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## Getting a Head Start on the Olympics

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The 2010 Winter Olympics may be seven months away — and in another country — but Washington State is trying to cash in on the tourist spillover by launching a new Web page, [www.ExperienceWA.com/2010WinterGames](http://www.ExperienceWA.com/2010WinterGames).

“If you’re traveling to or from the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games, why not complete your Pacific Northwest experience by seeing some of Washington?” the site asks.

The logic is tough to refute. Among the featured getaways is a four-day trip to the Columbia River Gorge and Mount St. Helens, and a scenic drive along the North Cascades, which winds through granite ridges reserves and emerald lakes.

While no special deals or promotion are currently in the offering, the site does offer helpful links to other places that do, including [Tourism Vancouver](#), the official site for the host city, where visitors can find the latest information on Olympic-related events.

- [Washington Travel Guide](#)
- [Vancouver Travel Guide](#)