

# Columbia & Snake Rivers

Follow the trail of Lewis & Clark

Mar 31-Apr 8, 2019 9 Days / 8 Nts

Cruise from Vancouver, WA to Clarkston, WA

American Empress Steamboat



## Cruise/Tour Features & Highlights:

- ◆ Roundtrip transportation to Bradley Airport
- ◆ Flights to Portland, OR & return from Spokane, WA & Transfers
- ◆ 1 Nt Pre-Stay in Vancouver, WA; Breakfast & Sightseeing Tour
- ◆ 7 Nt Cruise aboard the Steamboat American Empress
- ◆ Hop-on Hop-off Shore Excursions included in every port
- ◆ Complimentary Wine and Beer with Dinner
- ◆ Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, bottled water & soft drinks
- ◆ Regional Pacific Northwest cuisine utilizing fresh ingredients
- ◆ Gracious service and warm hospitality from an all-American Staff
- ◆ Country Club atmosphere, no formal wear required
- ◆ Daily Lectures by the Riverlorian, history and culture expert
- ◆ Broadway caliber entertainment every evening
- ◆ Exclusive Ship Shop Cocktail Party

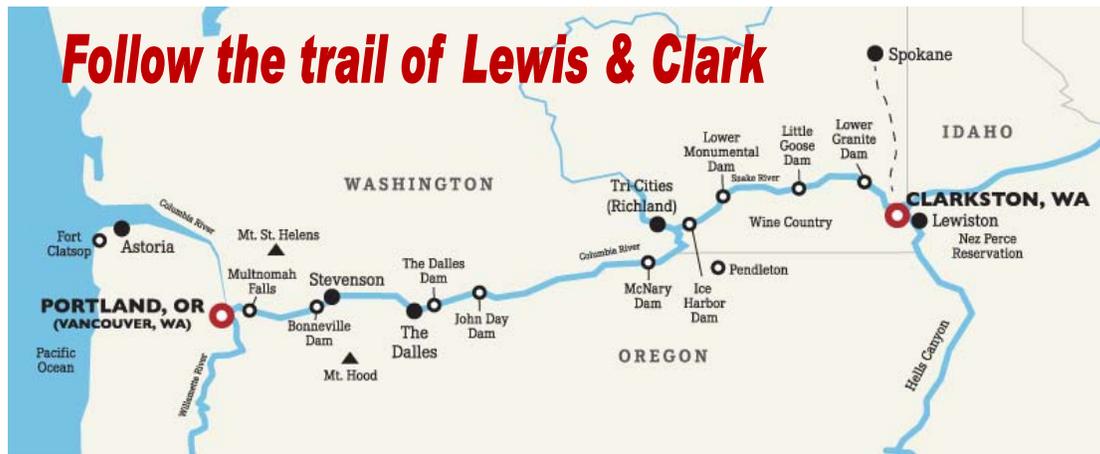


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**THE BEAUTY AND BOUNTY OF NATURE** - This voyage through the Pacific Northwest shows you the beauty and bounty of nature, as well as the history and heritage of the people who inhabited this diverse region. The Cascade Range separates the dense forests of the coastal regions of Washington and Oregon from the arid rolling hills and wine country of the Red Mountain region. You will 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. At each port, you can embrace the culture and history of this region on an included shore excursion, such as a guided 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.

**Day 1: Fly to Portland** Transportation to Bradley & flights to Portland, OR for your 1 night stay in Vancouver, WA.

**Day 2: Portland, OR** Breakfast at your hotel before we explore Portland "The Rose City". Highlights of your tour include the Portland Murals, the Willamette River, Fort Vancouver, the International Rose Test Gardens and downtown Portland including the Lan Su Chinese Botanical Garden. Your tour ends at the dock of the American Empress to begin your 7 night River Journey.

**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: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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.

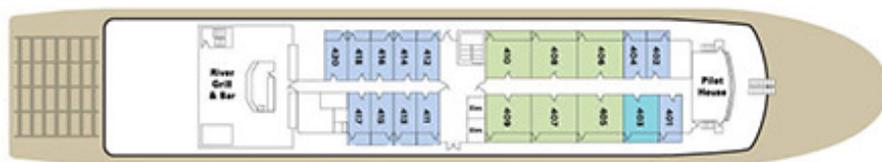
**Day 8: Clarkston, WA** Nestled at the union of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers in southeast Washington, Clarkston is the gateway to North America's deepest gorge, Hells Canyon. The picturesque vistas, year-round mild climates, and a deep history make this scenic inland port a more-than-desirable stop! 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:** After breakfast we say goodbye to the wonderful staff and make our way back home taking with us wonderful memories of the Pacific Northwest! Your motorcoach awaits your arrival at Bradley.

