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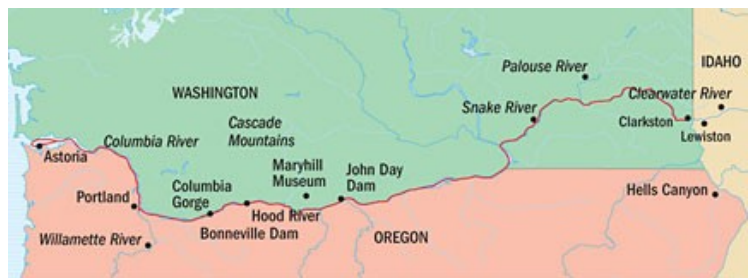
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COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS ADVENTURE

The most interesting way to experience the Columbia & Snake Rivers We travel through the region as early explorers, settlers, and natives did—by the waterways that stretch far inland from the Pacific Ocean. Experience the region's history, harvests & landscapes The powerful Columbia and Snake Rivers flow through a beautiful land and offer access to fantastic wineries, places to kayak, bike or hike, and extraordinary scenery—you'll experience it all. Hike to a towering waterfall. Taste local fruit at a family farm and enjoy views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. Visit sites used by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark while they made their way to the Pacific Coast. See more of the cultural experiences you'll have. Every day is engaging and options abound You'll be offered guided tours of museums, a farm, and a winery. You'll walk, hike, bike, kayak, or expedition landing craft cruise—most days off-the-ship outings will be offered. Bike ride or walk along a historic route. Or, if you'd prefer to take an afternoon off, you're welcome to grab a good book and relax on our ship's sundeck. See more of what you'll do. Travel in excellent company Explore under the sure guidance of an expedition leader, a historian, a geologist/naturalist, plus a National Geographic certified photo instructor and a wellness specialist. Their knowledge and passion for the Columbia & Snake Rivers is the key to your once-in-a-lifetime experience.



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DAY 1: Portland, Oregon/Embark Ship

In the late afternoon, embark the ship and cruise the lower part of the Willamette River, passing under the many bridges and through the center of picturesque Portland, before reaching the Columbia River.

DAY 2: Astoria

We begin our journey by navigating the Columbia to the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Fort Clatsop, where the explorers hunkered down for the wet winter of 1805-1806, we walk through the full-scale reconstructed fort. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which chronicles the history of river navigation and this port town. In the afternoon explore more of what the area has to offer with a trip to either the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Refuge or Cape Disappointment. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Columbia River Gorge and Hood River

This morning we begin our orientation to the Gorge. You'll get a fresh perspective on such highlights as Bonneville Lock and Dam, Beacon Rock, and Multnomah Falls. Continue through the Gorge to Hood River, where we'll enjoy fresh fruit from a family

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farm and taste award-winning wines at a local vineyard. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: The Dalles/Maryhill Museum, Oregon

Visit the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center to learn about the region's natural history. Hike or take bicycles along the beautiful river trail. In the afternoon we'll visit the Maryhill Museum with its impressive collection of Rodin sculptures and drawings, extensive collection of Native American baskets, and other fascinating exhibits. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: Exploring the Palouse River

The still water of the Palouse River is the perfect mirror for the surrounding basalt cliffs as we set off on our expedition landing craft cruises and kayak adventures. Visit Palouse Falls where cascading waters plunge into the pool below. This evening, while sailing up the Snake River, enjoy a taste of local specialties. Afterwards, sail up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Clarkston

At Clarkston, we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. Today, travel by comfortable jet boat up the Snake River into one of North America's most scenic spots, spectacular Hells Canyon. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Clarkston, Washington/Disembark

Transfer through to Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington for connecting flights home. (B)

Please Note:

All day-by-day breakdowns are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:



National Geographic Quest is a state-of-the-art, purpose-built expedition vessel made for exploring coastal waters, shallow coves, and fast-moving channels where wildlife congregate while sailing with the luxury of supreme comfort. Spacious cabins, open decks for wildlife viewing, and specialty tools for exploration make it the ideal platform for sailing in the remote areas of Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, Costa Rica, Panama, and Belize. Designed with decades of expedition experience in the region, _National Geographic Quest_ more than comfortably accommodates 100 guests in 50 cabins. Her twin expedition craft landing platform allow us to rapidly get on and off the ship to take advantage of wildlife sightings and to ensure we maximize our time off the ship exploring. Created with a shallow draft, _Quest_ draws only nine feet of water allowing her to sail into places where much larger ships cannot go.



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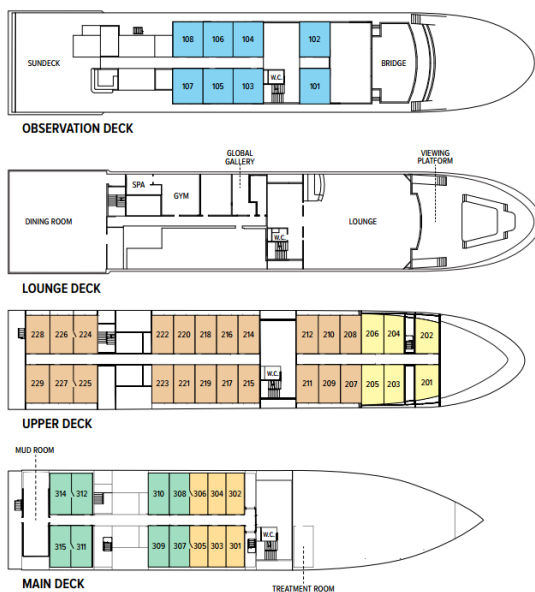
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