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Sail the Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard the American Empress, the largest and most elegant riverboat west of the Mississippi, to the Pacific Northwest, a region renowned for its spectacular scenery and, as of late, its wine-growing capabilities.

Your adventure begins with a stay in Vancouver, Washington, just minutes from Portland and known for its gorgeous parks, eclectic neighborhoods, and culinary scene. Before your cruise, enjoy a Premium Shore Excursion to two Willamette Valley wineries. Then, board the American Empress and journey to Astoria, where splendid Victorian homes and maritime relics mingle with delightful cafés and shops. Admire the lovely scenery and small-town charm of The Dalles, and head ashore in Stevenson, your gateway to the famed Bonneville Dam and Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum. Before concluding your riverboat journey in Clarkston, travel to Richland, and explore nearby Sacajawea State Park, the site of Lewis and Clark's 1805 campsite. This stop also includes a Premium Shore Excursion to two Walla Walla wineries.

This outstanding seven-night cruise includes fresh regional cuisine, beautifully appointed accommodations, and fascinating shore excursions. Reserve your spot by April 17, 2018, to receive the one-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Vancouver, Washington, two Premium Shore Excursions, and \$200 early booking savings per stateroom. Don't miss the opportunity to encounter the Pacific Northwest's wine-growing region with fellow Traveling Aggies.

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

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Director of Travel Programs

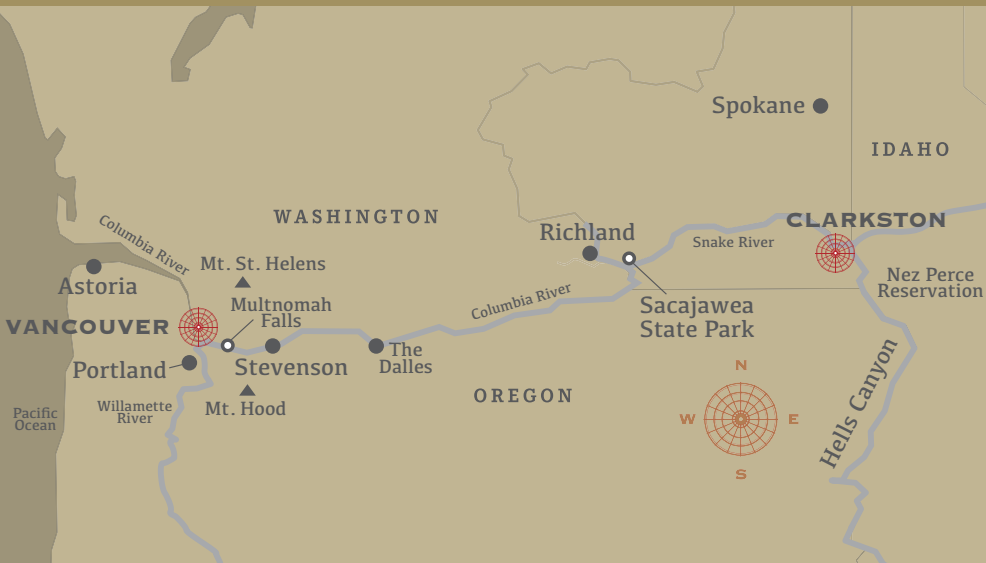
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INSURANCE: Travel insurance is available and can provide coverage for unforeseen circumstances that could disrupt your trip. See panel above for details.

IF YOU CHANGE PLANS OR CANCEL, YOUR RIGHTS TO A REFUND ARE LIMITED: The following charges will be assessed for cancellations.

If you cancel or change plans more than 119 days prior to departure, a full refund, less a \$350 per person administrative fee plus any applicable pre- and/or post-cruise program cancellation fees, is provided. Any refunds are provided only in accordance with the following schedule. Any requests for cancellation must be communicated to GN in writing. Applicable refunds, if any, will be made within 14 days after the cancellation.

