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Your adventure begins with a stay in Spokane, Washington's second largest city, graced with beautiful parks, world-class museums, and a historic downtown featuring one of the largest urban waterfalls in the country. Then board the grand *American Empress* and watch breathtaking, ever-changing scenery glide by as you cruise to quaint riverside towns and memorable historic sites. Explore Sacajawea State Park, the site of Lewis and Clark's 1805 campsite, followed by The Dalles—the end of the Oregon Trail—where lovely scenery and small-town attractions await. In Stevenson, Washington, human ingenuity and Mother Nature's incredible power are on display at the Bonneville Dam and Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum. Visit the oldest city west of the Rockies, Astoria, where splendid Victorian homes and maritime relics mingle with trendy cafes and shops, before your voyage concludes in Portland, the "City of Roses."

Experience spectacular northwest landscapes, storied towns, and the excitement of river boating along with fellow alumni as you discover the timeless allure of the river aboard the graceful *American Empress*. Your cruise includes fresh regional cuisine, elegant accommodations and fascinating shore excursions.

Reserve your spot on this remarkable riverboat voyage by March 19, 2014, to receive the one-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Spokane and the \$100 onboard credit per stateroom.

Sincerely,

Ashley Clayton
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Alumni Tour Coordinator

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# A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER

# INCLUSIONS

Welcome to the magnificent 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. Enjoy casual elegance and sweeping river views aboard the largest and most elegant riverboat in the Pacific Northwest, combining Victorian-inspired décor with frontier flair. Unwind in the Paddlewheel Lounge and sample regional cuisine in the beautifully appointed 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 223-passenger *American Empress*, specifically designed to celebrate the centuries-old tradition of exploration in the west. Experience the rich beauty, history and adventure unique to the river boating tradition from the remarkable perspective of the river.

- 7-night voyage, including all meals, aboard the *American Empress*
- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Spokane, Washington
- Complimentary hop-on, hop-off shore excursions with a dedicated fleet of luxury coaches
- Regional Pacific Northwest Cuisine utilizing fresh ingredients creatively combined with contemporary flair
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Complimentary cappuccino, espresso, specialty coffees, bottled water and soft drinks throughout your voyage
- Gracious service from a friendly all-American staff
- Smart-casual attire throughout your voyage, no formal wear required
- Daily lectures by the Riverlorian, your onboard history 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 the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Spokane City Center or similar, breakfast, taxes, porterage and transfers to the American Empress
- Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés, wine, beer and soft drinks
- \$100 onboard early booking credit per stateroom
- Complimentary bottle of wine per stateroom
- Services of an onboard Go Next program manager
- Exceptional value



# RIVER CRUIS

# AUG 2 SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Your journey begins with a one-night stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Spokane City Center, a contemporary four-star retreat located in the heart of Spokane, Washington, just steps from the INB Performing Arts center and the shops at River Park Square. Known as the "Capital of the Inland Empire," Spokane is the vibrant cultural and economic hub of the Inland Northwest. Set along the Spokane River, the thriving downtown district draws visitors with its grand, historic buildings, trendy boutiques and top-notch restaurants.

# AUG 3 SPOKANE/CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

Transfer to Clarkston and embark on your riverboat cruise aboard the elegant American Empress.

# AUG 4 CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

Situated at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, in the beautiful Lewis-Clark Valley—the centuries-old home of the Nez Perce Indians—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, today Clarkston offers visitors resplendent scenery and a wealth of cultural attractions.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** In the morning, stop at Nez Perce National Historical Park, which chronicles the indigenous tribe and its relationship with the Corps of Discovery expedition. Then discover Clarkston, Washington, and delve into colorful local culture at the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Museum, before exploring its downtown shopping district at your leisure.

# AUG 5 RIVER CRUISING

Relax and take in the picturesque landscapes as you leisurely cruise along the Snake River.

# AUG 6 SACAJAWEA STATE PARK, WASHINGTON

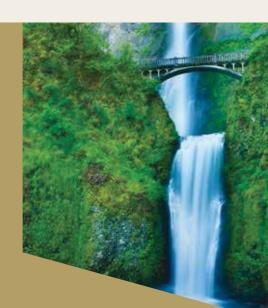
At the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, this 284-acre park occupies the former site of Ainsworth, a 19th-century railroad town. The land also holds unique history—in 1805, Lewis and Clark and their Shoshone Indian guide camped here during their fabled expedition. Sacajawea State Park features a blend of ponds, marshes, sand dunes, and over 9,000 feet of freshwater shoreline, as well as an interpretive center. Nearby, you'll find Washington's famed Walla Walla Valley, home to the region's award-winning wineries.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** Visit Sacajawea State Park and its interpretive center, featuring Lewis and Clark-themed exhibits and Native American implement displays; followed by the Country Mercantile Store, a working farm and shop offering agricultural demonstrations, gourmet foods and other unique local gifts.

