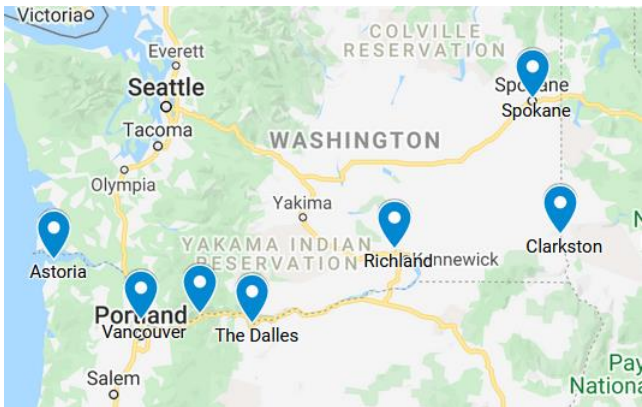


9-Day Pacific Northwest Splendor

Columbia & Snake River Cruise

Portland, OR (Vancouver) to Spokane, WA (Clarkson)



Ship: American Empress



Voyage Inclusions

- Pre-Cruise Hotel Stay: with Breakfast, portorage, and transfer to the ship
- All Meals onboard: regional inspired dining
- 24-Hour Room Service
- Soda, tea, coffee, water
- Beer & Wine with Dinner
- Internet Service
- Self-service laundry
- Shore Excursions: one excursion per port
- Bicycles for guest use on shore
- Swimming pool
- Fitness Center
- Evening Broadway-style shows
- Enrichment programs: lectures, riverlorian
- Pilot house tours
- Onboard and motorcoach accessibility

Cruise Highlights

Enjoy the best of the Pacific Northwest aboard our Columbia and Snake river cruises for the trip of a lifetime. See that the natural world is alive here – unlike anywhere else on earth – and through historic sites and locks and dams, it flows. Sea lions sunbathe on buoys as the distant horizon unblankets the sky to reveal its snow-capped mountains between Portland and Spokane.

There is a powerful melody through Oregon and Washington that combines the whistle of wind through tree branch, waterfall crash and birdsong from above. Crystal waters and plunging cliffsides captivate the eye; serenity and relaxation capture the spirit as you cruise down the river.

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Day 1 Hotel Stay in Vancouver, WA

Enjoy your complimentary stay at the pre-cruise hotel. The evening is yours to become acquainted with the city. Our Hospitality Desk will be located in the hotel, and our friendly staff can assist with everything from general questions about your upcoming voyage to reserving premium experiences. Both American Queen Steamboat Company and local representatives will be readily available to provide you with dining, entertainment and sightseeing options to maximize your time here.

Day 2 Vancouver, WA

A suburb of Portland, Oregon, Vancouver, Washington, has taken on a distinctive identity of its own. Located in an ideal spot among Mount St. Helens, the Columbia River Gorge and the Pacific Coast, Vancouver boasts a newly renovated waterfront and an abundance of activities, scenic landscapes and historic attractions for all to enjoy.

Day 3 Astoria, OR

Astoria is known to be the oldest American settlement west of the Rocky Mountains. There is no doubting the richness of the history grounded in this Columbia River town. For thousands of years, the Clatsop Tribe inhabited the lands. Today, you can climb to the top of the Astoria Column – wrapped in depictions of history – look out over the landscape toward the Pacific Ocean and watch your model wooden airplane glide through the air to its rest below.

Day 4 River Cruising

Watch small river towns and lush landscapes slowly become lost in the horizon as sunlight plays upon the deck. Take hold of a literary classic, curl up on a plush chair in a cozy corner and relish in the moment of tranquility. Experience the fulfillment that river cruising offers.

Day 5 Stevenson, WA

Stevenson embraces the adventurer – with hiking trails, hot springs and local wineries, a visitor is sure to find plenty to do. Opportunities for educational enlightenment abound within the Columbia River Gorge Interpretive Center and at Bonneville Dam. Consider a stop downtown to visit restaurants, cafés and small locally owned shops in which reside treasures of the Pacific Northwest.

Day 6 The Dalles, OR

At the end of the overland Oregon Trail, The Dalles holds a unique place in history as a jumping-off spot for pioneers, soldiers, gold miners, adventurers, gun-slingers, floozies and scallywags. The Dalles, although a part of the Oregon High Desert, features a long growing season and a relatively warm climate that supports the growing of grapes. As a result, the region is home to a wine scene unlike any other in Oregon. Visitors will be pleased to see the rolling hills speckled with vineyards.

Day 7 Richland, WA

Step off the boat directly into a perfectly polished park, and take a short stroll to downtown shops, eateries and attractions. Incorporated in 1910, Richland remained a small agricultural community until it was acquired by the U.S. Army for the site of the Hanford Engineer Works – used to produce plutonium during World War II and the Cold War. Today, the historic B Reactor and other important historic venues are part of the Manhattan Project National Historic Park. This and many other intriguing locations are offered as part of your experience in Richland.

Day 8 Clarkston, WA

Nestled at the union of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers in southeast Washington, Clarkston is the gateway to North America's deepest gorge – Hells Canyon – on the Snake River. Picturesque vistas, year-round mild climates and a deep history make this scenic inland port a desirable stop. Spend the day enjoying Clarkston, Washington and neighboring Lewiston, Idaho while tracing the legacy of the journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark – for whom the cities are named.

Day 9 Clarkston, WA (Disembark)

As the journey concludes, there are other opportunities for you to take in the town. Enjoy the city at your leisure, or consider a post-cruise premium experience with airport transfer.



***NOTE:** Itinerary is subject to change. Price per person, based on availability, double occupancy, subject to change. Taxes, port fees, gratuities, premium shore excursions, travel insurance, air tickets and airport transfers are extra. We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance for cancellation and medical protection. Please ask for details.



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