

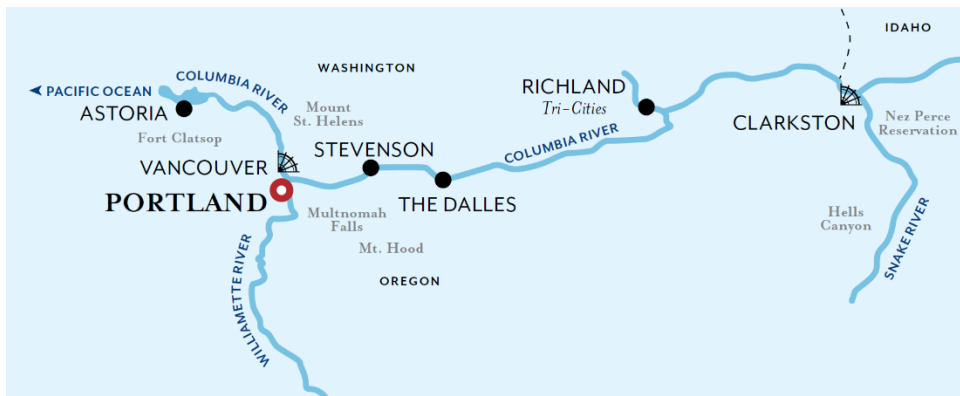
# COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS

## CRUISE IN THE WAKE OF LEWIS & CLARK



Embrace dramatic scenery and relive the daring exploits of frontiersmen and adventurers aboard a luxury vessel on our Columbia and Snake River cruises. Take time to linger on the decks of our paddlewheeler as you cruise through the Columbia River Gorge. It is here that history thrives in the parade of a quiet land, uplifted by the rocky cliffs and ripened trees that stretch from the ground below. We invite you to experience the serenity of wilderness in the Pacific Northwest on a cruise aboard the American Empress. The Columbia and Snake Rivers are flowing passageways to rare ventures. Soothing waterways lead to wine country and allow the ever-moving world around you to transform into a vessel of tranquility and peace – ripe for adventuring.

Enjoy the best of the Pacific Northwest aboard our Columbia and Snake river cruises. Choose to cruise from Portland to Spokane, or the reverse for the trip of a lifetime. Embark on a river cruise to see that the natural world is alive here – unlike anywhere else on earth – and through historic sites and locks and dams, it flows. Sea lions sunbathe on buoys as the distant horizon reveals snow-capped mountains between.



**DATES: EVERY SUNDAY**  
**2022 – MAR 3 - OCT 23**  
**2023 – MAR 19 – NOV 19**

**DURATION: 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS**

**EMBARK: VANCOUVER, WA**  
**DISEMBARK: CLARKSTON, WA**  
*ALTERNATE SUNDAYS ARE  
REVERSE ITINERARY*

**SHIP: AMERICAN EMPRESS**

**FROM: \$3,199**  
Incl Port Charges and Departure Transfer

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: HOTEL STAY IN VANCOUVER, WA

Enjoy your COMPLIMENTARY stay at the pre-cruise hotel. The evening is yours to become acquainted with the city. Our Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel, and our friendly staff can assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving premium experiences. Both American Queen Steamboat Company and local representatives will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment and sightseeing options to maximize your time here.



### DAY 2: VANCOUVER, WA

A suburb of Portland, Oregon, Vancouver, Washington, has taken on a distinctive identity of its own. Located in an ideal spot among Mount St. Helens, the Columbia River Gorge and the Pacific Coast, Vancouver boasts a newly renovated waterfront and an abundance of activities, scenic landscapes and historic attractions for all to enjoy. Two Premium shore excursions available.

### DAY 3: ASTORIA, OR

Astoria is known to be the oldest American settlement west of the Rocky Mountains. There is no doubting the richness of the history grounded in this Columbia River town. For thousands of years, the Clatsop Tribe inhabited the lands. Today, you can climb to the top of the Astoria Column – wrapped in depictions of history – look out over the landscape toward the Pacific Ocean and watch your model wooden airplane glide through the air to its rest below. Included Hop-on-Hop-off tour.



### DAY 4: RIVER CRUISING

Watch small river towns and lush landscapes slowly become lost in the horizon as sunlight plays upon the deck. Take hold of a literary classic, curl up on a plush chair in a cozy corner and relish in the moment of tranquility. Experience the fulfillment that river cruising offers.



