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COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS CRUISE

Embrace the pioneering spirit of Lewis and Clark as you immerse yourself in the history of their expedition into the West. As our intimate and well-appointed riverboat makes its way along these legendary rivers, from Portland, OR to Clarkston, WA, be amazed by the constant shifts in landscapes. From the lush forest mountains to magnificent waterfalls and even desert canyons, the evolving terrain is unlike anywhere else in America. Experience a front-row seat as we navigate through the famed lock and dam system, an awe-inspiring testament to human engineering. Enjoy days of personalized exploration, led by our engaging local guides who enhance your understanding of fascinating landmarks, such as Mount St. Helens, famous for its eruption in 1980, and Multnomah Falls, an impressive 611-foot-tall cascade of falling water. Travel to scenic vineyards, where you can savor the area's finest varietals. On board, delight in the ship's delicious cuisine, socialize at the daily cocktail hour, and enjoy onboard guest speaker presentations, featuring fascinating stories and insights about the region's history, environment, and culture. Unwind each evening with a diverse array of talented regional performers in the intimate performance lounge.



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Day 1 - Portland, OR

Arrive in Portland and settle into your hotel, located right at the ship's dock for a seamless boarding process. Situated between the waters of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, the area's history is forever entwined with the fortunes of these great rivers.

Day 2 - Cruising the Columbia River

Board the ship and enjoy a day with Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens as your backdrop as we cruise to the mouth of the West's most famous river.

In the golden age of riverboats, sternwheelers crossed the waterfront while steam whistles and calliopes rang out across the water. With its sparkling rivers, stately evergreens, and mild

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climate, you will understand why this area was noted as exceptional by explorer Meriwether Lewis.

Enjoy the scenery in the company of fellow guests in one of the spacious lounges or on the sun deck.

Day 3 - Astoria, OR

Astoria is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies. Colorful Victorian homes adorn the hillside that climbs steeply up from the river, earning it the nickname "The Little San Francisco." Explore this remarkable town on your own or choose from a collection of well-curated excursions.

Step into history on a guided exploration to the National Park Service replica of Fort Clatsop, the 1805-06 winter camp of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Board a local red trolley to ride along the picturesque waterfront or savor the perspective from a bluff high above the city at the picturesque Astoria Column. Peruse the town's quaint shops, galleries, wineries, and brew pubs. Or simply stroll off the ship to the nearby acclaimed Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Day 4 - Kalama, WA

view the remnants of nearby Mount St. Helens. A local guide enhances your understanding and shares the story of the volcano's 1980 eruption and its impact on the environment and the lives of those in the area. Just off the ship dock, enjoy an expansive city park, unique local artwork throughout an impressive adjacent hotel, and an interesting interpretive center. Or venture out to a nearby family vineyard for an afternoon of wine tasting.

Day 5 - The Dalles, OR

The Dalles, the last stop on the historic Oregon Trail, nestles along the Columbia River with a beautiful view of both Mount Hood and Mount Adams, each towering more than 11,000 feet above your cruise ship. To the pioneers of the 1800s, this rugged terrain was treacherous, but to today's visitors, it is fascinating.

Venture ashore on your own to explore the historic downtown, steps from the ship, featuring fascinating museums, intimate cafes, local pubs, and a collection of historic murals which embellish the streetscape. Or enjoy guided excursions to learn about the area's rich history, view a unique art collection in a magnificent building perched on a bluff above the river, or spend an afternoon with expert sommeliers enjoying the bounty of the fertile Columbia Valley.

Day 6 - Cruising the Columbia River Gorge

From our convenient new dock at Kalama, Washington, enjoy the grand landscape of the Cascade Mountains scenic drive to

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From the comfort of your private balcony, admire the magnificent bluffs of the Columbia River Gorge, covered in deep green forest and framed by picturesque hillsides that quickly ascend toward the sky. Windsurfers and kiteboarders adorn the landscape as they drift across the broad, shining river.

Day 7 - Pendleton, OR / Richland, WA

Richland sits at confluence of the Yakima and Columbia River. Our ship docks just steps away from scenic waterfront walking trials, unique shops, and local wineries. Enjoy a variety of guided excursions to area parks and museums, including the REACH Museum where you can discover Eastern Washington's rich landscape and history, from the Ice Age to the Atomic Age. Admire the beauty of the Columbia and Snake River confluence at Sacajawea State Park and explore the grounds where the Corps of Discovery camped in October 1805 amidst a thriving community of Native Americans.

A full-day excursion also visits Pendleton, Oregon to enjoy western heritage, Native American history and the network of underground tunnels created a century ago for both legal and illicit activities.

Day 8 - Clarkston, WA

On your way to Clarkston, cruise the legendary Snake River. Watch the remote wilderness and canyon hillsides glide by in ever-changing scenic panoramas. Admire the steep hillsides, dotted with white pelicans, osprey, bald eagles, cormorants, blue herons, and more.

Nestled in a handsome valley surrounded by steep hillsides, Clarkston embellishes the shoreline along the Snake River at the river's confluence with the Clearwater River. Named for William Clark of the historic Lewis and Clark Expedition, Clarkston's origin dates back to the late 1890s, tracing its roots to the Nez Perce, the Native American tribe that originally inhabited the valley. Venture to Hells Canyon for a boat ride, through the deepest canyon in North America, and let your senses run as wild as the landscapes of grand mountain peaks and vast reaches of remote wilderness.

Day 9 - Clarkston, WA

Enjoy breakfast on board and treat yourself to a narrated ariel adventure over Hells Canyon. As we transport you to the airport to begin your journey home, reflect upon your amazing adventure and the memories and friendships made along the way.

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YOUR SHIP: AMERICAN CONSTELLATION

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| VESSEL TYPE: | Coastal Cruise Ship |
| LENGTH: | |
| PASSENGER CAPACITY: | 163 |
| BUILT/REFURBISHED: | 2017 |

American Constellation is uniquely designed to navigate the inland waterways of the East Coast, American Constellation brings guests to beautiful ports the larger ships can't access. In the intimate atmosphere onboard, guests will find the largest staterooms in the industry, spacious lounges and observation decks and private balconies that offer spectacular views of the passing landscapes. Finely Appointed Staterooms American Constellation's staterooms are the most spacious in small ship cruising - all over 200 square feet in size, and each with large opening picture windows and a private bathroom. Each spacious stateroom is a comfortable haven and the perfect place to relax and unwind. Passangers can enjoy the ever-changing scenery from large, opening picture windows or from private balconies. American Constellation Amenities and Features: Complimentary wi-fi, Elevator access to all decks of the ship, Many lounges offer an atmosphere for every mood, Grand dining room accommodates all guests together, Exercise room with the latest equipment, Satellite tv and dvd player in all staterooms. Spacious staterooms are the largest on any crusie ship, Hotel-size private bathrooms with a full set of amenities, Private balconies, Sliding glass balcony doors offer panoramic

views, Twice daily stateroom service, Putting green on the top deck, Laundry facilities, Individual climate control, Evening entertainment focuses on music and history, Brand new ship, Breakfast room service, Built in the USA, All american crew, Complimentary cocktail hour each evening, Onboard historians and naturalists, Culinary program featuring locally sourced ingredients, Personalized service, Open



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