This week was full of learning and understanding, of reaching out and caring for each other. It taught me to be not only a better ally to indigenous communities around the world, but a better person overall. A person who knows she belongs to a community and is responsible for it. I hope to be back someday.”
— Student Participant

“Seeing how the host community was so open to hosting us and letting us participate in events like the drum circle. Their openness and honesty touched me.”
— Student Participant
About the Community
La Push is located on the Olympic Peninsula in the northeastern region of Washington State. For millennia, the Quileute people have used long boats to fish, whale, and seal in the sacred ocean waters. They are the “children of the raven” and have no language relatives in the region. The Quileute people have a rich history of fishing, making canoes by hand, basket-weaving, storytelling, Whaling Days, and Canoe Journeys. Xperitas partners with community leaders dedicated to preserving and sharing their unique history and culture.

DAY 1 | Seattle
Arrive in Seattle in the afternoon to meet your Xperitas Team Leader. Drive about five hours to La Push, picking up lunch and the week’s groceries on the way. Settle into community accommodations and have your first team meeting. L D

DAYS 2-7 | Community Stay
Explore La Push and meet community members. Visit the Quileute Senior Center and Teen Center and collaborate on activities determined by our partners, such as serving lunch for elders, beading with elders, and playing board games or sports with youth.

Learn firsthand about Quileute Natural Resources fish management. Attend a weekly evening Drumming Circle on the beach. Participate in additional community events by invitation, depending on the timing of your visit, such as kickball with local youth or cedar bark harvesting.

Explore surrounding areas, including a visit to the Makah Museum, featuring artifacts from pre-colonial Native American life, and the Hoh Rainforest, one of the largest temperate rainforests in the United States. Explore beaches, weather permitting.

Reflect on your experiences in daily group meetings and journal-writing. On the last day, have a final celebration with community members. B L D

DAY 8 | Seattle
Depart for Seattle early in the morning. B L

The order of this itinerary is subject to change.