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GREAT PACIFIC NORTHWEST
THE COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS
ABOARD THE LUXURIOUS AMERICAN EMPRESS
SEPTEMBER 17–25, 2017
VANCOUVER • ASTORIA • THE DALLES
STEVENSON • RICHLAND • CLARKSTON/SPOKANE
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THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN VACATION
RIVER CRUISING

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HOWDY, AGS!

Discover the pristine glory of the Pacific Northwest—a region of unparalleled natural bounty and spellbinding beauty—where waterfalls plunge down mossy cliffs, powerful rivers are edged by steep canyon walls, and mountains are swathed in dense greenery. From Vancouver to Clarkston, cruise the mighty Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard the American Empress, the largest and most elegant riverboat west of the Mississippi.

Your adventure begins with a stay in Vancouver, Washington, situated just minutes from Portland, famed for its gorgeous parks, eclectic neighborhoods, and diverse culinary scene. Board the grand American Empress, a modern vessel that exudes the charm of a 19th-century riverboat, and cruise 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 the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum. Before concluding your riverboat voyage in Clarkston, travel to Richland and explore nearby Sacajawea State Park, the site of Lewis and Clark’s 1805 campsite.

This outstanding seven-night cruise includes fresh regional cuisine, beautifully appointed accommodations, and fascinating shore excursions. Reserve your spot by April 4, 2017, to receive the $600 early booking savings per stateroom. Don’t miss the opportunity to encounter the Pacific Northwest with fellow Aggies.

Gig’em!

Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs
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SPACE ON THIS CRUISE IS LIMITED. BOOK NOW!

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I/WE PREFER GO NEXT CORRESPONDENCE VIA: ☐ Email ☐ Mail

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRE-CRUISE OPTIONS:
☐ FREE 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAY IN VANCOUVER
☐ Please reserve ______ space(s) for the GO NEXT HISTORIC PORTLAND & OREGON’S WILLAMETTE VALLEY PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM: $649 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy is $849 and subject to availability.

PLEASE NOTE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included.
☐ I/We will make my/our own transportation arrangements.
☐ Please contact me/us to discuss air options.

Stateroom/suite category request: 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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Preferred Name (for your name badge) ☐ M ☐ F
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Roommate (if different from above)
Adjacency Request

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

SIGN HERE X

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of $950 per person (plus a $200 deposit per person for each Go Next Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Program, if applicable) is due with your reservation application. Deposits may be made by check or credit card; all major credit cards are accepted. All final payments must be made by check. Make checks payable to Go Next.

Full payment is required by May 30, 2017. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by a full payment. Please reserve ______ space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for $ __________________.

I/We authorize Go Next, Inc. to charge my/our credit card for the deposit of $ __________________.

SIGN HERE X

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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, unspoiled, and unimaginably glorious. 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, your floating boutique hotel that 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, bountiful regions on a journey aboard the 209-passenger American Empress, specifically designed to celebrate the centuries-old tradition of exploration in the West.

**A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER**

**INCLUSIONS**

- 7-night voyage aboard the American Empress, all meals included
- Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- Regional Pacific Northwest cuisine created with contemporary flair
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, 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
- 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 Hilton Vancouver Washington in Vancouver or a similar accommodation, with breakfast, and taxes, porterage, and transfers to the American Empress
- 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
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, vertical canyon walls. Carved by dramatic landslides, volcanic upheavals, and raging floods thousands of years ago, 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 scenes of unspoiled natural glory unfold one by one.

SEP 17 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON/PORTLAND, OREGON
Begin with a one-night stay at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, or perhaps arrive earlier and enhance your travel experience with the two-night Go Next Historic Portland & Oregon’s Willamette Valley Pre-Cruise Program, which includes sightseeing that takes in the region’s unique wineries, accommodations at the landmark Benson Hotel in Portland, and more.

SEP 18 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
Depart 6pm
Enjoy the morning at leisure in Vancouver. Embark on your river cruise aboard the American Empress in the afternoon.

SEP 19 ASTORIA, OREGON
Arrive 3am–Depart 5am
Where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean, you’ll find Astoria, the oldest city west of the Rockies. The “Little San Francisco” has a downtown studded with cafés and whimsical shops, maritime relics, and steep hillsides blanketed in sprawling Victorian homes.
INCLUDED EXCURSION Begin with a stop at the Astoria Riverwalk, a four-mile walkway overlooking the Columbia River, flanked by shops, cafés, and historic canneries. Continue to some of the city’s renowned historic attractions, including the 19th-century Flavel House, the marvelous Queen Anne style residence of a prominent local millionaire; the Heritage Museum, which illustrates early pioneer life and logging and maritime industries; and the Astoria Column, awarding splendid panoramas from its dramatic perch 600 feet above sea level.

