



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS CRUISE

With Women of the Midwest!

June 23 - July 1, 2024



Dear Women of the Midwest,

The Columbia & Snake Rivers cruise is an exploration of the senses. During our voyage, we will taste the finest cuisine in the region, view the most spectacular scenery, and hear amazing tales about the rich history of this captivating destination. On board our charming paddlewheeler, American Pride, we will be treated to exceptional service from the attentive crew and travel in style and comfort.

From beautiful changing landscapes and fantastic wildlife to the rich history along its shores, we will experience the very best the region offers, led by knowledgeable guides.

Highlights include Multnomah Falls, the 2nd tallest waterfall, Mount St. Helens and the Johnston Ridge Observatory, and Cape Disappointment State Park, where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean.

We will start in Portland, Oregon, and enjoy an evening prior to embarking on our once-in-a-lifetime cruise journey. We will return from Clarkston, Washington.

Consider joining other like-minded women as we travel solo together on this remarkable journey. Let's take an expedition into the West, following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark. Get ready to cruise, Ladies!

Ann Bruntz,
Ambassador,
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.

Portland - St. Johns Bridge



Fort Clatsop



Columbia River Gorge



Columbia & Snake Rivers with American Cruise Lines

Embrace the pioneering spirit of Lewis and Clark as you immerse yourself in the history of their expedition into the West.

As our intimate and well-appointed riverboat makes its way along these legendary rivers, from Portland, OR, to Clarkston, WA, be amazed by the constant shifts in landscapes. From the lush forest mountains to magnificent waterfalls and even desert canyons, the evolving terrain is unlike anywhere else in America.

Experience a front-row seat as we navigate through the famed lock and dam system, an awe-inspiring testament to human engineering.

Enjoy days of personalized exploration led by our engaging local guides who enhance your understanding of fascinating landmarks, such as Mount St. Helens, famous for its eruption in 1980, and Multnomah Falls, an impressive 611-foot-tall cascade of falling water.

Travel to scenic vineyards, to savor the area's finest varietals.

On board, delight in the ship's delicious cuisine, socialize at the daily cocktail hour, and enjoy onboard guest speaker presentations featuring fascinating stories and insights about the region's history, environment, and culture.

Unwind each evening with a diverse array of talented regional performers in the intimate performance lounge.

Come join us as we spoil ourselves with one of the finest paddle-wheeler river cruise experiences ever!

Welcome Aboard!

June 23, 2024 - Sunday Traveling to Portland, OR

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Portland, OR. Upon arrival, we meet our local tour director and transfer to our hotel, where we will spend our first night. Portland, Oregon's largest city, sits on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in the shadow of snow-capped Mount Hood. It's known for its parks, bridges, and bicycle paths, as well as for its microbreweries and coffeehouses, and thriving art, theater, and music scenes.

Time to relax and unwind. Join your fellow travelers and enjoy the local atmosphere and dinner at a nearby restaurant. **B | L | S | D**

June 24, 2024 - Monday Portland, OR

Begin your journey in this vibrant region with majestic Mount Hood, serving as a stunning backdrop. Situated between the waters of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, the area's history is forever entwined with the fortunes of these great rivers. In the golden age of riverboats, sternwheelers crossed the waterfront while steam whistles and calliopes rang out across the water. With its sparkling rivers, stately evergreens, and mild climate, you will understand why this area was noted as exceptional by explorer Meriwether Lewis. We transfer to our paddlewheeler and embark on a journey of a lifetime! A "Welcome Aboard Reception" with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment awaits. We will meet our crew, our onboard experts, and learn more about the wonderful adventure ahead of us. **B | L | S | D**

June 25, 2024 - Tuesday Astoria, OR

Astoria is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies. Colorful Victorian homes adorn the hillside that climbs

steeply up from the river, earning it the nickname "The Little San Francisco." Explore this remarkable town on your own or choose from a collection of well-curated excursions. Step into history on a guided exploration to the National Park Service replica of Fort Clatsop, the 1805-06 winter camp of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Board a local red trolley to ride along the picturesque waterfront or savor the perspective from a bluff high above the city at the picturesque Astoria Column. Peruse the town's quaint shops, galleries, wineries, and brew pubs. Or simply stroll off the ship to the nearby acclaimed Columbia River Maritime Museum.