PREMIUM CHOICE TOURS will also be offered in each port of call for an additional charge. Itinerary, hotel and shore excursions are subject to change.

# **ASTOUNDING SCENERY**

Experience the Pacific Northwest, where diverse landscapes intertwine to form an incredibly gorgeous painting, stirred to life by the cool, gentle breeze. Here nature reveals her unimaginable beauty and range—from surreal, emerald forests and sparkling waterfalls to near-desert bluffs and 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.





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### AUG 7 THE DALLES, OREGON

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 west-bound pioneers heading to the Willamette Valley.

**INCLUDED EXCURSION** The hop-on, hop-off motor coach makes stops at the Original Courthouse Museum, known as the first courthouse west of the Rocky Mountains; The Dalles Visitor's Center; the Fort Dalles Museum and Interpretive Center, which showcases unique military and pioneer remnants, including Oregon Trail wagons; the downtown shopping district; and Sunshine Mill Winery, a state-of-the-art boutique winery housed in a 130-year-old abandoned wheat mill.

AUG 8 STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

Nestled in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the friendly, laid-back town of Stevenson packs in lovely scenery and layer upon layer of history. Peaceful riverfront parks and downtown delicatessens, 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** Traveling by motor coach, visit the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum and learn about the incredible geological forces that shaped this astounding region, and discover Native American legends, petroglyphs, and other captivating artifacts and exhibits. Visit the first dam built on the Columbia River, the Bonneville Dam, a National Historic Landmark and a monument to human ingenuity with its massive turbines and fascinating fish ladders.

### AUG 9 ASTORIA, OREGON

Where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean, you'll find the oldest city west of the Rockies, Astoria—named for John Jacob Astor, the owner of the American Fur Company. This "Little San Francisco" is bursting with character, from its steep hillsides blanketed in sprawling Victorian homes and weathered Deco-era buildings to its maritime relics and downtown studded with chic cafes and whimsical shops.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Begin with a stop at the Riverwalk, a four-mile walkway overlooking the Columbia River, flanked by shops, cafes and historic canneries. Continue to some of the city's renowned historic attractions, including the 19th-century George Flavel House and Carriage House Museum, the marvelous Queen Anne-style residence of a prominent local millionaire; Clatsop County Heritage Museum, illustrating early pioneer life and logging and maritime industries; and the Astoria Column, awarding splendid panoramas from its dramatic perch 600 feet above sea level.

# AUG 10 PORTLAND, OREGON

Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the American Empress. Transfers to Portland airport, for return flights home, are an additional cost and should be scheduled after 9AM.

Note: If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of Portland, your return flight should be scheduled to depart from Portland after 3PM. Many of the late departures from Portland are overnight flights.

# LIFE ON THE WATER

Life on the American Empress is as unique and enriching as the riverboat tradition itself. Night after night, music fills the majestic showroom, elegantly furnished with crystal chandeliers, glorious period-wallpaper, and comfortable seating, reminiscent of a lumber baron's estate home. By day, the Riverlorian, your onboard historian, offers lectures and tales of the frontier. The River Grille and Paddlewheel Lounge are meeting points for old and new friends. And the elaborate Romanov Dining Room, reflecting the Northwest's rich Russian influence is graced with gilded columns, rich marble, and jewel-toned upholstery—the perfect backdrop to sample inspired regional dishes.





# THE GREATEST VALUE

# PRICING

# **SUITES** WITH VERANDA



\$5,795

**Vista View Deck** Elegantly furnished suite, cozy sitting area, French doors that open onto a veranda, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

# SUPERIOR VERANDA STATEROOMS



\$5,295

Vista View, Discovery & Frontier Decks French doors that open onto a private veranda\*, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower. \*Stateroom 403 offers additional square footage in lieu of private veranda.

# **DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOMS**



\$4,795

**Discovery & Frontier Decks** French doors that open onto a private veranda, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

# OUTSIDE STATEROOMS WITH WINDOW



\$4,395

**Explorer Deck** Large window, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

# **VERANDA STATEROOMS**



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Vista View Deck French doors that open onto a veranda, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

Luxury Suites, Single and Triple Staterooms are available upon request.

Fares are per person, double occupancy. Onboard meals, refreshments, & entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Please contact Go Next for information regarding transportation options to Spokane and/or from Portland. Port charges of \$109 per person and gratuities are additional.

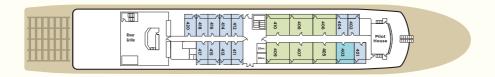
# **OPULENT COMFORT**

The elegant pearl of the Pacific Northwest, the *American Empress* is a breathtaking combination of modern comfort and Victorian charm. All suites and staterooms aboard the *American Empress* feature flat-screen TVs, extravagant bedding and fine linens, mini refrigerators, 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 like a gentle river—at your pace and according to your taste.

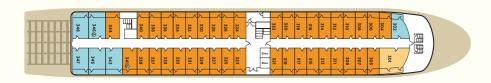




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