COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS JOURNEY

OCTOBER 22-29, 2020

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE
DEAR RICE ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS,

Cruise the mighty Columbia and Snake Rivers, and take in the scenery once witnessed by America’s great explorers. These awe-inspiring views are part of this carefully designed voyage following the path of the Lewis and Clark expedition that rewrote the map of the American West. Aboard the new expedition ship National Geographic Venture, journey further into history as you transit the Columbia River Gorge. See time layered in the riverbanks, where the Missoula Floods of 15,000 years ago carved much of the route you travel, and the landslides of 500 years ago altered the river’s course by a full mile—events the expedition’s geologist will explain. In fact, the full expedition team puts everything into context, weaving an ongoing narrative from each day’s events.

Fall is harvest time and the region bursts with flavors from the orchards we visit, and in the dining room as we provision the ship from local markets, vineyards, and breweries. Enjoy complimentary wine and craft beer during dinner and tastings aboard, along with delicious food grown in the rich soil of the region. See modern marvels of human engineering—the imposing systems of locks and large-span bridges. Enjoy kayaking, hiking, a farm-to-table lunch, and a visit to the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum.

We hope you’ll join fellow Rice travelers, October 22-29, 2020, on an expedition featuring the best of the region. To reserve your space on the Columbia and Snake Rivers Journey, please return the reservation form or call 713-34-TRIPS. You can also call our group representative at Lindblad Expeditions toll free at 888-773-9007.

Sincerely,
The Rice Traveling Owls Team

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER—Dr. James J. Rawls is the author of more than thirty books on the history of the American West and a long-time professor at colleges and universities. He has served as a history consultant for Walt Disney Imagineering in the development of theme parks, and continues to consult for radio, television, and film productions of BBC London and PBS. Dr. Rawls sailed this itinerary for several years with Lindblad Expeditions and has been hugely popular for his comprehensive knowledge of Lewis and Clark and his eagerness to bring the region and its history to life for guests.

Cover: Crown Point on the Columbia River.
Opposite: A Zodiac cruise along the Palouse River.
Ship’s registry: United States
DISCOVER A SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPE CARVED OVER EONS

The powerful Columbia and Snake Rivers flow through some of the world’s most geologically fascinating landscapes, carved over time by tumultuous floods and volcanic eruptions. Today you are able to appreciate its beauty peacefully aboard a 50-cabin expedition ship, employing Zodiacs and kayaks to explore its wild reaches up close. Discover towering canyons, massive waterfalls, ancient petroglyphs, and rocky shorelines where bighorn sheep roam free. Around every bend of the Columbia and Snake Rivers, the region’s unique natural history reveals itself in all its glory. These rivers also offer up another exhilarating marvel as you travel through a series of eight locks, which lift or lower the ship some 700 feet, nearly ten times what the Panama Canal entails.

ON THE TRAIL OF LEWIS & CLARK

The fascinating legacy of Lewis and Clark’s epic, 19th-century expedition permeates this region. Traveling in their footsteps, you gain a deeper understanding of the region’s history, and learn about their interactions with Native American tribes. Your itinerary includes stops that embrace that heritage of discovery. Visit Cape Disappointment where Meriwether Lewis first saw the Pacific in 1805; take in the whole story at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Along the way, the onboard historian will weave tales of this dramatic episode in American history.

Opposite page: The Palouse River Valley; Multnomah Falls.
THE PERFECT BASE CAMP FOR EXPLORING

An expedition ship is an ideal way to explore the Pacific Northwest. Traveling expedition-style allows you to experience the region with all your senses—seeing its grand beauty, hearing its waterfalls and wild silences, feeling its fresh air, and tasting it daily in the delectable, locally sourced food served aboard. You travel in comfort aboard the new, 100-guest National Geographic Venture, which features open decks, step-out balconies, spacious cabins, generous windows, and an accommodating bow area. An onboard fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks are the perfect vehicles to have up-close views of the dramatic scenery. Life aboard ship is warm and welcoming. The lounge graciously accommodates the expedition community during nightly Recap, and the casual dining room serves meals in single seatings with unassigned tables for easy mingling.

