

ITINERARY – LEGACY OF DISCOVERY CRUISE

Seven Nights Aboard the S.S. Legacy

Inclusive River Cruise with Shore Excursions, Lewis & Clark, History, and Wine

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Summary

Exploring

- Portland, Oregon
- Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
- Clarkston, Washington
- Hells Canyon
- Richland
- Washington Wine Country
- The Dalles, Oregon
- Astoria

Included Highlights

- Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and Multnomah Falls
- Transit eight locks and tour the Bonneville Dam Visitor Center
- Jet boat ride into Hells Canyon
- Visit Astoria Column and Columbia River Maritime Museum
- Tours to Fort Clatsop, Maryhill Museum, Hanford Reach, and Columbia Gorge Interpretive Centers
- Private tour, tasting, and lunch at Terra Blanca Winery & Estate Vineyard
- Hear tales of the Nez Perce and early American pioneers
- Convenience of sailing roundtrip Portland, Oregon

DAY 1 (2017 August 12)

Portland, Oregon – Embarkation

Welcome to Portland! You'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to our hospitality area before boarding the S.S. Legacy in Portland, Oregon. Enjoy champagne and hors d'oeuvres before dinner, then following dinner, gather in the Grand Salon for an evening presentation about your week's journey through time.

DAY 2 (2017 August 13)

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Near the Columbia River Gorge entrance sits Beacon Rock—Lewis & Clark camped here on their way to the Pacific. Once the core of an ancient volcano, intrepid explorers debated between “Beacon” or “Beaten” Rock before naming it. Its native name translates to “the navel of the world.” As you cruise upriver, your heritage team shares the history of their famous expedition. At locks of Bonneville Dam, embark on a private tour of the massive turbines and fish ladders at the dam's Visitor Center. Since 1938, this historic landmark has supplied hydroelectric power and river navigation. Travel by motorcoach to towering Multnomah Falls, tallest falls in Oregon. At 80 miles long and up to 4,000 feet deep, the Columbia River Gorge canyon cuts the only sea level route through the Cascade Mtns.

DAY 3 (2017 August 14)**Snake River Cruising**

After an early morning transit of McNary Dam, you'll arrive at the confluence of the Columbia and Snake Rivers. But back on October 24, 1805 after crossing in canoes, Clark's diary entry describes it as foreboding. Today, hillsides reveal the vineyards of some of the area's more than 200 wineries. Glimpse the surrounding wheat fields of the Palouse—one of the nation's top wheat growing regions—and pass by massive wind farm turbines atop riverside hills. Observe the intricacies of locking through as you transit the locks and dams of the lower Snake River. This evening, a member of the Nez Perce tribe joins you on board with colorful stories.

DAY 4 (2017 August 15)**Clarkston / Hells Canyon**

After your final upriver locking at Lower Granite Dam, you'll dock in Clarkston to delve into the history and culture of the Nez Perce people. Historical sites connected to the Lewis and Clark Expedition abound in this area, including Clark's first encounter with the Nez Perce in 1805. Board a covered speed boat for an invigorating ride into Hells Canyon. This free-flowing river stretch of the Snake, hemmed in by vertical cliffs, cuts its way through North America's deepest river gorge. Protected as a National Recreation Area since 1975, Hells Canyon preserves a world of fascinating natural and cultural elements. Keep your eyes peeled for bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and 7,000-year-old Indian petroglyphs.

DAY 5 (2017 August 16)**Richland**

At Hanford Reach Interpretive Center, discover the region's fascinating geologic history—from basalt flows and Ice Age floods to today's living landscape; learn about the monumental efforts of the Manhattan Project and Hanford Engineering Works that ushered in the atomic era; and meet Baby Ems, a cast of the world's only complete baby woolly mammoth skeleton. Pause to soak in the sweeping views of the Red Mountain AVA while touring and tasting at award-winning Terra Blanca Winery and Estate Vineyard. Then back on board, ease into the afternoon with a relaxing massage, a visit with your captain on the Bridge, or watching the scenery change as you cruise downriver.

DAY 6 (2017 August 17)**The Dalles, Oregon**

It's a day of culture at Maryhill Museum and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. With its eclectic collection of European paintings, Native artifacts, and the Queen of Romania's personal effects, the museum—a castle-like chateau—sits on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River Gorge. The Discovery Center's interactive exhibits provide a look into the area's geologic origins of volcanic upheavals and catastrophic floods; pioneer and missionary life; and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Transit The Dalles—another of the eight dams harnessing these mighty rivers.

DAY 7 (2017 August 18)**Astoria**

Situated near the mouth of the Columbia River, you'll step back in time with a visit to Fort Clatsop and Astoria. Fort Clatsop National Monument is a replica of the encampment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition during the winter of 1805-1806. The fort was the Corps of Discovery's last encampment before their return trip east to St. Louis. Visit the fascinating Columbia River Maritime Museum and take time to stroll through the quaint Victorian streets of Astoria. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner this evening, then relive the week through photos and storytelling hosted by your heritage guides.

DAY 8 (2017 August 19)**Portland, Oregon – Disembark**

Your crew serves another excellent breakfast this morning before bidding you “adieu.” Disembark for your included transfer to the Portland airport.

NOTE: This itinerary is only a guideline; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience. Passport required (non USA Citizens).