

TBGO Travel Plan 2026-31 – Event Summaries

Nov 2026: Veteran's Day Parade / Auburn WA / 1 nt MC / Parade is on SA 11/07 11am

<https://www.auburnwa.gov/workspaces/One.aspx?objectId=13559504>

Said to be the largest Veterans Day Parade on the West Coast, Auburn's parade features over 150 units including over 15 bands.

June 2027: Crooked River Roundup Parade / Prineville OR / 1 nt MC. / Parade is on SA 6/26/27 10am

<https://www.crookedriverroundup.com>

The person who got us invited to Dory Days has moved to Prineville and is doing it again! This will be TBGO's first appearance in Central Oregon.

Oct 2027: Annual Halloween Parade / Hershey PA / 3 or 4nts FLY/ Parade is the 3rd Wed in Oct at 7pm (10/20/27?)

<https://www.derryhalloween.com>

This is a mid-week event, with the Wednesday night parade marching down Chocolate and Cocoa Avenues – can't you almost smell it now? There are several 'Hershey' venues to check out (like Chocolate World, Hersheypark, Hershey Gardens, and the Hershey Story Museum. Hershey (Derry Township) is a suburb of nearby Harrisburg in Pennsylvania Dutch Country and near the local Amish communities.

Apr 2028: Northwest Cherry Festival / The Dalles OR/ 1 nt MC/ Parade is at 10am (DATE TBD)

<https://www.thedalleschamber.com>

The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce puts on 3 days of activities celebrating the cherry blossoms, upcoming harvest, and beautiful Columbia Gorge. An overnight trip is recommended as this is an early parade and there are lots of activities starting on Friday including a car show/rally.

May 2028: Vikings Fest Parade / Poulsbo WA / 2nts MC & ferry / Parade is on Sa 5/13/28 2pm (Verify DATE)

<https://www.Vikingfest.org>

This is a 3-day festival celebrating the rich Scandinavian history of Poulsbo. Carnival, street fair, lots of entertainment, and food. The 2nt motorcoach trip includes a leg across Puget Sound on a Washington State Ferry.

Aug 2028: Gold Cup Parade / Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, CAN / 5-6 nts FLY/ Parade is at 10am 8/18/28

<https://www.goldcupparade.ca>

This unique event destination is in a rural setting, 4 time zones from Portland so travel will likely take 3 flights (possibly red-eye flights). Over 70,000 parade watchers come to watch bands and floats from all over CAN and the US to celebrate the culture and history of the Maritime Provinces. This island province is known for its stunning, sweeping scenery, right-off-the boat seafood and lobster, lighthouses, and was the setting for the story of Anne of Green Gables. Today there are farmers markets, harness racing, a casino, and the popular Milk Bars.

Apr/May 2029: Kentucky Derby Festival & Pegasus Parade / Louisville KY / 3-4nts FLY / DATE TBD (last Sunday in April or 1st Sunday in May) / Parade at 3pm

<https://www.discoverkdf.org>

An historic (relatively short) parade with marching bands, inflatables, floats, and equestrian units. Variety of activities in the area: Kentucky Derby Museum, Mega Cavern, Louisville Slugger Museum, Churchill Downs, walking and distillery tours, and much more. (Note: Does not include the Kentucky Derby race itself.)

Sep 2029: Bay Area Fun Fest / Coos Bay OR / 2nts MC / third weekend in September

<https://www.oregonsadventurecoast.com>

'The Last Big Party of the Summer' – lots of live entertainment as well as the famous Cruz the Coos (500 vintage automobiles), the Prefontaine Memorial Run, and lots more.

Jan 2030: The Fiesta Bowl Parade / Phoenix AZ / 3nts FLY/ Tentatively – 1/5/2030 / 10am

<https://www.fiestasportsfoundation.org> - this is one of Ray Pulver's events

With top-notch college marching bands in town for the Fiesta Bowl game, this parade takes advantage of the prime tv coverage opportunity, along with the big crowds and historically fantastic weather. Lots of marching bands, some equestrian units; overall shorter length than the Christmas Parade.

May 2030: Loyalty Days and Sea Fair Festival Parade / Newport OR / 1nt MC / (usually parade on 1st Sat in May at Noon)

<https://www.discovernewport.com>

This event combines recognition to veterans and honoring the coastal fishing communities' rich histories. A great way to spend a day at the coast, enjoy the seafood, and scenery, maybe even a lighthouse.

Dec 2030: Christmas Two-fer / Nashville TN / 4-5nts FLY/ 1st weekend in Dec (parades at 1pm on SA and 2pm SU)

<https://www.downtownfranklinrotary.com> and <https://www.holidayfesttn.org>

We'll have a full day in Nashville to take in sites around the 'country music capital' and the Hermitage. Then on Sat we'll feel like we're in a Hallmark movie marching through Franklin TN for the 'I'll Be Home for Christmas Parade', and on Sunday afternoon in Hendersonville TN for the 'Holly Jolly Christmas Parade'. There will be free time to take in local activities, catch a country show, or event at the Grand Old Opry.

Apr 2031: Pear Blossom Festival / Medford OR / 1-2nts MC / Second Saturday in Apr(?) Parade at 11am

<https://www.pearblossomparade.org>

What began as 20 wagons and kiddos celebrating pear blossom season, is now a full-fledged 'event' with parade, pageant, fun run, and street fair. On the return trip, we will visit Wildlife Safari and have lunch.

Jul 2031: Your Hometown Parade / Pittsfield MA / 4nts FLY / 4th of July; Parade at 10am

<https://www.pittsfieldparade.com>

This parade has a rich tradition dating back to 1824 celebrating the people, places, and eras that have shaped Pittsfield and the Berkshires. The parade entry application literally says 'think out of the box' because their spectators want to be entertained. TBGO fits the bill! The Norman Rockwell Museum is in nearby Stockbridge or perhaps an outdoor concert at Tanglewood in nearby Lenox. Botanical gardens and loads of history in this region of New England. Airports might be Hartford or Boston.

Sep 2031: Autumn Leaf Fall Festival / Leavenworth WA / 2nts MC / usually 4th Sat in Sept / Parade at Noon

<https://www.Leavenworthautumnleaf.org>

Charming and scenic Bavarian themed town celebrating the turning colors of the autumn leaves. Popular parade with many high school marching bands and community floats/entries.