

Hante Pacific Northwest

Goals and Course Summary

TRIP GOALS:

- Develop wilderness skills in backpacking, sea kayaking, camp craft, navigation, back country cooking, and more.
- Develop leadership skills and put them to practice as a Leader of the Day (LOD)!
- Learn to travel with a group and develop tolerance for adversity and uncertainty as no two days are alike.
- Build a community you're sure to never forget.

SUMMARY:

On your Hante, you will have the wonderful opportunity to travel both by land and sea in the various ecosystems of The Pacific Northwest region. With the group you will spend time learning how to camp and travel with all of your essentials packed into a kayak or a backpack. Your journey will start with two 6-day backpacking trips in Olympic National Park and the North Cascades. These routes will take you through low elevation rainforest, glacial passes, and many beautiful places in between. You'll spend the next few days Sea Kayaking in the San Juan Islands, north of Seattle. For this journey you and a partner will pilot a sea kayak around and between the Islands, navigating the bays, inlets and currents under the guidance of seasoned kayak guides.

PLANNING AND PREPARATION:

Spending three weeks living from your pack is both liberating and challenging. This kind of travel is incredibly rewarding and being 100% prepared is essential. Carefully read all trip materials, as well as the information we will be sending over the course of the following months. In order to have a successful trip, everyone will need to be prepared to travel and bring lots of patience and energy. Beyond the basic camping skills that you know or will learn, you will also be exposed to new and challenging environmental and travel factors that will require you to work and communicate effectively as a group. You will be kayaking, backpacking, and camping in backcountry sites. Your instructors will help prepare and teach you to face the beauty and challenges of trekking through these spaces, and will show you how to appreciate and cherish the experience. You will walk away from this Hante having gained confidence in traveling in new and challenging terrains, and most importantly, having fostered your own personal connection to the natural world.

COMMUNITY:

The Hante Adventures program is committed to the creation of a unique community. We ask you to commit to live and work as a part of the community we will create on our grand adventure. You'll find that everyone will have different strengths and your instructors will help to create a nurturing community in which you will feel the support you need to succeed. As a member of the community, you will also be responsible to the group with which you will be living, learning, working, playing, sharing, and laughing for the three weeks of your trip. This takes commitment from everyone to be group oriented. What this means is that at times you will have to put individual needs behind the needs of the group. A community's strength springs from the dedication of its individuals.