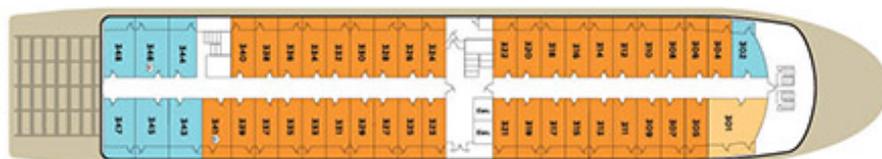


Category C– Deluxe Private Veranda—180 sq feet

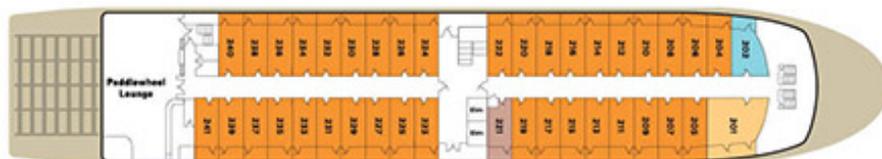
## DECK PLANS



VISTA VIEW DECK



DISCOVERY DECK



FRONTIER DECK



EXPLORER DECK

## SUITE AND STATEROOM CATEGORIES

- LS** Luxury Suites with Veranda
- A** Suites with Veranda
- B** Superior Veranda Staterooms
- C** Deluxe Veranda Staterooms
- CS** Single Outside Staterooms with Veranda
- E** Veranda Staterooms
- D** Outside Staterooms with Window

**Accessibility:** The *American Empress*' two elevators provide access to all decks. Stateroom 341 is wheelchair accessible with a roll-in shower and a queen bed. Stateroom 346 is wheelchair accessible with a roll-in shower and twin beds.

**Costs:**

Cat C Deluxe Veranda Stateroom \$3399.pp twin  
Plus Taxes: \$189.pp

**FLIGHTS ARE INCLUDED IN ABOVE RATES AND HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATED FOR 2019 SAILINGS, THEREFORE COST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL AIR IS CONTRACTED FOR GROUP.**

**First Deposit:** First Deposit \$700.pp due with reservation **RECOMMENDED ASAP. RESERVATIONS ARE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.** Space is subject to availability at time of deposit. Check with the Ship Shop at any time for current availability on this sailing.

**Second Deposit:** \$900.pp due August 30, 2018—Payable by check only.

**Final Payment:** Dec 14, 2018

**Cancellation Penalty:** If cancelled after deposit and before Dec 14, 2018 fee of \$400.pp; Dec 14-28/18 fee of 60% of total fare; Dec 29/18-Jan 15/19 fee of 85% of total fare; No refunds after Jan 15/19. Air penalties are not included in above and are additional if applicable.

**Trip Protection Coverage** is strongly recommended. Aon Affinity administers the NTA Travel Protection plan designed specifically for members of the National Tour Association.

The Pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan within 14 days of your deposit or initial payment. Purchase of the plan within this time period also provides eligibility for the Financial Insolvency benefit.

Traveling companions / roommates are required to take the same plan (Basic or Enhanced) in order to be properly covered. Premium is non-refundable once paid. Three ways to enroll:

Website: <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> Tour Operator Location #076068. You can view plan details on this site.

Call Aon 1-800-388-1470. Tour Operator Location #076068. Customer service agents can answer questions about each plan.

Call Friendship Tours / The Ship Shop 860-243-1630 or 800-243-1630

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**RESERVATION FORM**

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**NAMES AS THEY APPEAR ON GOVERNMENT ISSUED I.D:**

**NAME PASSENGER 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMES AS THEY APPEAR ON GOVERNMENT ISSUED I.D:**

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**CATEGORY: FIRST CHOICE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND CHOICE** \_\_\_\_\_

**All Guests in Group Dine at 7:45pm**

**\$700.PP DEPOSIT ENCLOSED X** \_\_\_\_\_ **PASSENGERS = \$** \_\_\_\_\_