



# Rivers of Adventure

7 NIGHTS | CLARKSTON, WA TO PORTLAND, OR | SEP-OCT

## INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Deschutes River rafting trip
- Narration on board features Lewis & Clark, culture, and natural history
- Jet boat ride into Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
- Private tour and tasting at *Terra Blanca Winery & Estate Vineyard*
- Transit eight locks and tour the Bonneville Dam Visitor Center
- Waterfalls and hikes on both sides of the Cascade Mountains
- Swimming, kayaking, biking, and skiff excursions
- Presentation by a Nez Perce tribal member

### DAY 1 Clarkston, Washington - Embarkation

After meeting up in Spokane, Washington, there's time to sit back and relax on your transfer to the *S.S. Legacy* in Clarkston. Once on board, your captain and crew help you settle in. Then it's all champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and sweeping views—a perfect start to your adventure cruise. (D)

### DAY 2 Hells Canyon

The history of this area is as rich as the canyon walls are dense. Delve into it! After breakfast, it's a treat when a Nez Perce tribe member comes aboard for a special story, song, and music presentation. Nez Perce, Lewis & Clark, early Pioneers—signs of the past tell tales on your jet boat ride into the canyon. Keep your eyes peeled for sure-footed bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and 7,000-year-old petroglyphs. Hemmed in by vertical cliffs, this free-flowing stretch of the Snake cuts its way through North America's deepest river gorge. (BLD)

### DAY 3 Snake River / Palouse Falls State Park

A technicolor sunrise and chirping birds—follow one of the most scenic parts of the Snake toward the Palouse River and watch the world wake. Drop anchor and gear up. The essentials of the day—kayaks, swimsuits, and hiking shoes. Bring your binocs, too (there's great birding and views). At the only remaining waterfall formed by the ice age-era Missoula Floods, hike above the canyon to view the falls—which according to tribal legend, were born after a gallant fight with a mythic creature. Afterwards, skiff out to the kayaks and grab a paddle or go for a swim in the Palouse River. (BLD)

### DAY 4 Washington Wine Country / Richland

Rise and shine in Richland with time to pop into the bridge to chat up the captain or go for a stroll or jog along the Columbia River Trail. This afternoon dive into the award-winning wines of the Red Mountain AVA. Sweeping views surround *Terra Blanca Winery & Estate Vineyard*, and its owner and winemaker do a good job of keeping you on the task of tasting. A private tour takes you through the vineyards, to the crush pads and production areas, and into their wine caves. Cruise the river this evening relaxing on the sun deck with a book and a glass of wine. (BLD)

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### **DAY 5 Deschutes River, Oregon**

River play is on the agenda today—whichever option you pick start with a shallow wet landing on beach. Choose whitewater with a Deschutes rafting adventure. Class II and III+ rapids come with names like Elevator and Surf City. Rafting guides provide the gear (including optional wetsuits) and expertise; your ship's chef provides the picnic lunch. Stick to dry land and visit the Columbia Hills State Park on foot or, if weather permits, by skiff. Take a dip in a lazy section of the river, and let the sunshine dry you up after a swim. Along the river's edge, listen to the rustle of cottonwoods. Swap stories with your shipmates over sunset cocktails and appetizers. (BLD)

### **DAY 6 Rowena Plateau / Columbia River Gorge**

Lava flows, floods, and volcanic ash deposits shaped the Rowena—sheer cliffs, basalt landforms, wide-stretching plateaus. At Rowena Overlook, it's boots-on-the-ground exploration. Opt for a 2-mile round trip hike to the crest of Tom McCall Nature Preserve. Your reward: expansive views in every direction—including the river far below. Or, choose the steeper, 3.6-mile round trip Tom McCall Point trail. On a cloudless day, your effort gaining 1,000 feet of elevation pays off with views of Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood, and the Columbia River GorgeOUS! Post-hike, fuel up. There's time to cycle or stroll along the Twin Tunnels Trail—a pedestrian-only section of the historic Columbia River Highway, or explore downtown Hood River on your own. Art galleries, boutique shops, and wine tasting are all options. (BLD)

### **DAY 7 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area / Hood River Valley**

Gateway to the gorge. Slip through the Bonneville Dam locks, then head behind the scenes at the visitor center. You're in luck with a private tour of its massive turbines and fish ladders. Take a walk on the wild side at Multnomah Falls—the tallest in the state. Snap a few photos before choosing between your next big adventure: a bike\* and wine outing or a half day guided hike in the heart of the Columbia Gorge. Hikers set out from the ship for a trek that gets your legs going while you soak in the lush fern-filled forest en route to a waterfall—northwest adventure at its best. Prefer two wheels? Pedal and taste your way through the Hood River Valley accompanied by local guides. Quaint shops, bountiful orchards, boutique wineries—it's all worth stopping for. Hop off your bike for visits with the locals and wine tastings on sunny patios. On board, rest up from a full day with a good soak in the hot tub. (BLD)

*\*A shuttle is available for guests who prefer not to ride bikes.*

### **DAY 8 Portland, Oregon - disembarkation**

One last fresh scone or omelet. Then wish your travel mates farewell. Your transfer waits to the Portland airport for your flight home. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

*Itineraries are guidelines; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience.*

*Passport required (non USA citizens).*



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