SEP 20 THE DALLES, OREGON
Arrive 12pm–Depart 3am SEP 21
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 Stop at the original Wasco County Courthouse museum, famed as the first courthouse west of the Rocky Mountains; the Fort Dalles Museum, which showcases unique military and pioneer remnants; the downtown shopping district; Sunshine Mill Winery, a state-of-the-art boutique winery housed in a 130-year-old abandoned wheat mill; and the beautifully designed Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum, offering a variety of unique exhibits as well as walking trails and scenic overlooks.

SEP 21 STEVENSON, WASHINGTON
Arrive 7am–Depart 5pm
Nestled in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the friendly and laid-back town of Stevenson offers 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 15,000 years of geological glory and compelling regional history.
INCLUDED EXCURSION Stop at the downtown area to explore the boutiques and local specialty 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 22 TRI-CITIES (RICHLAND), WASHINGTON
Arrive 2:00 PM – Depart 5:00 PM SEP 23
The Tri-Cities metropolitan area, situated on the Yakima, Columbia, and Snake Rivers, is known for its outdoor recreation and natural and scenic attractions—including Sacajawea State Park, where Lewis and Clark and their Shoshone Indian guide camped in 1805 during their fabled expedition. Nearby you’ll find Washington’s Red Mountain AVA (American Viticultural Area), a small winegrowing region sprinkled with award-winning wineries.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Visit Sacajawea State Park and its interpretive center, featuring Lewis-and-Clark themed exhibits; the Franklin County Historical Society and Museum; and the REACH Museum, providing a glimpse into the natural, scientific, and cultural heritage of eastern Washington.

SEP 24 CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON
Arrive 12:00 PM (Overnight)
Situated in the beautiful Lewis-Clark Valley are the sister cities of Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington. Founded in the 19th century as a way station for travelers bound for the Idaho goldfields, Clarkston is the famed gateway to Hells Canyon, North America’s deepest river gorge.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Stop at the Nez Perce National Historical Park, which chronicles the Nez Perce tribe and its relationship with the Corps of Discovery expedition. Afterward, explore Native American culture and local-pioneer history at Lewiston’s Nez Perce County Historical Society & Museum.

SEP 25 CLARKSTON/SPokane, WASHINGTON
Disembark 8:00 AM Disembark in Clarkston 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 11:45AM.

Note: If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of Spokane, your return flight should be scheduled to depart from Spokane after 3:30PM.

Premium Choice Tours will also be offered in each port of call for an additional charge. All port times are approximate. Itinerary and shore excursions are subject to change.

LIFE ON THE WATER
Night after night, music fills The Show Lounge, elegantly decorated with crystal chandeliers, authentic period-wallpaper, and comfortable seating reminiscent of a lumber baron’s estate home. The River Grill & Bar and the Paddlewheel Lounge are meeting points for friends; and The Astoria Dining Room, reflecting the Northwest’s rich Russian influence, is graced with romantic columns, sparkling light fixtures, and exquisite upholstery—the perfect backdrop to sample regional dishes.

(Pictured right: The Astoria Dining Room)
THE GREATEST VALUE

LUXURY SUITES WITH VERANDA 410 sq. feet
*Hop-On Hop-Off Motor Coach*

**OPULENT COMFORT**

The *American Empress* is a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms feature a flat-screen TV, mini refrigerator, and coffeemaker, along with extravagant bedding and fine linens 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 Empress* flows at your pace, according to your taste.

Fares are per person, double occupancy (unless Single Category), and reflect the $600 early booking savings per stateroom ($300 per person) if booked by January 13, 2017. Onboard meals, refreshments, and entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Port charges of $169 per person and gratuities are additional.

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HISTORIC PORTLAND & OREGON’S WILLAMETTE VALLEY

PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM
SEP 16–18 • $649 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

INCLUDES:

• 2 nights at the historic 4-star Benson Hotel in downtown Portland or a similar accommodation, with breakfast

• Full-day tour of Willamette Valley, one of the world’s premier wine-producing areas, with visits to 3 wineries to sample wine-and-food pairings

• Expert-led walking tour of Portland highlighting unique, storied attractions, including the hidden Portlandia statue and the city’s picturesque waterfront

Program includes accommodations, sightseeing, transfers from the hotel to the riverboat, an exclusive Go Next Program Manager/hospitality desk, and professional tour guides.

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