



9-Day All-Inclusive River Cruise

# Frontiers, Pioneers *and* Vineyards

**Pacific Northwest River Cruise  
on the Columbia & Snake Rivers**

**April 2 – 10**

**\$2,499** *All-Inclusive*

Portland, OR – Astoria, OR – Stevenson, WA  
The Dalles, OR – Sacajawea State Park, WA  
Clarkston, WA – Spokane, WA

**EXPERIENCE THE MAGNIFICENT  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

## YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- 9-Day trip including cruise, overnight hotel in Vancouver, WA.
- Air from Fresno to Portland, Spokane to Fresno.
- Ground transfers to and from the ship.
- Deluxe Verandah Stateroom: 180 sq ft, plus 40 sq ft verandah.
- All meals and entertainment aboard the ship.
- Bottled water, soft drinks, and select wine/beer at dinner.
- Shore excursions included at every port.
- Services of a Professional Tour Director.

### ADDITIONAL

- Port taxes of \$169 per person.
- Gratuities of \$16.50 daily paid on board American Empress.

### OPTIONAL

- Trip Protection Insurance \$153 per person.

### BONUS

- Automatic **FREE** upgrade to Deluxe Verandah Stateroom.

See the bounty and beauty of nature, as well as the history and heritage of the people who inhabited this diverse region. The Cascade Range separates the dense forests of the coastal regions of Washington and Oregon from the arid rolling hills and wine country of Walla Walla. Experience both climates on this voyage sailing west via the scenic Columbia River Gorge, the only break in the Cascades between British Columbia and Southern Oregon. Embrace the culture and history of this region on a tour of Nez Perce National Historical Park to learn about the Native American tribe that assisted the Lewis and Clark Expedition and that still inhabits a reservation near Lewiston.

### QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK?

- 1** Call Jen Brisco at Cruise Experts 559-625-5139 Ext 106
- 2** Complete the registration form and mail or fax to Cruise Experts Agency. OR scan and email to [Jen@cruiseexperts.com](mailto:Jen@cruiseexperts.com)

**THE FINE PRINT:** Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Additional Stateroom categories available upon request. Tour cost and trip insurance may be paid with any credit card. Tour rates reflect a cash discount. Payment is due at time of booking and full cancellation penalties apply if cancelled. Tour cost is payable by check or if you wish to pay by credit card a 3% credit card fee will apply. Stateroom categories are limited in availability and are subject to rapid sell out. Airline flights, carrier, and schedule are subject to change and a similar schedule may be substituted at no additional charge. Subject to all terms and conditions found in American Queen Steamboat Co 2017 brochure. CST#2067420

## REGISTRATION FORM (Columbia Riv)

GUEST #1: Name (as it appears on passport)		DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y)
GUEST #2: Name (as it appears on passport)		DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y)
Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone		Cell Phone
E-mail Address		

**Trip Protection Insurance:** \$153 ☐ Accept ☐ Decline

**NOTE:** Published Trip Protection Insurance amounts apply to guests up to age 79 and must be purchased at the time of deposit.

Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: Cruise Experts  
(Deposit of \$650 + optional Trip Insurance of \$153)

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## Pacific Northwest River Cruise on the Columbia & Snake Rivers

Nowhere is the timelessness of rivers more apparent than here in the pristine Pacific Northwest, a captivating corner of America which displays an abundance of awe-inspiring, natural beauty that will leave you breathless. Our voyages on the Columbia and Snake Rivers are specifically tailored to maximize daytime river cruising for optimal viewing of spectacular scenery and iconic highlights such as the Columbia River Gorge. As you cruise past the fertile fields, impressive mountains and vertical canyons, you will bear witness to the precious land just as it appeared to Lewis and Clark in 1805 – majestic, unspoiled and unimaginably glorious.

