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PORTLAND/VANCOUVER TO CLARKSTON/SPOKANE
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Join fellow Traveling Aggies on this outstanding seven-night cruise, which includes fresh regional cuisine, beautifully appointed accommodations, and fascinating shore excursions. Reserve your spot by April 30, 2019, to receive the $200 early booking savings per stateroom. Don’t miss the opportunity to encounter the Pacific Northwest.

Gig ’em!

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121 days or more = $200 per person, per program
95-90 days prior to departure, 50% of total fare; 99-94 days prior to departure, 75% of total fare; 93-89 days prior to departure, 100% of total fare.

Plus any applicable GN Pre-Cruise Program Cancellation Fees:
121 days or more = $300 per person, per program
120-61 days = $300 per person, per program
60-0 days - no refund

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition requiring special medical attention or equipment must be disclosed in writing to GN at the time the participant makes a reservation. GN may reject the reservation of any person who, in the opinion of GN, is unfit for travel or might be a danger to themselves or incompatible with others on the trip. Participants requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who agrees to provide the requested assistance. GN reserves the right to terminate the participation of any participant whose conduct or condition materially inconveniences other participants.

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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RESERVATION SELECTION:

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☐ Included 1-night pre-cruise Vancouver, Washington hotel stay
☐ Additional 1-night Go Next Willamette Valley & Portland Pre-Cruise Program
   ($499 per person, double occupancy; $699, single) Number of participants: _____________

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 Preference: 1st choice _____________ 2nd choice _____________

Bed Preference:
☐ Twin (2 beds)
☐ Queen
☐ Single

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

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

First Middle Last Title
Preferred Name (for name badge) ☐ M ☐ F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

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

First Middle Last Title
Preferred Name (for name badge) ☐ M ☐ F Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Email Address
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Main Phone | Alternate Phone |
Roommate’s Name (if different from above)

Adjacency Request

OPERATOR AND PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:

Signatures are required from each person traveling, including parent and guardian signatures for traveling minors.

I have read, received a copy of, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Operator/Participant Agreement.

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DEPOSITS: A deposit of $950 per person plus a $300 deposit per person for the optional Pre-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. Please make checks payable to Go Next. Full payment is required by check no later than May 29, 2019. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by full payment.

Please reserve _____________ space(s). Enclosed is a deposit for $ _____________.

Charge my credit card for the deposit of $ _____________.

Name on Credit Card ____________________________

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• 7-day voyage aboard the American Empress, with all meals included
• $200 early booking savings per stateroom
• Complimentary Hop-On Hop-Off Shore Excursions aboard a dedicated fleet of luxury river coaches
• Exquisite regional dishes prepared by an award-winning culinary team
• Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
• Complimentary specialty coffees, bottled water, and soft drinks
• Gracious service from a friendly staff
• Daily lectures by the Riverlorian
• Onboard entertainment
• Country club casual attire, no formal wear required

ONBOARD INCLUSIONS

• Included 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay at the Hilton Vancouver Washington Hotel or similar accommodations, with breakfast, coverage of taxes, porterage, and transfers to the American Empress

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

• Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer, and soft drinks
• Services of an experienced on-site Go Next Program Manager

Alex Saragoza
UC Berkeley
Alex Saragoza led several tours for Cal Discoveries, including a wine and food tour of northern Spain. He presented a course on the California wine industry for the American Studies Program at UC Berkeley. He is an expert on the international and domestic competition facing California’s vintners. He is the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award from the UC Berkeley-affiliated Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and in 2018 he was appointed to the Distinguished Lecturer Program of the Organization of American Historians. Saragoza is Professor Emeritus of History in the Department of Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley.

Clark Beim-Esche
Principia College
Clark Beim-Esche earned his degrees from Northwestern University. During his over 40 years of teaching at Principia College, Principia Upper School, and Lifelong Learning classes, he has presented courses on literature, American history, fine arts, and film. In 2008, he received the Mark Twain Boyhood Home Museum Creative Teaching Award. A gifted storyteller, Beim-Esche lectures nationally and internationally. He has published the book Calling on The Presidents: Tales Their Houses Tell. He will present several lectures on American masterpieces including works by Frederic Remington, Albert Bierstadt, Robert Frost, and Frank Lloyd Wright.
LIFE ON THE WATER

Night after night, music fills The Show Lounge, elegantly decorated with crystal chandeliers 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.

ASTOUNDING SCENERY

Experience the Pacific Northwest, where diverse landscapes intertwine to form an incredible 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 North America. From the decks of the American Empress, discover this renowned region in perfect elegance and ease as the landscapes change before you.