SEE, DO & LEARN MORE WITH AN EXPERT TEAM

Your time on the river and ashore is spent in the company of a veteran expedition team that is passionate about the region’s rich history. Relive the heroic tales of the Corps of Discovery through the eyes of the historian. Join the geologist to marvel at layers of ancient basaltic lava. Capture perfect shots with help from a certified photo instructor. Or unwind with a massage from the wellness specialist. With one staff member aboard for every 10 guests, you’re ensured diverse knowledge, varied points of view, and engaging companionship.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Zodiacs return to the ship after an excursion; monolithic Beacon Rock, which guests have the option to hike; exploring the river by kayak; one of eight impressive locks we pass through on our journey.
DINE LIKE A LOCAL ON THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST’S BOUNTY

Your ship is provisioned in perfect harmony with the terrain you explore. As you follow these grand rivers, the menus follow the flow of the seasons, providing you with the freshest, most local fare possible. The dedicated team has crafted a culinary program that raises the bar on locality, sustainability, and seasonality. Throughout the journey you taste the region’s very soil, air, and water in the form of delicious fruit, vegetables, cheese, fish, and meat, plus celebrated wines and craft beers.

Food Alliance certification ensures that food is produced by well-treated workers; that meat products come from humanely raised animals; and that the regional soil, water, and wildlife habitats are protected and enhanced. As much as possible, the food served aboard the ship reflects their work—delectable meals you can feel doubly good about enjoying.

ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY LOCAL WINE & BEER

Local wines served aboard represent the various growing areas and the grape varieties which embody the region’s best. And the regional craft beers are on the radar of beer cognoscenti nationwide. Experience the full richness and diversity of the Pacific Northwest with complimentary beer and wine at dinner, and through a special onboard tasting event.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): The casual dining room with its expansive windows; locally sourced salmon; enjoy farm-fresh fruits and vegetables; visit a vineyard along the route; tasting at a local winery.
Travel aboard the 50-cabin National Geographic Venture and retrace Lewis and Clark’s rich history of exploration which permeates this region. Along the way, pass through some of the world’s most geologically fascinating landscapes and see towering canyons, massive waterfalls, and ancient petroglyphs. You also travel through a series of eight different locks, visit intriguing museums, and savor this region’s abundant bounty during harvest time. Enjoy locally sourced cuisine as well as award-winning wines and craft beers. Photo ops abound with dark green hillsides interrupted by reds, golds, and greens as the leaves change.

**DAY 1: PORTLAND, OREGON/EMBARK**
Board the ship and discover why Portland is nicknamed “Bridgetown” as we sail under eight of the city’s eclectic bridges. (D)

**DAY 2: ASTORIA**
We begin our journey navigating the Columbia near the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Cape Disappointment where Meriwether Lewis first glimpsed the Pacific in 1805, explore the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, and take in views of the Cape Disappointment Lighthouse and the north jetty of the Columbia River Bar. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum and, in the afternoon, explore more of the Astoria area with several options to choose from. (B,L,D)
**DAYS 3 & 4: COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE/HOOD RIVER**
Spend two days gaining a fresh perspective on such highlights as Bonneville Lock and Dam, Multnomah Falls, and Beacon Rock (perhaps even hike it if you are inclined). Visit the stunning Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center featuring 15,000 years of history. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch at an orchard in the golden Hood River Valley. Visit the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum or trek the trails of Tom McCall Nature Preserve, home to over 200 plant species. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: CRUISING THE COLUMBIA**
Spend the day cruising some of the most scenic and geologically interesting stretches of the Columbia River. Capture diverse and magnificent landscapes with the help of a certified photo instructor. The onboard geologist and historian will discuss the Columbia River Basalt Group and Missoula Floods that sculpted the landscape 15,000 years ago. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: 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 into the pool below. Afterwards, sail up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON**
At Clarkston, we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. Travel by comfortable jet boat up the Snake River into one of North America’s most scenic spots, spectacular Hells Canyon. This afternoon enjoy songs and stories by a local Nez Perce storyteller. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: CLARKSTON/DISEMBARK**
Transfer to Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington for connecting flights home. (B)

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**PRE- AND POST-VOYAGE EXTENSIONS**

**Portland City Tour:** Half-day guided exploration of the city’s must-see highlights, neighborhoods, and lush parks.

**Willamette Valley Wine Tour:** Combine the Portland City Tour with a visit to a few of the region’s most acclaimed boutique wineries.

**Lewiston Two-Day History & Wine Extension:** Venture into the U.S.’s newest-designated wine region to try award-winning vintages on a historic and culinary adventure. Hotel stay included.

