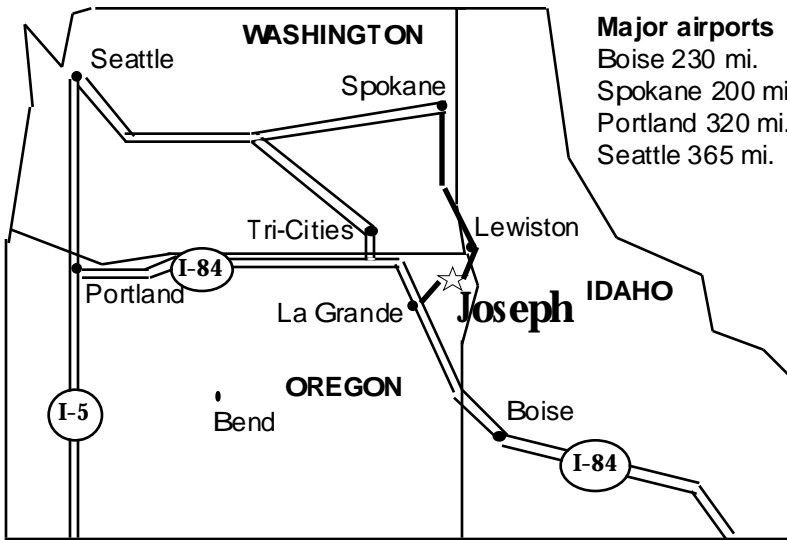


TRAVEL INFORMATION

Getting to Wallowa County can be nearly as fun as hiking with llamas. No matter where you begin, you'll be passing through landscapes both scenic and historic. Plan a leisurely trip, and think about taking an extra day coming or going to enjoy some of the region's other attractions.



Major airports

Boise	230 mi.	4-5 hrs.
Spokane	200 mi.	4 1/2 hrs.
Portland	320 mi.	6 hrs.
Seattle	365 mi.	7-8 hrs.

Commuter air service

Horizon/Alaska:		
Lewiston	85 mi.	2 1/2 hrs.
Pendleton	125 mi.	2 1/2 hrs.
Horizon-United Exp.-Delta Connection		
Tri-Cities	165 mi.	3 1/2 hrs.

Car rentals are available at any of these airports. If flying you may want to consider renting a car at one major airport and returning it to another to take in a bit more of the Northwest.

Private shuttle van service from the airport to Joseph can be arranged through Frank Conley at Eagle Cap Natural History Tours - (541)432-9685 APPROXIMATE cost one-way for up to 4 people & luggage: Lewiston \$80 Boise \$200 Pendleton \$100 Spokane \$160

Driving route descriptions  • Please plan to arrive at motel in Joseph by 6 p.m.

The drive from **Portland** follows the Columbia River for 150 miles, and the historic Oregon Trail route as well. Most of the drive is quite scenic. If time allows, it's worth the 10 mile roundtrip detour to cross the bridge into Washington at Biggs Jct. for a visit to the **Maryhill Museum**. Built in the late 1800's by railroad tycoon Sam Hill, the castle overlooking the Columbia River is home to a remarkable collection of sculptures and drawings by Rodin, as well as an extensive display of North American Indian artifacts. From Portland go east on I-84 to La Grande, then east on State Hwy. 82 to Joseph. Minimum travel time: 6 hrs. - Longer if you stop at the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute as you go through Pendleton (see museum information on the back of this page).

The drive from **Boise** along the freeway route is fast but not as scenic as the back road that crosses the Snake River and comes along the east boundary of the wilderness area. On paved secondary and seasonal Forest Service roads, the back way is a bit shorter distance, yet about a five hour drive. We recommend you contact the Forest Service at (541)426-4978 to inquire about road conditions before setting out. **FREEWAY: I-84** West to La Grande, then State Hwy. 82 to Joseph. Minimum travel time: 4 hrs. - Longer if you stop at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center as you go through Baker City (see museum information on the back of this page).

BACKROAD: I-84 West to US Hwy. 95 near Payette, ID. Then US Hwy. 95 north to Cambridge, ID. Then State Hwy. 71 north to the Snake River, cross into Oregon and head west on State Hwy. 86 past Pine Creek store. Turn right, north on marked F.S. road and follow signs to Joseph. Minimum travel time 5 hours.

