

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- 9-Day trip including cruise, overnight hotel in Vancouver, WA.
- Round trip air from Fresno to Portland.
- 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 \$189 per person.
- Gratuities of \$18.50 daily paid on board American Empress.

OPTIONAL

• Trip Protection Insurance is recommended. For details visit www.cruiseexperts.com/group-travel-insurance.

DEPOSIT

• \$750 per person of which \$250 is non-refundable.

BONUS

Automatic FREE upgrade to Deluxe Verandah Stateroom.

9-Day Pacific Northwest River Cruise on the Columbia

November 17 – 25

\$1,999 All-Inclusive

Vancouver, WA – Astoria, OR – The Dalles, OR Stevenson, WA – Portland, OR – Vancouver, WA

EXPERIENCE THE MAGNIFICENTPACIFIC NORTHWEST

This voyage through the Pacific Northwest shows you 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 the Red Mountain region. At each port, you can embrace the culture and history of this region on an included shore excursion.

QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK?

- **1** Call Jen Brisco at Cruise Experts 559-433-3030 Ext 106 or 559-625-5139
- 2 Complete the registration form and mail or fax to Cruise Experts Agency. OR scan and email to Jen@cruiseexperts.com

THE FINE PRINT: Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement upon request, limited availability. Additional Stateroom categories available upon request. Additional expenses may include gratuities, personal items, some optional tours offered on the tour, and some meals. 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 2019 brochure. Cruise Experts reserves the right to correct errors. Tour rates reflect a cash discount Balance of tour cost is due by check, payable to Cruise Experts, or if you wish to pay by credit card a 3% credit card fee will apply. Final payment is due on or before July 17, 2018, at which time full cancellation penalties apply if cancelled. 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		
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Home Phone	Cell Phone	
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Columbia River9-Day Pacific Northwest River Cruise

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. 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. 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.

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 River will show you the world from a new perspective.

Day 1: Hotel Stay - Vancouver, WA

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: Scenic River Cruising

Behold the beauty of nature as you enjoy a day of scenic river cruising. Picturesque canyon walls and fascinating volcanic formations will keep you guessing as to what lies around the next bend. As you wind through the dramatic mountains and forested ridges of the great Pacific Northwest, join our Riverlorian on-deck for insightful and entertaining narration.

Day 5: 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, gun-slingers, floozies, and scallywags. Lewis and Clark camped at this location at Rock Fort Camp during their historic journey in 1805 and 1806. Fort Dalles was established in 1850. Oregon Trail pioneers ended their overland journey at The Dalles, forced to build rafts and take the "river road" west to Fort Vancouver, then into the Willamette River valley. Ten thousand years of Native American trading took place on the banks of the Columbia River, shaped by the Ice Age Missoula floods. The town was located at the foot of a series of dangerous rapids which the Hudson's Bay Company fur traders called "The Dalles of the Columbia."

Day 6: The Dalles/Hood River Bus Tour

Take advantage of included morning and afternoon tours in The Dalles with a scenic bus tour along Hood River. Your day includes tours to the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum, and Full Sail Brewing Company, a unique, employee-owned company focused on their award-winning hand-crafted beers, as well as their impact on the environment. Before continuing back to the American Empress, a final stop to Hood River Downtown District will be the perfect chance to explore the town's local businesses and to pick out the perfect souvenir of this stunning and unique region!

Day 7: 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 8: Portland, OR

The "City of Roses" is an eclectic blend of art galleries, coffee shops, museums and farm-to-table restaurants with a spirited vibe. Marvel at the beauty of more than 8,000 roses at the International Rose Test Garden. Or spend the day discovering nature's boundless power at nearby Mount St. Helens.

Day 9: Vancouver, WA

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