OPULENT COMFORT

The American Empress is a combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms feature a flat-screen TV, mini refrigerator, and coffeemaker, along with extravagant bedding, fine linens, and luxury hotel-style service. Take in the 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.
RIVER CRUISE ITINERARY

SEPT 15 PORTLAND, OREGON/ VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
Fly into Portland and make your way to Vancouver. Enjoy a one-night stay at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, or arrive a day earlier and enhance your travel experience with the Go Next Willamette Valley and Portland Pre-Cruise Program, featuring an additional hotel night and two days of unique sightseeing opportunities.

SEPT 16 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
Depart 6pm
Enjoy the morning at leisure in Vancouver. Embark on your river cruise aboard the American Empress in the afternoon.

SEPT 17 ASTORIA, OREGON
Arrive 3am–Depart 5pm
Where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean, you'll find Astoria. This "Little San Francisco" has a downtown studded with cafés and steep hillsides blanketed in sprawling Victorian homes.
Included Excursion Begin with a stop at the Astoria Riverwalk, which overlooks the Columbia River and is flanked by shops, cafés, and historic canneries. Continue to some of the city's renowned historic attractions, including the nineteenth-century Flavel House, the Heritage Museum, and the Astoria Column.

SEPT 18 STEVENSON, WASHINGTON
Arrive 8am–Depart 5pm
The laid-back town of Stevenson offers riverfront parks, pubs, antique stores, and art galleries, while the nearby Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum brings to life 15,000 years of geological and regional history.
Included Excursion Explore boutiques and local specialty shops. Then visit the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum to learn about the incredible geological forces that shaped the region. Continue to the Bonneville Dam, the first dam built on the Columbia River.

SEPT 19 THE DALLES, OREGON
Arrive 9am–Depart 6pm
Once known as the end of the Oregon Trail, The Dalles rests on a crescent bend of the Columbia River and welcomes visitors with its picturesque backdrop of forests, orchards, and high desert.
Included Excursion Stop at the famed Wasco County Courthouse, the first courthouse west of the Rocky Mountains. Visit the Fort Dalles Museum, showcasing unique military and pioneer remnants, the downtown shopping district, and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum.

SEPT 20 SCENIC RIVER CRUISING

SEPT 21 RICHLAND, WASHINGTON
Arrive 4pm (Sept 20)–Depart 5pm (Sept 21)
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 guide camped in 1805. Nearby you'll find Washington's Red Mountain AVA (American Viticultural Area), a small wine grape growing region.
Included Excursion Visit Sacajawea State Park and its interpretive center, the Franklin County Historical Society and Museum, the REACH Museum, and the Pasco Farmers Market, offering hand-crafted goods and locally grown produce.

SEPT 22 CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON
Arrive 11am
Situated in the beautiful Lewis-Clark Valley are the sister cities of Lewiston, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington. Founded in the nineteenth century as a way station for gold prospectors bound for Idaho, Clarkston is the famed gateway to Hells Canyon, North America’s deepest river gorge.
Included Excursion Stop at the Nez Perce National Historical Park, the First Territorial Capitol Interpretive Center, the Bridablik/Schroeder House built in 1906, and Lewiston’s Nez Perce County Historical Society and Museum.

SEPT 23 CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON/ SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
Disembark 8am
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, hotel, and shore excursions are subject to change.
The Greatest Value

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PRE-CRUSSIE PROGRAM

Discover the highlights of the Willamette Valley and Portland that you might otherwise miss. This carefully crafted program includes two days of specially arranged sightseeing tours, professional guides, and exceptional concierge support from an on-location Go Next Program Manager.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY & PORTLAND
Pre-Cruise Program
SEPT 14–16
$499 per person, double occupancy

- 1 additional night at 4-star Hilton Vancouver Washington or similar accommodations, with breakfast
- Full-day tour of the famous Willamette Valley, including visits to two unique wineries and lunch
- Half-day tour of historic Portland
- Transfers from hotel to riverboat, with related luggage handling

HIGHLIGHTS:
Check in to the four-star Hilton Vancouver Washington for a restful evening. In the morning, trek from the city for a full-day tour of the Willamette Valley, a lush countryside with quaint farmhouses, rustic cottages, and prosperous wineries. The next day, tour historic Portland, a trendy, eco-friendly city with a unique topography of rivers and bridges.

This tour involves a moderate amount of walking.
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