The route south from **Spokane** on US Hwy. 195 crosses through a fertile farming region known as the Palouse, before descending to **Lewiston** and the junction of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. From here on you're travelling through the historic homeland of the Nez Perce Indians and the headquarters of the **Nez Perce National Historical Park** is located just 11 miles east of Lewiston, off US Highway 12. See the museum information on the back of this page for more information. From **Lewiston**, take State Hwy. 126 as winds up out of the Snake River at Asotin, through the little town of Anatone, and then down and up again as it crosses the Grande Ronde River. It's a scenic, if curvy, route. Part way up the canyon you'll cross into Oregon and continue north on Oregon State Hwy. 3 to Enterprise, then follow Oregon State Hwy. 82 to Joseph. Minimum travel time from Spokane, 4 1/2 hours, from Lewiston 2 1/4 hours.

We're a day's drive from **Seattle** and the route takes you near Mt. Ranier, through some of Washington's premier wine country and across the Blue Mountains along the Oregon Trail—you may want to plan two days if driving from Seattle, and take in some of the sights along the way. **FREEWAY ROUTE:** I-90 East from Seattle to Ellensburg, then I-82 East all the way to I-84. Continue east to La Grande, then State Hwy 82 to Joseph. **BLUE HIGHWAYS:** Follow freeway route to Tri-Cities then take US Hwy. 12 east to Walla Walla. Take Pendleton exit off Rte. 12 and through Milton-Freewater heading south on Hwy. 11. Leave Rte. 11 at Weston, heading east through the Blue Mountains on State Hwy. 204 to Elgin. Here you meet State Hwy. 82 and head east to Joseph. Minimum travel time from Seattle, 7 1/2 hours.

MORE INFORMATION ON A SELECTION OF RECOMMENDED REGIONAL MUSEUMS

TAMASTSLIKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE - Pendleton, Oregon

<http://www.umatilla.nsn.us/tamust.html>

Located 5 miles east of Pendleton, Oregon, just off Interstate 84 at Exit 216.

Hours: 9-5 daily

At Tamastslikt Cultural Institute, discover the story of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes – three distinct peoples, melded together over the past 150 years in an alliance now called the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The permanent exhibit gallery tells the story of the tribes in three parts: "We Were," "We Are," and "We Will Be." The exhibit experience begins with a walk at the base of the Blue Mountains, leading to the permanent gallery where the Tribes' story is shared through exhibits designed by world renowned Jean Jacques Andre. An art gallery hosts changing exhibits and showcase local and regional art by tribal artists. The 45,000 square foot facility also features a visitor services wing complete with a museum store emphasizing local tribal arts and crafts, multi-use theater, and café.

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK - Spalding, Idaho

<http://www.halcyon.com/rdpayne/npnhp.html>

The park headquarters is located at Spalding, 11 miles east of Lewiston.

Visitor Center: Daily: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Stop at the visitor center to orient yourself to the park and its story. The uniformed staff can answer your questions, whether they pertain to the history of the region and the Nez Perce or how to get around and find the services you need. The visitor center contains a museum of Nez Perce exhibits and artifacts of the Spalding-Allen Collection and an auditorium where films are shown. During the summer, interpretive talks are given at 10 a.m, 2 and 4 p.m. daily.

THE OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER - Baker City, Oregon

<http://www.or.blm.gov/NHOTIC/>

Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center uses exhibits, sound effects, video presentations as part of its permanent exhibit telling the story of the emigrant experience and the impact of the Oregon Trail.

The Center focuses on six themes related to westward migration and settlement:

1. Pioneer Life on the Oregon Trail
2. Mountain Men and early Trail Travelers
3. Native Americans along the Oregon Trail
4. Natural History along the Trail and in Eastern Oregon
5. Mining and Early Settlement
6. History of the General Land Office - Grazing Service - Bureau of Land Management.

Living history is used to literally bring to life aspects of the Trail experience. Presenters create factual and emotional perspectives of the era by using historically accurate words, music, songs, costuming, and props. In addition to an outdoor pioneer wagon encampment and a mining site, the 150 seat Leo Adler theater provides a "front row seat" to live history as the site of living history presentations and other educational programs. An outdoor trail system provides four miles of hiking to see scenic vistas of the Blue Mountains, the Wallowa Mountains, and the Baker Valley and Virtue Flat, where the original route of the Oregon Trail can be clearly seen from atop Flagstaff Hill. Visitors may take one of the hiking trails down to the Oregon Trail, and walk in the actual ruts made by the pioneers. Special exhibits in the Flagstaff Gallery provide extra focus on topics related to the six themes of the Center.