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Kitsap Tours Includes the NEW Japanese American Exclusion Memorial in Bainbridge Island Tour

Bainbridge Island, Washington (August 6, 2011) — Kitsap Tours offers Bainbridge Island tour including the newly dedicated Japanese American Exclusion Memorial.

Kitsap Tours started their 3 hour Bainbridge Island tour earlier this year, in part, to showcase the new Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial being dedicated today.

Just a ferry ride from Seattle, the tour starts at the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal where guests are met as they get off the ferry. The tour explores the history and heritage of the island while traveling the back roads, enjoying the scenery and learning about the island and its residents through narration and a short video presentation.

The final stop of the tour is the new Japanese American Exclusion Memorial where a guided tour of the memorial is offered. The beautiful and moving memorial is a reminder to “Let it not happen again” referring to the forced removal of West Coast people of Japanese descent to internment camps for the duration of World War II. Bainbridge Island residents were the first to be removed, two-thirds of them American citizens.

Jean Boyle, Kitsap Tours Owner/Operator says “we are very pleased to offer this tour and especially enjoy our stops at the Japanese American Exclusion Memorial where many people learn for the first time about this piece of American history and others, some with connections to the internment camps, are moved and emotional when they see the beautiful memorial and walk the path that Bainbridge Island citizens took those many years ago.”

About Kitsap Tours:

Kitsap Tours is the latest adventure of husband and wife team, Jim and Jean Boyle, who have lived on the Kitsap Peninsula for 15 years and in the Pacific Northwest for almost 30. The two have left their previous white-collar careers behind and have boldly jumped into one overflowing with adventures.

Not to say they're strangers to a little adventure, especially Jim who worked as a Secret Service agent for over 20 years, protecting Presidents, Heads of Country, and Heads of State. His passion for this project is driven by Jean, who, during her 8 years with the Kitsap Peninsula Visitor & Convention Bureau, always felt that tourists and local businesses could benefit from a touring company running on a daily basis-especially one offering ferry dock pick-ups.

Kitsap Tours is the only Seattle, Washington tour that starts with a ferry ride!



Our Beautiful Bus

Our vehicle is a new luxury touring van or mini-coach. It has a low-step entry with an electric service door, stand-up center aisle, reclining leather seats, sound system, public address system, TV/DVD player, and a separate rear compartment for any purchases you may make.

This vehicle was selected to allow us to get to many interesting Washington locations that are inaccessible for larger motor coaches or low-slung limousines. Its higher seating and large windows allow better viewing of the stunning scenery and views. We have room for up to 12 guests.



Our Philosophy

We believe in stepping lightly; small groups, low impact, enjoying but not changing the places we visit.

We respect the cultures and traditions of others and follow proper protocol where appropriate.

We support other local businesses and buy local when possible.

We believe in lifelong learning; we continue to learn more about our area and other interests. We enjoy sharing our knowledge with our guests as well as welcome questions which we will do our best to answer.

We make every effort to support and follow [sustainable and responsible tourism principles](#).

We respect our environment and the wildlife. We maintain a respectful distance while watching or photographing wildlife. We stay on trails and do not pick wildflowers or trample over their habitats. Shore side, we refill all holes and leave large rocks in their original positions, avoid walking on sensitive habitat and handle tide pool creatures gently, briefly, and return them to their original places. We observe limits on the collection of edible species, and forgo the collection of others for souvenirs. Educate others about ethical wildlife observation. Jim and Jean are both certified Beach Naturalists.

Kitsap Tours was started because we love the area and enjoy sharing it. We want our guests to have the best time possible and we will do our best to make your tour special and memorable whether it is a regularly scheduled tour or a custom tour we have developed just for you.