from the shoreline. Keep your eyes open for local fishermen casting lines from the wooden fishing pier, where the lake is stocked each spring with rainbow trout and also home to largemouth bass — a beloved local pastime that adds to the park's relaxed, authentic community feel. If you visit between spring and summer, the swimming area comes alive with families enjoying the lake, adding a wonderfully warm and welcoming Pacific Northwest atmosphere to your stop. A perfect spot to relax, take photos, and soak in the quiet beauty of the Kitsap Peninsula before continuing to Poulsbo.

4

Historic Downtown Poulsbo Association

Arrive in the enchanting waterfront town of Poulsbo — affectionately known as "Little Norway." Nestled on the scenic shores of Liberty Bay, this historic town was founded in the 1880s by Norwegian immigrants who were immediately struck by its resemblance to the fjords of their homeland. Stroll along colorful Front Street, lined with Norse-influenced architecture, Viking murals, and charming storefronts selling everything from traditional Nordic sweaters to handcrafted local goods. Don't miss a stop at the legendary Sluys Poulsbo Bakery — baking traditional Norwegian recipes including lefse, cinnamon rolls, and the famous three-pound King Olaf donut since 1966. When it's time to eat, your guide can point you toward excellent local spots, from classic Scandinavian bakeries to fresh Pacific Northwest seafood eateries with stunning Liberty Bay views.
(NOTE:-Please note that all food and drinks are excluded from the tour price and must be purchased independently.)

5

Poulsbo Heritage Museum

Step inside the Poulsbo Heritage Museum, housed inside the beautifully preserved 1908 Nilsen-Sonju house — a craftsman building painted in traditional Scandinavian red, white, and blue right on Poulsbo's main street. Run by volunteers from the Poulsbo Historical Society, this richly informative museum brings the town's fascinating past vividly to life. Explore historic artifacts and vintage photographs telling the story of early Norwegian settlers, the region's logging and fishing booms, and the cultural traditions that still thrive today. Highlights include beautiful Norwegian traditional bunads, a recreation of the 1924 Almo Movie Theatre, and a fascinating exhibit about Indigenous Sami reindeer herders who settled in Poulsbo after teaching reindeer husbandry in Alaska. A wonderful way to connect with the authentic heritage that gives "Little Norway" its unique character.

6

Liberty Bay Waterfront Park

Enjoy some free time to explore the charm of Poulsbo at your own pace. Browse the boutique shops, art galleries, and independent bookstores lining colorful Front Street — including Liberty Bay Books, Nordiska for Nordic-inspired gifts, and several locally owned galleries featuring Pacific Northwest art. Afterward, take a leisurely stroll along the scenic Liberty Bay Waterfront Park boardwalk, where park benches, a covered gazebo, and stunning views of the Olympic Mountains across the Sound await. Keep your eyes peeled for harbor seals lounging on the marina floats and bald eagles soaring overhead — both are regular visitors to the bay. The perfect unhurried stop to soak in the gentle sea breeze, watch the marina boats glide past, and capture beautiful coastal photos before heading to your final destination.

7

Valholl Brewing

Wrap up your full-day coastal adventure with a visit to Valhöll Brewing, one of Poulsbo's favorite craft breweries. Inspired by the region's Scandinavian heritage, this welcoming brewery offers a relaxed atmosphere and an excellent selection of locally brewed beers.
Whether you prefer a crisp lager, a hop-forward IPA, a smooth amber ale, or a rich seasonal brew, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the flavors that make the Pacific Northwest's craft beer scene so well known. It's the perfect way to toast an unforgettable day exploring Bainbridge Island and Poulsbo.
Please note: Food and beverages are not included in the tour price and must be purchased separately at the brewery.

8

Seattle

As your unforgettable full-day adventure comes to an end, sit back and relax in the comfort of your private vehicle as your guide handles the return journey. Relish the final, stunning sunset views over the Puget Sound as you cross back to Seattle, bringing home incredible photos, unique treasures, and beautiful memories of the Pacific Northwest's most charming coastal escapes.

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Drop-off

Back in Seattle
About 8 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

+ Expert guide
+ pickup and drop-off
+ Bottled water
+ Ferry Ride
+ Air-conditioned vehicle
+ Private transportation

Not included

- Tips & Gratuities
- Food & Drinks

Know before you go

- Stroller / pram accessible
- Public transportation is nearby
- Infant seats available

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