CANCELLATIONS: Upon receipt of written cancellation from you, the following fees will apply:

Cruise Program cancellations received 120 days or more prior to departure, \$350 per person; 119-75 days prior to departure, 50% of total fare; 74-45 days prior to departure, 75% of total fare; 44-0 days prior to departure, 100% of total fare.

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THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS) TO THESE POLICIES. No refunds will be made for any portion of the arrangements we have made for you that are not actually utilized by you. There is no variance from these policies for the services we arrange as described in this brochure.

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- CRUISE PROGRAM WITH 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY IN VANCOUVER, WA
 CRUISE PROGRAM WITHOUT 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY IN VANCOUVER, WA

PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

I will make my own transportation arrangements. Please contact me to discuss air options.

Stateroom/suite category requested: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Bed request: Twin (2 beds) Queen Single

Dinner Seating Request: Early (5:30PM) Main (7:45PM)

All guests must travel with a government-issued photo ID.

GUEST 1: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

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First	Middle	Last	Title

Preferred Name (for your name badge) M F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

GUEST 2: Full Name (as it appears on your government-issued photo ID)

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First	Middle	Last	Title

Preferred Name (for your name badge) M F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Email Address

Mailing Address

City State ZIP

Main Phone Alternate Phone

Roommate (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELING INCLUDING PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR CHILDREN: I have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

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DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$950 per person is due with your reservation application. Deposits may be made by check or credit card; all major credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by check no later than May 18, 2018. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by a full payment.

Please reserve _____ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ _____.

Final payments are required to be made by check.

I authorize Go Next Inc. to charge my credit card for the deposit of \$ _____		
Name (as it appears on your credit card) _____		
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Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods, or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Operator/Participant Agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability.

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A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER

INCLUSIONS

Welcome to the Pacific Northwest—where the Columbia and Snake Rivers wind through gentle hills, imposing mountains, dramatic canyons, and fertile fields. The land appears today much like it did to Lewis and Clark in 1805: majestic and unspoiled. From the awe-inspiring beauty of the Columbia River Gorge and the cascading majesty of Multnomah Falls to the masterfully crafted wines of Washington's celebrated wine country, treat yourself to the region's unforgettable natural wonders and attractions.

The incredible scenery and intriguing history of the great American West come to life on board the *American Empress*, which combines Victorian-inspired decor with frontier flair. Unwind in the Paddlewheel Lounge, sample regional cuisine in the Astoria Dining Room, and at the end of the day, retreat to the comfort of your fine accommodations.

Discover one of America's most treasured and bountiful regions on a journey aboard the 209-passenger *American Empress*, specifically designed to celebrate the centuries-old tradition of exploration in the West.

- 7-night voyage aboard the *American Empress*, with all meals included
- Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions aboard a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- Regional Pacific Northwest cuisine utilizing fresh ingredients, created with contemporary flair
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary specialty coffees, bottled water, and soft drinks throughout the voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly staff
- Smart-casual attire—no formal wear is required
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, the onboard historian and culture expert
- Professional showboat-style entertainment including cabaret shows, one-man historical acts, and dancing to big band music

GO NEXT EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- **1-night pre-cruise hotel stay** at the Hilton Vancouver Washington or similar accommodations, with breakfast, coverage of taxes, portage, and transfers to the *American Empress*
- **2 Premium Shore Excursions** to wineries in the Willamette Valley and Walla Walla
- **Private Go Next reception** including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer, and soft drinks
- **Complimentary bottle of wine** per stateroom
- **Services of an onboard Go Next Program Manager**



Oregon vineyard

RIVER CRUISE

SEP 16 PORTLAND, OREGON/VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Fly into Portland and enjoy a one-night stay at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, a contemporary hotel located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, Washington.

SEP 17 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Depart 6PM

Enjoy an included pre-cruise Premium Shore Excursion before transferring to the *American Empress*.

