



## **Celebrate Service Week Holiday Inn Express Sequim, WA**



June 21, 2011. This summer the Holiday Inn Express, Sequim WA celebrated the service and hard work and accomplishments of our employees with a luxury trip around the Olympic Peninsula, courtesy of our friends and tour partners at Evergreen Escapes in Seattle.

Leaving the Holiday Inn Express at 9.30, the group was in buoyant mood as the bus carried the group to the summit of Hurricane Ridge at 5200 feet. Snow covered much of the ground, even in June. The visitor center at the summit was open and the team were shown a map of the area. Local weather patterns as well as the extent of the National Park were explained.



A short snack break was taken while the peaks of the Olympic National Park stretched out before our eyes, before the team headed on a series of short hikes.

Hurricane Ridge is planned to open year round and snow shoe adventures will be available, but on our excursion, everyone was happy to experience the fresh air, warm weather and an opportunity to see the local tourism sites with afresh pair of eyes. The team had an opportunity to learn about the vegetation and wildlife that so many of the visitors, who travel worldwide to the area, come to see.



After a couple of hours at Hurricane Ridge, everyone clambered aboard the bus and drove down to sea level and the longest land spit in the Continental United States. Before arriving at Dungeness Spit, the group stopped for a catered lunch at a picnic spot on the bluffs overlooking the Strait of Juan de Fuca. A veritable feast of chicken breast, with quinoa and green salad along with fresh bread was followed by a selection of deserts, washed down with a glass of locally produced wine.

A short hike through the nature reserve included an educational talk on the sea-level vegetation and tree recognition, before the long spit came into view. The group bravely took on a mile round trip hike along the narrow strip of land. A young eagle flew overhead and a harbor seal watched as we trudged through the shingle and sand. A wide variety of sea birds could be seen as we walked along the strip before resting on one of the many logs that had drifted ashore.



By the end of the day our employees were excited about hiking on the trails on their own. This was a rewarding adventure that allowed our employees to enjoy what Sequim has to offer and to say thank you for all our employee's dedication and customer service.

