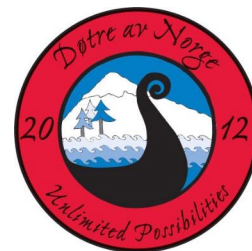


COMING TO DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY CONVENTION JULY 2012?

Here are some suggestions for planning your trip to Bellingham and Whatcom County. Convention room rates at the Lakeway Inn and Conference Center are effective from July 15th to the 25th.

Visit the the **Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism** website www.bellingham.org/

A few things to see and do in Whatcom County....



BELLINGHAM

Historic Fairhaven I-5 exit 250 www.fairhaven.com/

Turn-of-the-century buildings with classic brick facades, fine upscale galleries, clothing, jewelry, fresh ground coffee, books, gifts and some of Bellingham's best restaurants. Fairhaven is also home to the Bellingham Cruise Terminal with connections to Alaska, Seattle and the San Juan Islands, and in the same area you will find the Amtrak and Greyhound Stations.

Bellingham Farmers' Market www.bellinghamfarmers.org/

Saturdays, downtown at Depot Market Square. From Sunset Magazine "What began as a small, grassroots effort has blossomed into one of Washington's biggest, most beloved markets. Crafts are almost as popular here as the raspberries and blueberries."

Do you want water adventures? We've got it! Rent a sailboat or kayak. Join a charter trip to the stunning San Juan Islands or Victoria, British Columbia. Take an exhilarating raft trip on the Nooksack River. Watch the mighty Orca whales glide majestically in their home waterways. Our friendly tour operators and guides can help.

The arts - Ranked second in the nation for arts businesses per capita, Bellingham's downtown Cultural Arts District includes the Whatcom Museum's state-of-the-art Lightcatcher building and Family Interactive Gallery; Allied Arts of Whatcom County, First Friday Art Walks; the historic Mount Baker Theatre showcasing live performing arts and home to the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra; the American Museum of Radio & Electricity; Mindport Exhibits; the Bellingham Railway Museum; the Pickford Film Center dedicated to independent films; and the Upfront Theater highlighting live improve comedy shows.

The Bellingham Festival of Music takes place in July at the Performing Arts Center, Western Washington University, under the direction of maestro Michael Palmer. The Bellingham Festival Orchestra brings together principal players from major American and European orchestras and exceptional musicians from regional and national ensembles to present concerts of classical music at the highest caliber of artistic excellence.

LYNDEN - 10 miles north of Bellingham off Highway 539 www.lynden.org/

Lynden highlights its Dutch heritage with Dutch-style architecture, a variety of shops featuring Dutch foods, wooden shoes, fine lace and other traditional items, bakeries, restaurants and an exceptional historical museum.

The Northwest Raspberry Festival takes place every July in Lynden. Two-thirds of U.S.-grown raspberries come from Whatcom County. Savor berry pies and sundaes, and sip berry wine in this scenic valley below snowcapped Mt. Baker.

FERNDALE - 8 miles north of Bellingham I-5, Exit 262 www.ferndale-chamber.com/

Murals painted on buildings in downtown reflect its history. Red Barn Lavender Farm is located just west of Ferndale, and has more than 3,600 lavender plants. They are open seasonally for picking and buying plants and other lavender products.

Ferndale is home to two historic parks, Pioneer Park and Hovander Homestead Park, named after Swedish architect Hokan Hovander. He and his family of nine immigrated here in 1897. Tour their home completed in 1903 and the 60-foot high barn, one of the largest wood barns in the County, which was finished eight years later. The house is furnished with original pieces brought from Sweden by the family.

BLAINE - 20 miles north of Bellingham on I-5 www.ci.blaine.wa.us/

Blaine is located on the Canadian border and is virtually surrounded by water. Just 35 miles from Vancouver, British Columbia. Spanning the U.S.-Canadian border is Peace Arch State Park, home to the 72-foot Peace Arch that symbolizes nearly two centuries of peace between the two countries. This lovely landscaped park has thousands of flowers and shrubs plus seasonal displays of sculptures and art.

Required for border crossing at Blaine, Lynden or Sumas, U.S. passport, passport card, NEXUS card, Enhanced Drivers License or other Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document.

www.bcpassport.com/vancouver-vital-information/crossing-the-border.aspx