



Pacific Northwest, North America & River Cruises
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Columbia and Snake Rivers: Food, Wine, and History

JUST ANNOUNCED! In 2024, Lindblad Expeditions and *Food & Wine* magazine are combining their expertise to deliver the most stimulating and satiating experience possible of the Pacific Northwest. Delve deep into the history, harvests, and landscapes of the Columbia and Snake rivers, while indulging your senses with the region's culinary splendors and world-class wines. Our nimble, intimately scaled ship will follow the storied waterways traveled by early explorers, settlers, and indigenous peoples as we take in spectacular scenery, tour museums and historic sites, and actively explore by foot, kayak, Zodiac, and jet boat. A top team—including naturalists, a historian, and a geologist—will illuminate all we see, and a food and wine expert will guide us through the wild bounty that thrives in this fertile corner of the country.

From
\$ 5,827 / per person
Does not include flights



DATES

Mar, Apr, Sep
and Oct



DURATION

8 Days



SHIPS

National Geographic Sea Lion
National Geographic Sea Bird



STARTS AT

Portland,
Oregon



ENDS AT

Clarkston,
Washington

Highlights

- ★ Indulge in gourmet menus guided by the rhythms of the season, featuring sustainable ingredients sourced exclusively within 250 miles of our route
- ★ Witness the region's geological wonders—from the Columbia River Gorge to Multnomah Falls and Beacon Rock—and explore up close and at water level while hiking, kayaking, or Zodiac cruising
- ★ Taste more than 40 of the region's best wines, sampling bottles personally selected by *Food & Wine* magazine's Executive Wine Editor Ray Isle
- ★ Explore places brimming with history and local charm, from the museums and vineyards of Walla Walla to historic Cape Disappointment and the offbeat seaside town of Astoria





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Portland, Oregon / Embark Ship

Arrive in the early afternoon in Portland, located on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in the shadow of snow-capped Mount Hood. Embark in early evening and discover why Portland is nicknamed "Bridgetown" as we sail under eight of the city's 12 eclectic bridges along the Willamette River, the first of five rivers we will encounter on this voyage.

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAY 2

Astoria

We begin our journey by navigating the Columbia to the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Cape Disappointment, take in the dramatic scenery where Meriwether Lewis saw the Pacific for the first time in 1805. In the afternoon, there are several options to explore the Astoria area, from learning its modern history at fascinating museums to sampling the local beer and oysters in this seaside town.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 3

Cruising / Hood River

Immerse yourself in natural and man-made marvels as we explore the scenic Columbia and pass through Bonneville Lock and Dam. Take a steaming cup of coffee to the bow where our naturalists offer honest perspectives on the controversial history of dams along the river. In the afternoon, make a stop at neck-craning Multnomah Falls before an optional hike of iconic Beacon Rock, a basalt column towering 848 feet above the Columbia River. Later, enjoy a private cultural and culinary event at a museum.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

Cruising the Gorge

Today we will spend the day cruising through some of the most scenic and geologically interesting stretches of the Columbia River and the Columbia Plateau. Our geologists provide fascinating insight on the glacial floods that sculpted the landscape 13,000 years ago, as our food and wine expert illustrates the expression of such unique terrain through its tastes and tannins. Relive the historic tales of the Corps of Discovery through the eyes of a historian as we sail by important landmarks. Or unwind with a massage in preparation for an exciting day ahead.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Walla Walla, Washington

Drive through some of the most fertile agricultural areas in the nation, with bright, rolling green and purple fields of sprouting wheat, asparagus, and famous Walla Walla sweet onions. Wine lovers can spend the day on a taste exploration of this world-renowned area, including a private vineyard tour and downtown wine walk. Or opt to visit museums, including the Whitman Mission, a standout National Historic Site where friction between Native Americans and white missionaries erupted into an event that reverberates in our culture today.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Palouse River

The still water of the Palouse River is the perfect mirror for the surrounding basalt cliffs as we set off on our Zodiac and kayak adventures. Visit Palouse

Falls, where waters plunge 200 feet into a churning pool. These falls and the surrounding canyon with its towering cliffs, cavernous holes in the earth, and winding water routes are part of geologically unique channeled scablands created by ancient floods. Afterwards, sail up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties.

Meals included: [breakfast](#), [lunch](#), [dinner](#)

◇ DAY 7

Clarkston

Today we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. Travel by comfortable jet boat into spectacular, 125-mile Hells Canyon, North America's deepest river gorge, mostly inaccessible by road. Observe remnants of the Nez Perce tribe, including ancestral horsetrails along the hillsides and petroglyphs on rock formations. In the evening we are joined by a Nez Perce storyteller, and a local winemaker hosts our final tasting as we toast an unforgettable journey before a special final dinner.

Meals included: [breakfast](#), [lunch](#), [dinner](#)

■ DAY 8

Clarkston / Disembark Ship

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for connecting flights home. Choose to fly from nearby Lewiston, Idaho, or travel through the picturesque landscapes of the Palouse to Spokane, Washington, two hours away.

Meals included: [breakfast](#)

Eastbound

Portland, Oregon → Clarkston, Washington

2025 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*

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| 29 Mar | | |
| 12 Apr | | |

Alternative Routes

Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2024 Departure Dates

21 Sep, 28 Sep, 29 Sep, 05 Oct, 06 Oct,
12 Oct, 13 Oct, 19 Oct, 20 Oct, 26 Oct

2025 Departure Dates

05 Apr, 19 Apr, 20 Sep, 27 Sep, 27 Sep,
04 Oct, 04 Oct, 11 Oct, 11 Oct, 18 Oct,
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National Geographic Sea Lion

Guests

62

Cabins

31

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With a shallow draft and small size, she can easily reach places inaccessible to larger ships. She can venture into fast-moving channels where whales come to feed, transit a series of locks in the Pacific Northwest, nose up to waterfalls in secluded coves, and sail into protected anchorages in small bays perfect for snorkeling and kayaking.