Sacajawea, Lewis and Clark's faithful Native American guide, knew how to read these lands and soon you will also, thanks to the legacy of the expedition that opened the West to settlement. As you relive the daring exploits of frontiersmen and adventurers, you are treated to the very same natural wonders. Columbia Gorge cuts through the Cascade Mountains thanks to the Missoula Floods of the last Ice Age. At Multnomah Falls, snowmelt streams plunge over 600 feet in two tiered cascades down a sheer cliff face. Deeper than the Grand Canyon, Idaho's Hell's Canyon is a dramatic crack in the earth with raging waters best explored on an exciting jet boat ride. Near Portland, understand the raw power of nature in the collapsed volcanic crater of Mount St. Helens. Along the Columbia River, fish ladders help salmon swim upstream while bison, deer and elk graze freely.

With the American Empress serving as a floating boutique hotel for your journey, travel into the heart of Washington's wine country where many acclaimed wineries of the Pacific Northwest have made their mark among wine connoisseurs. Take time to explore the Red Mountain region and sample some of the finest vintages in the midst of breathtaking scenery. Whether you choose to take in the scenery from Mt. Hood's Timberline Lodge nestled among the pines or climb the Astoria Column to view the expansive Pacific, a voyage on the Columbia and Snake Rivers will show you the world from a new perspective.

### Day 1: Hotel Stay – Portland, OR

Your journey begins with a flight from Fresno Airport to Portland, OR. Spend the night in your deluxe hotel in Vancouver, Washington, before embarking the American Empress.

### Day 2: Vancouver, WA

Explore Vancouver at your leisure or consider a Pre-Cruise Premium Shore Excursion in Portland, Oregon with afternoon transfer to the American Empress. Settle into your spacious stateroom and get to know your new home for the next 8 days.

### Day 3: Astoria, OR

Astoria is known to be the oldest American Settlement west of the Rocky Mountains. For thousands of years, Clatsop Indians inhabited the lands that are now known as Astoria. In 1805, Lewis and Clark led their expedition through the town and spent the winter at Fort Clatsop. In 1813, a British warship sailed into the Columbia River, gaining possession of the city and holding control until 1818, when they finally agreed to a joint occupation of the land. The British did not fully leave Astoria until 1846. There is no doubting the rich history has deep roots grounded in this Columbia River town. When the history combines with the scenery, the harmony will surely bring you back for more!

### Day 4: The Dalles, OR

Known as the end of the Oregon Trail, The Dalles has long been a destination point for pioneers and adventurers alike. Located on the south bank of the Columbia River between Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, the city's rich history dates back thousands of years to the Native American trading which took place right on the banks of the river. Explore the history that weaves through the town at every stop, discover the art that lines each of the streets, and taste the culinary expertise at some of the town's most popular cuisine restaurants!

### Day 5: Stevenson, WA

On the banks of the scenic Columbia River, the city of Stevenson is your launch pad to the Washington side of the Gorge. A stroll along the Rock Cove pathway or the Columbia River waterfront is a great way to take in surroundings. Downtown Stevenson is home to unique shops, art galleries, and restaurants. Stevenson is in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Explore the eastern entrance to Mount St. Helens or the spectacular Lewis River Valley.

### Day 6: Tri-Cities (Richland), WA

Richland is located at the confluence of the Yakima and the Columbia Rivers. The town has become an important hub for produce and local food and products. Visitors can enjoy the scenic beauty of its stunning and unique river-town. Spend the day exploring the many attractions and shops that line the streets of the city. Richland is weaved with history and filled with a culture that is unlike other northwest cities. Experience a place that thrives on the community and utilizes the support from each other to sustain a strong, intertwined city.

### Day 7: Tri-Cities (Richland), WA

Home to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's first national monument, Richland is a city dedicated to preserving its unique history, culture and landscape. At the Hanford Reach National Monument you will witness a diverse landscape of sweeping vistas and towering bluffs, blended with an abundance of wildlife. Although being dismantled, remnants of WWII and the Cold War such as plutonium reactors can still be seen dotted along the river.

### 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. The picturesque vistas, year-round mild climates, and a deep history make this scenic inland port a more-than-desirable stop! Spend the day following the footsteps of the historic Lewis and Clark journey – where the city received its name. This incredible city is filled with artifacts and stories that depict the journeys of famous explorers. Clarkston has the ideal climate for visitors to enjoy countless activities including fishing, scenic walks along the trails, shopping, and exploring.

### Day 9: Clarkston, WA

Disembark the American Empress and join the transfer to the Spokane Airport for your flight home.



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