INCLUDED PREMIUM EXCURSION Visit two Willamette Valley wineries for a tasting. Lunch will be included at the Golden Valley Brewery and Restaurant in McMinnville.

SEP 18 ASTORIA, OREGON

Arrive 3AM—Depart 5PM

Where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean, you'll find the oldest city west of the Rockies: Astoria. Referred to as Little San Francisco, the city is bursting with character, from its steep hillsides blanketed in sprawling Victorian homes to its maritime relics and downtown studded with cafés and whimsical shops.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The Hop-On Hop-Off Motorcoach tour begins with a stop at the Astoria Riverwalk, a four-mile walkway overlooking the Columbia River. Continue to some of the city's renowned historic attractions, including the nineteenth-century Flavel House; the Heritage Museum, illustrating early pioneer life; and the Astoria Column, awarding splendid panoramas from its dramatic perch six hundred feet above sea level.

SEP 19 THE DALLES, OREGON

Arrive 12PM—Depart 3AM SEP 20

This quintessential frontier town rests on a crescent bend of the Columbia River, between Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, and welcomes visitors with its picturesque backdrop of forests, orchards, and high desert. Once known as the end of the Oregon Trail, The Dalles occupied a strategic transfer point for pioneers heading to the Willamette Valley.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The Hop-On Hop-Off Motorcoach makes stops at the Original Courthouse Museum; The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce; the Fort Dalles Museum, which showcases unique military and pioneer remnants; the downtown shopping district; the Fire Museum; and the beautifully designed Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum, offering a variety of unique exhibits as well as walking trails and scenic overlooks.

SEP 20 STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

Arrive 7AM—Depart 5PM

Nestled in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the friendly laid-back town of Stevenson packs in history and lovely scenery. Peaceful riverfront parks, pubs, antique stores, and art galleries offer a dose of small-town charm, while the nearby Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum brings to life fifteen thousand years of compelling regional history.

ASTOUNDING SCENERY

Experience the Pacific Northwest, where diverse landscapes intertwine to form an incredibly gorgeous scene. Here nature reveals her beauty and range—from lofty waterfalls flanked by emerald forests to staggering canyon walls. Carved thousands of years ago by dramatic landslides, volcanic upheavals, and raging floods, these rugged lands provide some of the most astounding scenery in America. From the decks of the *American Empress*, discover this renowned region in perfect elegance and ease as views of unspoiled nature unfold one by one.



(Pictured right: Multnomah Falls)



Astoria, Oregon

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INCLUDED EXCURSION Traveling aboard a Hop-On Hop-Off Motorcoach, stop in the downtown area to explore the boutiques and local shops. Then, visit the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum to learn about the incredible geological forces that shaped this astounding region. Continue to the Bonneville Dam, the first dam built on the Columbia River, a monument to human ingenuity with massive turbines and fascinating fish ladders.

SEP 21 RIVER CRUISING/TRI-CITIES (RICHLAND), WASHINGTON

Arrive 4:30PM

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 the Riverlorian for an insightful and entertaining narration.

SEP 22 TRI-CITIES (RICHLAND), WASHINGTON

Depart 5PM

The Tri-Cities metropolitan area is known for its outdoor recreation and natural and scenic attractions—including Sacajawea State Park and Washington's Red Mountain AVA (American Viticultural Area).

INCLUDED PREMIUM EXCURSION Departing from Richland, this tour takes guests to two Walla Walla wineries and includes a lunch at the historic Marcus Whitman Hotel.

SEP 23 CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

Arrive 12PM (overnight)

Founded in the nineteenth century as a way station for travelers bound for the Idaho goldfields, Clarkston is famed as the gateway to Hells Canyon, North America's deepest river gorge.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The Hop-On Hop-Off Motorcoach stops at the Nez Perce National Historical Park, which chronicles the indigenous tribe and its relationship with the Corps of Discovery expedition; the First Territorial Capitol Interpretive Center; the Bridablick House; the Lewis-Clark State College Center for Arts and History; and the Nez Perce County Historical Society and Museum, where you can explore native culture and local-pioneer history.

