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# Easy Day Trips from 5 NW Cities

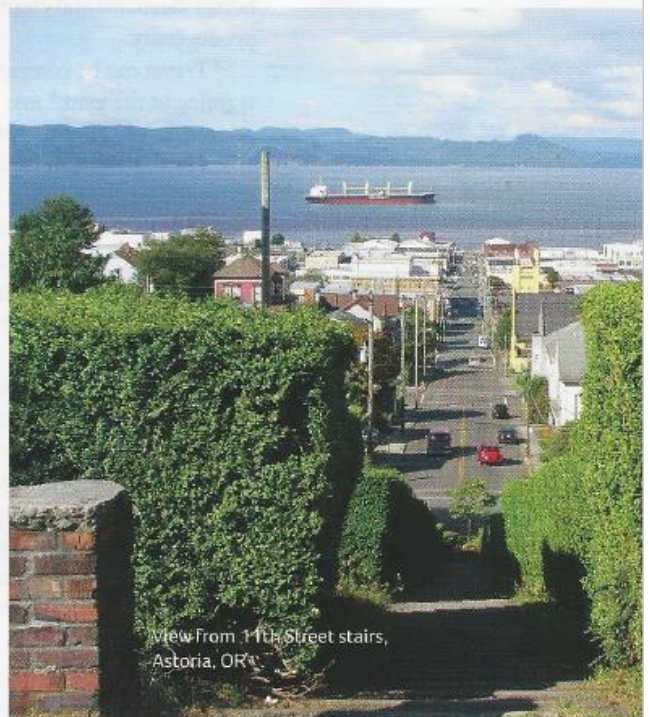
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View from the Column, Astoria, OR

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As the world settles on a renewed sense of normalcy, people may understandably be hesitant to book flights or flock to a densely populated city any time soon. But it's important as ever to find tranquility and peace where we can to give our minds a much-needed break. Luckily, right here in the Northwest we have options rich in history and geology that provide a fun and safe escape. Below is a roundup of five intriguing destinations that are ideal for daytrips free of hassle and worrisome accommodations.



View From 11th Street stairs, Astoria, OR

## SEATTLE – SNOQUALMIE FALLS

*60 miles roundtrip*

Located a short distance east of Seattle is an oasis to be explored. Snoqualmie Falls offers scenic and panoramic views and your destination for a natural reprieve. The 270-ft waterfall is a highlight all year long, with most activity taking place in the spring season after the winter snow begins to melt. But don't fret—nature's shift to fall foliage and reduction in crowds is the perfect time to sneak away and sightsee at your own pace without meandering through clusters of people.

The observation deck is only a short walk from the parking lot and there is also a gift shop, lodge and two-acre park if you wish to linger. The sights don't just begin when you arrive at the falls, the drive there will offer the same autumn appeal. Be sure to bring some rain gear just in case Washington decides to be... well, Washington, and to guard against any potential splashes the falls hurl your way.

To plan your trip go to [snoqualmiefalls.com](http://snoqualmiefalls.com), and for more activities near the falls check out [savornoqualmievalley.org](http://savornoqualmievalley.org).

