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Uniquely American River Cruises

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GRAND AMERICAN TOURS PRESENTS COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVER

VANCOUVER, WA (PORTLAND) TO CLARKSTON, WA (SPOKANE)
WITH AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT COMPANY

ON THE AMERICAN EMPRESS

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS ~ NOVEMBER 8 – 16, 2020



PACIFIC NORTHWEST SPLENDOR - *"Ocean in view! O! The joy!" These are the original words, and spelling of "ocean," William Clark scrawled in his journal on November 7, 1805. One could hardly blame him for forgetting his spelling lessons in all the excitement. Experience the same sense of excitement and wonder as your journey begins in Vancouver near the Pacific Ocean, the objective of Lewis and Clark's expeditionary party, the Corps of Discovery. You will visit many historic, scenic and enjoyable sites along your Columbia and Snake River voyage to Clarkston. If you're looking for something tailored more to a specific interest, you might enjoy the Premium Shore Excursion to Multnomah Falls or a trip to the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum.*

Day 1: Hotel Stay - Vancouver, WA

Enjoy your complimentary stay at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel. The evening is yours to venture into the city and independently explore local attractions.

American Queen's Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel for your convenience between 3:00 PM. and 7:00 PM. It is here that their friendly staff can assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving Premium Shore Excursions. An American Queen Steamboat Company representative, as well as a local representative, will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment, and sight-seeing suggestions so that you may maximize your time in Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver, WA | Departure 6:00 PM

Today is the big day! Spend a few hours before your departure exploring the beautiful city of Vancouver.

If you didn't have a chance to check-in on the first night, the hospitality desk will be open today between 8:30 AM and 12:00 PM at the official Pre-Cruise hotel. During the easy check-in procedure, representatives will arrange your transfer to the vessel and answer questions regarding your upcoming voyage. The process is simple and will have you back to exploring or relaxing in no time. If you think of additional questions, the hospitality staff will be at your service until the transfers begin to take you to the American Empress.

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!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.AQSC.COM.

Fares quoted are in U.S. dollars, are per person and do not include government taxes and fees, port charges, gratuities, airfare, insurance, personal expenditures or transportation costs incurred while traveling to and from embarkation ports. Promotional fares and amenities are capacity-controlled, may vary by sailing and category of accommodations and may be withdrawn without notice. The *American Queen*, *American Empress*, *American Duchess* and *American Countess* are operated by American Queen Steamboat Operating Company LLC; are regularly inspected by the U.S. Coast Guard; are of American registry; and employ American officers, crew and staff.

Day 4: 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 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: Scenic River Cruising or Optional Premium Experience

Spend a leisurely day cruising through the scenic Columbia River Gorge. You may wish to relax on your veranda and take in the spectacular scenery, attend a discussion with the Riverlorian or enjoy a variety of onboard activities. If you prefer a day ashore, you can also choose a premium experience that will take you to Pendleton, Oregon while the vessel is underway. There you have the opportunity to explore the wild West town, enjoy a delicious lunch, browse downtown shops and tour the Pendleton Woolen Mill and factory outlet store.

Day 7: Richland, WA (Tri-Cities)

Richland is located near the confluence of the Yakima and Columbia Rivers, the northern most point reached by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. First incorporated in 1910, Richland remained a small agricultural community until the Army acquired it and 670 square miles of adjacent land in 1943 as the site of the Hanford Engineer Works which was used to produce plutonium during World War II and the Cold War. Today, the historic B Reactor and other important historical venues are part of the new Manhattan Project National Historic Park. The city is also home to the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and a branch campus of Washington State University.

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. 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 (Spokane)

Enjoy Clarkston at your leisure or consider a Post-Cruise Premium Shore Excursion with airport transfer.

Outside Cabin Category	D*	\$2,425
Balcony Cabin Category	E	\$2,525
Balcony Cabin Category	C	\$2,725

**Outside Cabin Category rates are subject to change and availability.*

*****1 FREE FOR EVERY 13 PAYING PASSENGERS, 14TH GOES FREE!!!*****

Rates are per person double occupancy and include cruise, port charges, and government fees.

(Airfare and transfers are additional. Please call for rates from your area. Passport or Real ID will be required for air travel.)

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit policy of \$600 per person double occupancy or \$1200 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final payment is due by June 8, 2020. **Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.**

American Queen charges a \$250 per person administration fee for any cancellations/changes up to 121 days prior to departure.

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