There is a wealth of discovery to be made along the Columbia and Snake Rivers—geological marvels, gastronomical delights, scenic vistas, and of course the historic legacy of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which mantles this corner of America. Our carefully crafted voyage seamlessly blends it all into a unique and meaningful experience, one enhanced by our team’s ability to weave the Lewis and Clark story into the tapestry of subsequent life in the Pacific Northwest. The museums you’ll visit, the locks you’ll transit, even the vintage airplanes you’ll see that once flew mail routes along the river, add deep layers of insight to your sense of the region’s history. Traveling expedition-style, aboard the National Geographic Quest, we experience this historic corner of the Pacific Northwest with all our senses—seeing its majestic beauty, hearing its rushing waterfalls and wild silences, feeling its fresh air. And tasting it daily in the delectable food served aboard, grown in the region’s rich soil, and sourced from sustainable local farms and providers—with wines and craft beers from the region’s vintners and brewers. All the while our expedition team weaves a cohesive regional narrative in onboard talks, excursions, or field walks. You’ll also travel with a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor at your side and at your service—ensuring you’ll go home with fantastic photos.
DAY 1: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON / EMBARK
Fly into Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington and transfer to Clarkston to embark the National Geographic Quest. (D)

DAY 2: CLARKSTON
At Clarkston, we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. The name Clarkston is in reference to William Clark and is located directly across the river from Lewiston, Idaho, which is named for Meriwether Lewis, though neither of them ever traveled to the Clarkston side of the river. Travel by comfortable jet boat into one of North America’s most scenic spots, spectacular Hells Canyon. The 125-mile long canyon was carved by the waters of the Snake River and at 7,993 feet is North America’s deepest river gorge—most of it inaccessible by road. The earliest known settlers in the canyon were the Nez Percé tribe and, as you travel up the river, look to the hillsides and see remnants of their ancestral horse trails along with pictographs and petroglyphs on the rock formations. This afternoon join your fellow travelers in the lounge for songs and stories by a local Nez Percé storyteller. Set sail this evening on the Snake River, and overnight, transit two in the series of eight locks which will lower the ship some 700 feet as you make your way west, nearly 10 times that of the Panama Canal. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: EXPLORING THE PALOUSE RIVER
The still water of the Palouse River is the perfect mirror for the surrounding basalt cliffs as we set off cruising on our Zodiac and kayak adventures. Visit Palouse Falls where cascading waters plunge 198 feet into the pool below. These falls and the canyon are an important feature of the channeled scablands created by the great Missoula Floods that swept periodically across the region. Afterward, sail up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CRUISING
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 onboard geologist and naturalists will talk with you about the Basalt Flows and the Missoula Floods that sculpted the landscape 13,000 years ago. Relive the historic tales of the Corps of Discovery through the eyes of the historian as you sail by landmarks from their epic journey. Or unwind with a massage from the wellness specialist. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: HOOD RIVER / COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE, OREGON
Spend your morning visiting the stunning Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center in Stevenson, Washington, featuring 15,000 years of cultural and natural history of the Columbia Gorge with displays both inside and outside. Or trek up the iconic Beacon Rock, the 848-foot basalt column that once formed the core of an ancient volcano. Lewis and Clark camped here on their way west, and it was at Beacon Rock that they first noticed the tides affecting the water levels in the Columbia River, more than 120 miles from its mouth. Continue through the Gorge to Hood River, located in the shadows of majestic Mount Hood where you will enjoy a farm to table orchard lunch overlooking the golden Hood River Valley. The valley is known for its fruit growing orchards—including one of the world’s largest pear growing areas. After lunch you’ll have the option to visit the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum and explore one of the largest collections of still functioning antique cars and planes in the country or trek the trails of Tom McCall Nature Preserve which is home to over 200 plant species.

This evening enjoy the company of a local brewer onboard and partake in some of their craft brews while you hear about how the microbrew industry got started in Hood River. (B,L,D)
DAY 6: ASTORIA
We continue our journey by navigating the Columbia to the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Cape Disappointment, where Meriwether Lewis saw the Pacific in November of 1805, explore the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, see Cape Disappointment Lighthouse, and the north jetty of the Columbia River Bar. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which chronicles the history of river navigation and all aspects of maritime commerce in the region.

In the afternoon explore the Astoria area with several options to choose from. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: PORTLAND, OREGON / DISEMBARK
After breakfast, disembark in Portland and transfer to the airport for flights home, or join an optional extension. (B)

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ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST
Clarkston, WA to Portland, OR
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ADVANCE PAYMENT: $750 per person

COSTS INCLUDE: All accommodations aboard ships per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, complimentary wine and beer tastings, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, use of kayaks (where available), special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, gratuities (except to ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, and services of our expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation, extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages (except wine and beer tastings onboard), WiFi, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship’s crew are at your discretion.

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