SEP 24 CLARKSTON/SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Disembark 8AM

Disembark in Clarkston, Washington, and transfer to Spokane for your return flight home. Transfers to the Spokane airport are an additional cost. Flights should be scheduled to depart from Spokane after 12:00PM.

Note: If you are interested in an optional Premium Shore Excursion in Spokane, your return flight should be scheduled to depart from Spokane after 3:20PM.

Premium Shore Excursions are offered in many ports of call for an additional charge. All port times are approximate. Itinerary, hotel, and shore excursions are subject to change.

 Denotes included wine tasting/tour

LIFE ON THE WATER

Night after night, music fills the Show Lounge, elegantly decorated with crystal chandeliers and authentic period-wallpaper. The River Grill and Bar and the Paddlewheel Lounge are meeting points for friends, and the Astoria Dining Room—graced with romantic columns, sparkling light fixtures, and exquisite upholstery—provides the perfect backdrop to sample mouthwatering culinary delights, from smoked salmon and Dungeness crab to freshly cut steaks and indulgent desserts.



(Pictured right: The Astoria Dining Room)



Hop-On Hop-Off Motorcoach

THE GREATEST VALUE

		FARES PER PERSON IF BOOKED AFTER APR. 17	†FARES PER PERSON IF BOOKED BY APR. 17
LUXURY SUITES WITH VERANDA Discovery & Frontier Decks 410 sq. feet	LS	\$8,599	\$8,499
SUITES WITH VERANDA 310 sq. feet Vista View Deck	A	\$5,999	\$5,899
SUPERIOR VERANDA STATEROOMS Vista View, Discovery & Frontier Decks 210 sq. feet <i>**Stateroom 403 offers additional square footage in lieu of private veranda</i>	B	\$5,399	\$5,299
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VERANDA STATEROOMS Vista View Deck 150 sq. feet	E	\$3,599	\$3,499

†Fares are per person, double occupancy (unless Single Category), and reflect the \$200 early booking savings per stateroom (\$100 per person) if booked by April 17, 2018. Onboard meals, refreshments, and entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Port charges of \$179 per person and gratuities are additional.

OPULENT COMFORT

The *American Express* is a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms feature a flat-screen TV, extravagant bedding and fine linens, a mini refrigerator, and luxury hotel-style service. Take in resplendent scenery as you enjoy a quiet respite in your stylish suite or deluxe stateroom, designed with all the comforts of home. Life aboard the *American Express* flows at your pace, according to your taste.



(Pictured right: C Stateroom)

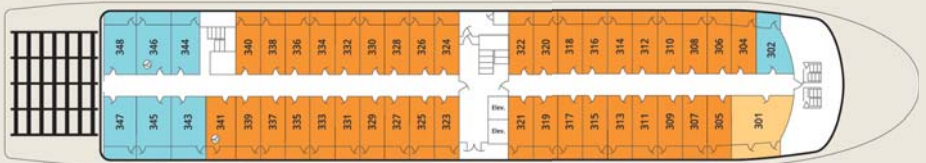


The Dalles, Oregon

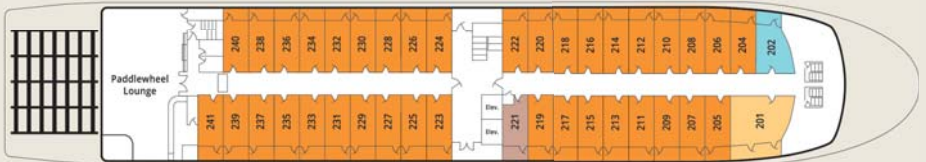
DECK PLAN



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DECK 1 - EXPLORER DECK

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Mount Hood