### DAYS 5: STEVENSON, WA

Stevenson embraces the adventurer – with hiking trails, hot springs and local wineries, a visitor is sure



to find plenty to do. Opportunities for educational enlightenment abound within the Columbia River Gorge Interpretive Center and at Bonneville Dam. Consider a stop downtown to visit restaurants, cafés and small locally owned shops in which reside treasures of the Pacific Northwest. Included Hop-on-Hop-off tour.



#### **DAY 6: THE DALLES, OR**

At the end of the overland Oregon Trail, The Dalles holds a unique place in history as a jumping-off spot for pioneers, soldiers, gold miners, adventurers, gunslingers, floozies and scallywags. The Dalles, although a part of the Oregon High Desert, features a long growing season and a relatively warm climate that supports the growing of grapes. As a result, the region is home to a wine scene unlike any other in Oregon. Visitors will be pleased to see the rolling hills speckled with vineyards. Included Hop-on-Hop-off tour.

#### **DAY 7: RICHLAND, WA**

Step off the boat directly into a perfectly polished park, and take a short stroll to downtown shops, eateries and attractions. Incorporated in 1910, Richland remained a small agricultural community until it was acquired by the U.S. Army for the site of the Hanford Engineer Works – used to produce plutonium during World War II and the Cold War. Today, the historic B Reactor and other important historic venues are part of the Manhattan Project National Historic Park. This and many other intriguing locations are offered as part of your experience in Richland. Included Hop-on-Hop-off tour.

#### **DAY 8: CLARKSTON, WA**

Nestled at the union of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers in southeast Washington, Clarkston is the gateway to North America’s deepest gorge – Hells Canyon – on the Snake River. Picturesque vistas, year-round mild climates and a deep history make this scenic inland port a desirable stop. Spend the day enjoying Clarkston, Washington and neighboring Lewiston, Idaho while tracing the legacy of the journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark – for whom the cities are named.

#### **DAY 9: CLARKSTON, WA - DISEMBARK**

As the journey concludes, there are other opportunities for you to take in the town. Enjoy an included transfer to Spokane and tour of city with airport transfer.

**NOTE:** Explor Cruises’ rates include port charges and departure tour/transfers to Portland/Spokane airports or hotels. (\$300).



**Ask us about special Wine Cruises – October/November, from \$2,999.**





RATES – PER PERSON		E	D	C	B	A	LS	SO
MAR-APR	2022 – MAR 13 – APR 24	\$3,299	\$3,199	\$3,499	\$4,499	\$5,299	\$7,399	\$3,999
	2023 – MAR 19-26							
APR-MAY	2022 – MAY 1-22	\$3,699	\$3,699	\$3,999	\$5,099	\$5,999	\$8,399	\$4,499
	2023 – APR 2-23							
MAY-JUN	2022 – MAY 29-JUN 19; OCT 23	\$4,199	\$4,099	\$4,499	\$5,699	\$6,799	\$9,499	\$4,999
	2023 – APR 30 – MAY 28							
PEAK	2022 – MAY 29 – OCT 16	\$4,599	\$4,499	\$4,899	\$6,299	\$7,499	\$10,499	\$6,499
	2023 – JUN 4 – SEP 24							
OCT	2023 – OCT 8-29	\$4,399	\$4,299	\$4,699	\$5,999	\$7,099	\$9,999	\$5,199
NOV	2023 – NOV 5-19	\$3,499	\$3,399	\$3,699	\$4,799	\$5,699	\$7,899	\$4,299

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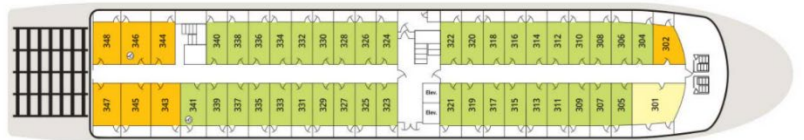
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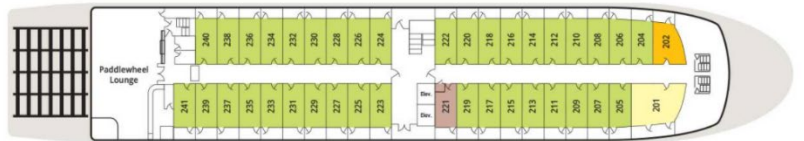
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