



Thousands of Tantalizing Tulips Tour



Skagit Valley Tulip Festival TIEG Bus Road Trip

April 11 - 13, 2012

Price - \$290 double occupancy (\$388 single) includes luxury full-size bus transportation, 2 nights hotel lodging with hot breakfast, entrance to garden attractions, Master Gardener tour guide

Bus will leave Diamond Park'N Jet - 5602 W. Sunset Hwy at 7am on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 and return on Friday, April 13, 2012 at approximately 9pm. Our destination is scenic Mount Vernon in North-western Washington whose climate is similar to that of northern France by mid-afternoon. The following is a list of attractions--the timeline still needs to be worked out:

Art in the Pickle Barn - Enjoy watercolor, oil, acrylic, pen and pencil, photography, pastels, charcoal, glass, ceramic, jewelry, and various other mediums as you stroll through the lovely plants.

Azusa Farm & Gardens - Picturesque garden center with a lovely country store offering choice ornamental and edible landscaping plants, gardening supplies, hanging baskets, cut and potted flowers, garden furnishings, art exhibits, and more. Refreshments, display gardens, and family-fun farm tours.

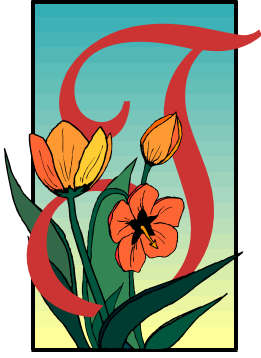
Carpenter Creek Winery - Skagit Valley's Premier Boutique Winery. Crafting local Pinot Noir and Siegerrebe as well as other fine wines. Sample local gourmet treats including our famous red bell pepper and basil bratwurst. Come enjoy a glass on the verandah!

Christianson's Nursery - An enticing selection of common and uncommon plants. The largest selection of roses and perennials in NW Washington. Browse our greenhouses, 1888 Schoolhouse, antiques, gift shop, and greet resident animals. Christianson's is a NW Flower Show People's Choice Award Winner.

Country at Heart Gift Shop at The Berry Barn - Home & Garden décor, jewelry, handmade bath products. Plus the Berry Barns "famous pies," ice cream, cold drinks and fresh tulips.

Pasek Cellars Winery - Wine maker Gene Pasek crafts unique and delicious wines from Washington grapes, plus tropical and NW fruits. Stop by our tasting room and sample Official Tulip Festival wines.

RoozenGaarde - The largest flower bulb grower in the U.S. with 1,000+ acres of tulip, daffodil, and iris fields. Owned by the Roozen family--bulb growers in Holland and the U.S. since the early 1700's. Come visit our beautiful 3+ acre display garden planted with over ¼ million bulbs and featuring an authentic Dutch windmill. Great photo opportunities abound. Special discount offer for bulb orders placed at the garden. Growing in our display garden 90+ tulip varieties and 140 varieties including daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, iris, and specialty flowers. Planted just behind the garden is a 15-acre tulip field filled with seemingly endless rows of color. Retail shop offers unique gifts for home and garden.



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Outlet Shoppes at Burlington - Bag a bargain at your favorite name brand outlet stores including Coach, Nike, Lululemon, Tommy Hilfiger, Eddie Bauer, Nine West, Harry and David, and more. Save up to 60% every day.

Snow Goose Produce - A true farmer's market in the heart of Skagit cropland. The Goose is committed to fresh, local and organic. Fresh fish and other seafood in live tank, flowers (including cut & potted tulips), immodest ice cream cones, local wines.

Skagit Valley Gardens - Retail Garden Center with beautiful displays, greenhouses filled with annuals, hanging baskets and garden accessories. Gift Boutique "The Root Cellar" is filled with unique gifts, jewelry, home decor, Vera Bradley, and so much more. The Garden Cafe is open daily serving deli and specialty sandwiches, salads and delicious desserts.

Tulip Town - Celebrate spring at Tulip Town that has it all. View a spectacular early, mid and late season field walk and flower explosion of color at our indoor show. All the equipment landscaped in the borders of the parking lot are the original and first ones used to harvest and plant bulbs in the Skagit Valley. Tulip Town has the only indoor flower and garden show (great for rainy days). We also offer trolley rides through the fields. And don't miss the tulips skillfully planted in a rainbow. Cut and potted tulips, art gallery, gift shop, kite flying, garden plants, espresso and snacks. Fields of beauty everywhere you look.

WSU Discovery Garden - Enjoy a stroll through the grounds of this wonderful garden showcasing plants that do well in the Pacific Northwest. Master Gardener step-on guides provide an informative overview of this wonderful area and will be available for our group tour during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.

Absolutely Stunning - It has been said that people should come out to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival at least once in their lifetime--it invigorates the soul and lightens the heart. Spring is the season when the Valley shows her colors and is alive with daffodils peeking from the rich Skagit soil which brings us the first hint of spring. The Skagit Valley is on center stage when the tulips bloom and the beauty is almost overwhelming. The Festival is the largest festival in NW Washington State. Each year more than 1 million visitors come to experience over 300 acres of brightly colored tulips. A sight you'll never forget.

What to Go? - Call 535-8434 or email tieg@comcast.net and get your name on the sign-up list (we'll match you up with a roommate if needed). A \$100 deposit due at the time of registration or payment in full. You can either submit your payment at one of the upcoming meetings or send a check to **TIEG, P.O. Box 13184, Spk Vly, WA 99212** (payment is non-refundable once the bus is paid for). Balance of \$190 is due no later than 3/15/12. Please note the list of attractions is subject to change due to time restraints.

"The tulip and the butterfly, appear in gayer coats than I: Let me be dressed fine as I will, flies, worms, and flowers, exceed me still." - Isaac Watts

