Seniors On The Go Travel presents...

# Columbia and Snake River Cruise on the American Empress June 16-24, 2024, 9 days and 8 nights, starting in Spokane, Washington











Join your fellow passengers on this magnificent river cruise following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark. You'll be treated to incredible scenery, highlighted by rich forests, charming river towns and majestic views. It's a wonderful way to travel once you're on board, as you unpack and enjoy the sites, the flavors, and the Empress. At a capacity of only 216 passengers, you will be treated to impeccable service, complimented by outstanding ports and shore excursions.

# Here's our itinerary:

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June 16	Arrive in Spokane for overnight in a downtown hotel. Your transfer to the Atlanta airport is included, as well as your transfer to the hotel too.
June 17	Enjoy an included breakfast, followed by an included city tour. There's so much here to see!
	Afterwards board the motorcoach to travel to Clarkston and board the Empress. You'll be treated to
	fabulous meals throughout the entire journey, along with wonderful regional wines!
June 18	Today you can enjoy the city tours of town, and in Lewiston, Idaho. Perhaps you'd like to take the
	optional Snake River jet boat ride up Hell's Canyon. It's highly recommended for all.
June 19	Our port of call is Richland, WA where you can enjoy the hop on, hop off tours in town. Sites include
	Sacajawea State Park, local Historical Museum, and the Handford Reach Center
June 20	Dalles, Oregon is our next stop. It's here that many pioneers 'jumped off' the Oregon Trail and settled in
	the area. You can enjoy the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center here as well as the Courthouse Museum.
June 21	Stevenson, WA plays host to the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, Bonneville Dam and an optional
	tour to Multnomah Falls with it's 611 foot drop. It's an iconic spot here in the 'Gorge' area and not to be
	missed. This area is highlighted by rich, dense forest of evergreens. Truly lovely area.
June 22	Stevenson, WA in the morning with optional tour to Mt Hood; followed by cruising through Camas.
June 23	Astoria, Oregon with its lovely Victorian charm downtown. Great stops at the Astoria Column, Heritage
	Museum and beautiful overlooks of the river at this picturesque port city.
June 24	Port of Vancouver, WA (Portland, Oregon). Our journey comes to an end and we will take the included
	transfer to the Portland airport. Those who wish can arrange later flights and take in the optional
	Portland city tour with a stop at the famous Rose Garden.

#### Included features of this cruise:

- Pre Paid gratuities for ship staff
- All port fees and taxes
- 1 pre night hotel stay in Spokane, including transfer to first hotel from Spokane airport.
- City tour of Spokane which includes stops Gonzaga University, the Bing Crosby House, and city carousel.
- Live, daily onboard entertainment and enrichment through out the journey.
- Unlimited Wifi
- Unlimited guided tours on board their motorcoaches that follow our route. (Premium optional tours available)
- Unlimited beverages including an extensive wine list, choice spirts, local craft beers and specialty coffees.
- Open bars and lounges throughout the vessel including a juice bar every morning.
- Locally sourced and regionally inspired cuisine from land and sea.
- Gourmet selections daily/3 meals per day.
- In room dining.
- Atlanta airport transfers on the way out and on the way back.

## Your airfare is not included in the price. American Queen Voyages does not sell air with their cruises.

I will notify the group when the air is for sale and each person will have the opportunity to **purchase their own air.** You'll then be able to buy your air with the carrier that **YOU** want, use airline miles if you can, and select YOUR own seats. I will guide you through this process and help you to select times that will work with the actual cruise. It also allows for those people who want to do the 3-hour city tour in Portland and take a later flight. Your airport transfers will still be covered from there too. In checking prices, a non-stop flight round trip on Delta just priced out at \$778 as of July 15. Your actual price may be different, but this will allow you to see the estimated cost of the flight. Again, you will be given information from me approximately 9 months before the trip to do this; that's when the air schedules come out. I will also coordinate with you on all the airport transfers too.

### Stateroom categories on board and price including all the features previously listed:

Category D:	outside stateroom with window, 200 Sq Ft, Deck 1	Price per person:	\$4719
Category C:	deluxe veranda with private veranda , 200-220 Sq Ft, Decks 2 & 3	Price per person:	\$5479
Category B:	superior veranda with private veranda, 220-240 SQ Ft Decks 2 & 3	Price per person:	\$6999

**Optional insurance** is available as follows and may be purchased thru Seniors On Go Travel. It MUST be purchased at time of deposit and will cover the cruise, hotel stay, and transfers as listed. AIR is not covered and may be purchased through your airline carrier.

Age at time of sign up:	60-69	70-74	75-79	80+
Price per person:	\$449	\$499	\$699	\$799

#### How to sign up:

When signing up you will need to mail your deposit of \$500 with a check made out to American Queen Voyages; Insurance check needs to be made out to Seniors On The Go Travel.

Fill out the attached American Queen Voyages Guest Information Form – make sure to use your legal name from your **driver's license**. You will need to show that as identification when you check in for the cruise in Spokane. The name MUST match exactly what you license says. No expections!!!

#### Once sign up form is complete mail to :

Seniors On The Go Travel, 785 Marbrook Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30044

- Remember to include \$500 for deposit made out to American Queen Voyages
- Remember to include insurance check made out to Seniors On The Go Travel

Your information will be sent to American Queen Voyages and your cabins will be assigned and a confirmation letter will be sent to Seniors On The Go. Once that step is complete, your insurance will be purchased; you will be sent a confirmation letter with details on the final payments. You may use a credit card on the balance and forms will be available.

The American Empress is owned and operated by American Queen Voyages.

Having been on this cruise twice, I can highly recommend this cruise line, as well as the ship. It is without a doubt one of my top five favorite trips that I've ever made. Please join me on this grand adventure!

# Questions: please email Cathy Stokes at cmstokes@bellsouth.net

Cut off dates: They are currently holding 18 cabins for me for a maximum of 36 guests. My cut off date to hold these cabins is November 1, 2023. PLEASE sign up by that date. After that date I have to release the cabins back into general inventory and those rates will no longer apply.