Please call for details.
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE**

**CAPACITY:** 50 cabins accommodating 100 guests.

**REGISTRY:** United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

*National Geographic Venture* (launched in 2018) is designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A. She sets a new standard in exploration comfort and style.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. The “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide-selection buffet, and lunch is often served family-style. Menu emphasizes local fare.

**CABINS:** All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, and video microscope.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest Wi-Fi access, elevator, a certified photo instructor, and video chronicler.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights, and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.

DEDUCT $500 PER PERSON AS AN AIR CREDIT FROM THE COSTS BELOW.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

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**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #301-306
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, and two portholes.

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck #307-315
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, and two portholes.

**CATEGORY 3:** Upper Deck #201-206
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, and two large view windows.

**CATEGORY 4:** Upper Deck #207-229
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door, and small, private balcony.

**CATEGORY 5 (SUITE):** Observation Deck #101-108
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

**NOTE:** Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

**Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access:** Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

Clockwise from top left: The lounge is the hub of the expedition community; Category 4 cabin with lower single beds (which can be converted to a Queen) and a private step-out balcony; viewing platform; Category 5 cabin is the most spacious aboard.
ABOARD SHIP
✓ All meals served in the dining room
✓ All nonalcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, tea, and soda
✓ Complimentary wine and beer at dinner
✓ Wine and craft beer tastings
✓ Hors d’oeuvres and snacks during nightly Recap
✓ Environmentally friendly refillable water bottle
✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera’s memory card and internet access
✓ Fitness center
✓ Access to the Bridge to learn about navigation
✓ The guidance and company of the expedition staff

ASHORE
✓ Special access permits and entrance fees
✓ Transfer to airport for group flights
✓ The expertise of the expedition staff

ACTIVITIES
✓ All shore activities
✓ Zodiac, kayak, and jet boat explorations
✓ Lectures and presentations in the lounge
✓ Photo instruction
✓ Morning stretch class with wellness specialist

SPECIAL OFFERS
SAVINGS: Book now and receive a $500 air credit. New bookings only and cannot be combined with other offers. Call for details.
EXPEDITION EXCLUSIVE: To further enhance your appreciation of the unique food culture of the region, complimentary beer and wine tastings and food pairings will be offered during the evening Recap and dinner.
BRING THE KIDS: Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
COSTS INCLUDE: Accommodations aboard ship; all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; wine and beer at dinner and special tastings aboard ship; shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; group transfer from ship to airport; taxes, service charges, and tips (except to ship’s crew); services of expedition staff. Unused services or items included on this program are non-refundable.
NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; optional extensions; individual transfers; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages other than the wine and craft beer at dinner or tastings, Wi-Fi access, voyage chronicle, laundry, etc., and discretionary gratuities to ship’s crew.
AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your air arrangements, if needed, for a $50 per person service fee.
RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of $750 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.
FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 90 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.
TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Upon receipt of your reservation form, the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls will send you a confirmation email. In that confirmation email, you will receive information about optional travel insurance which all travelers are strongly encouraged to consider purchasing.
SMOKING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.
RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions’ and the National Geographic Society’s liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship’s ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

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RESERVATION FORM:
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Please reserve __________ place(s).

Name 1: _____________________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)

Name 1:____________________________________Date of Birth: _______________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: ______________________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)

Name 2: ___________________________________Date of Birth: _______________________
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Street Address: ________________________________________________________________
City:_____________________________________ State: __________________Zip: __________

Home Phone: ______________________ Business Phone: ___________________________

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Accommodations: □ Double □ Single □ Twin share w/friend
□ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:
1st choice: ______________________________ 2nd choice: _______________________________

Please send me information on the
□ Portland City Tour □ Willamette Valley Wine Tour □ Clarkston Extension
□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ _____________________________(US$750 per person).

Check made payable to Lindblad Expeditions, Inc.
□ Charge my advance payment of $ _____________________________ (US$750 per person)
to my □ Visa □ MasterCard □ American Express □ Discover.

Account Number: ________________________ Expires: ______________________

Cardholder Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Explore the history, geology, and cuisine of the Pacific Northwest aboard a new expedition ship.

» Follow the path of Lewis and Clark’s expedition, stopping at their campsites and hearing tales of their exploits from your historian.

» Enjoy locally sourced, sustainable food on board, from providers along the way, so it’s literally as fresh as can be.

» Venture out in Zodiacs and kayaks, and take an exhilarating jet boat ride through spectacular Hells Canyon.

» Travel through eight locks that lift or lower you some 700 feet in all.