Cabin Categories

Category 1

Main Deck: #300-305

Conveniently located between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single beds, and a large window. All cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.



Category 2

Bridge Deck: #101-104

Upper Deck: #200-212, 215

These well-located cabins include two single beds and a window. Cabin doors and windows open to the outside. Cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, closet, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.



Category 3

Upper Deck: #214, 216, 217, 219

These cabins include two single beds that can convert to a double bed and a pullout murphy bed for a third person. Cabins feature a small table, two chairs, large double closet, sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom, and two windows. Cabin doors and windows open to the outside. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one-half the double occupancy rate.



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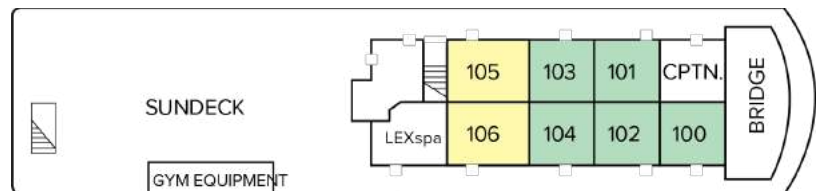
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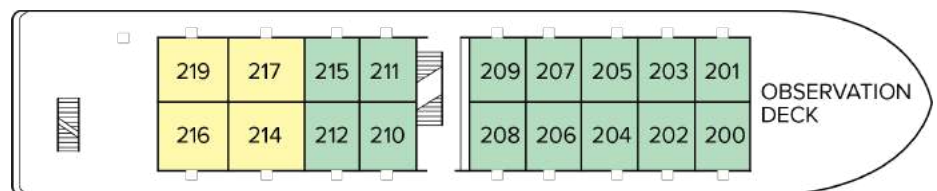
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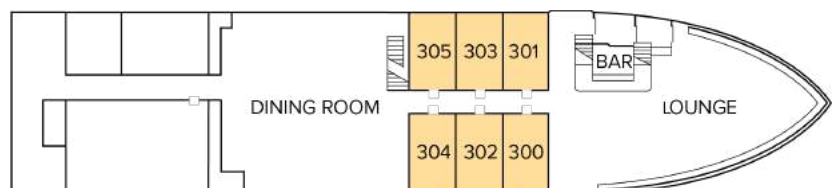
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Main Deck

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Ship amenities

Public Areas

A library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

Meals

Meals are served in the dining room at a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menus feature sustainable choices, local where possible.

Cabins

All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with WiFi, multiple electrical and USB outlets. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essential Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles and a National Geographic Atlas is available in each cabin.

Expedition Equipment

A fleet of 6 Zodiacs and 16 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable).



Special Features

Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist and video chronicler.

Wellness

A fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, weights, resistance bands; LEXspa treatment room, staffed by wellness specialists.



Self-Disinfecting Ships

ACT Clean Coat™ is a light-activated, self- disinfecting cleaning process that continuously breaks down viruses, bacteria, mold, and airborne allergens across all ship surfaces. Not only does this create a cleaner, healthier shipboard environment for guests and crew alike, but this non-toxic, chemical- free system also saves more than one million gallons of water each year in our cleaning procedures, and reduces our carbon footprint as well as the amount of plastic and waste in our supply chain.



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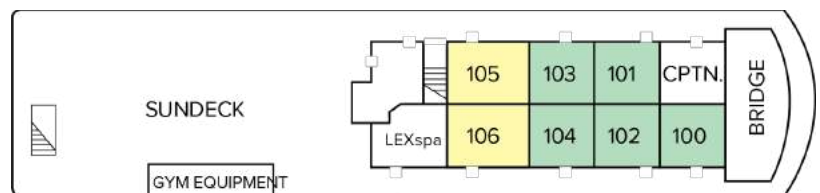
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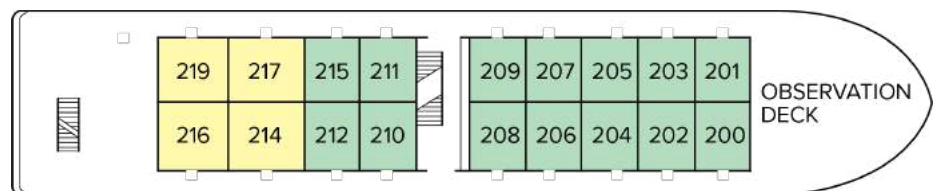
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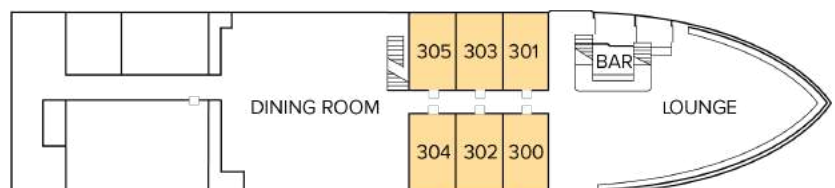
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Noteworthy Feature: The generous scale of the bow, enabling the entire expedition community to congregate with our naturalists, photo instructors, and experts from the Alaska Whale Foundation or the National Park Service, and share the excitement of watching whales or dramatic glacier calving events.

Special Offers

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

BRINGING THE KIDS

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer and wine on all 2023 departures (starting in 2024, spirits and cocktails are also included, with super premium wines and liquors available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not included in price

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

Travel protection plan

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: <https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/>

Cancellation policy

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