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Shore excursion offered (*complimentary):
Astoria Local Loop*
Columbia River Maritime Museum*
Cape Disappointment State Park
Fort Clatsop Experience
Astoria Walking Exploration

June 26, 2024 - Wednesday Kalama, WA

From our convenient dock at Kalama, Washington, we enjoy the grand landscape of the Cascade Mountains scenic drive to view the remnants of nearby Mount St. Helens.

A local guide enhances our understanding and shares the story of the volcano's 1980 eruption and its impact on the environment and the lives of those in the area. Just off the ship dock, enjoy an expansive city park, unique local artwork throughout an impressive adjacent hotel, and an interesting interpretive center. Or venture out to a nearby family vineyard for an afternoon of wine tasting.

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Shore excursion offered (*complimentary):
Mount St. Helens Experience*
Port of Kalama Interpretive Center*

Mount St. Helens



June 27, 2024 - Thursday Stevenson, WA

Nearby attractions offer a day of diverse options. Stand in awe of the glorious Multnomah Falls as it tumbles 620 feet off mountains and down into the river. Visit the Bonneville Dam visitor's center to ponder the wonders of hydroelectricity and explore the intriguing exhibits of the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum. Discover the village of Stevenson, easily accessible from our dock, offering small-town charm and a unique Northwest flair. Or simply sit on the deck with a beverage and admire the grandeur of nature.

B | L | S | D

Shore excursion offered (*complimentary):
Bonneville Dam*
Columbia River Gorge Interpretive Center*
Multnomah Falls*
Guided Gorge Kayak Excursion

June 28, 2024 - Friday A Day of Cruising

This day is a treat! From the comfort of your private balcony or the beautiful common areas onboard, admire the magnificent bluffs of the Columbia River Gorge, covered in deep green forest and framed by picturesque hillsides that quickly ascend toward the sky. Windsurfers and kiteboarders adorn the landscape as they drift across the broad, shining river.

There are a variety of activities scheduled on board when the ship is underway. Enjoy a destination-focused enrichment program with special guest speakers who will present topics related to the region and port of call, including art classes, aptitude classes (tech made easy!), cooking demonstrations, mixology (the practice of making great cocktails,) trivia, game shows, and much more!

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Multnomah Falls



June 29, 2024 - Saturday Pendleton, OR / Richland, WA

Richland sits at the confluence of the Yakima and Columbia Rivers. Our ship docks just steps away from scenic waterfront walking trails, unique shops, and local wineries. Enjoy a variety of guided excursions to area parks and museums, including the REACH Museum, where you can discover Eastern Washington's rich landscape and history, from the Ice Age to the Atomic Age. Admire the beauty of the Columbia and Snake River confluence at Sacajawea State Park and explore the grounds where the Corps of Discovery camped in October 1805 amidst a thriving community of Native Americans.

A full-day excursion also visits Pendleton, Oregon, to enjoy Western heritage, Native American history, and the network of underground tunnels created a century ago for both legal and illicit activities.

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Shore excursion offered (*complimentary):
Sacajawea Interpretive Center*
The REACH Museum
The Pendleton Experience

June 30, 2024 - Sunday Clarkston, WA

On your way to Clarkston, cruise the legendary Snake River. Watch the remote wilderness and canyon hillsides glide by in ever-changing scenic panoramas. Admire the steep hillsides dotted with white pelicans, osprey, bald eagles, cormorants, and blue herons. Nestled in a beautiful valley surrounded by steep hillsides, Clarkston embellishes the shoreline along the Snake River at the river's confluence with the Clearwater River. Named for William Clark of the historic Lewis and Clark Expedition, Clarkston's origin dates back to the late 1890s, tracing its roots to

Snake River



the Nez Perce, the Native American tribe that originally inhabited the valley. Venture to Hells Canyon for a boat ride through the deepest canyon in North America and let your senses run as wild as the landscapes of grand mountain peaks and vast reaches of remote wilderness. **B | L | S | D**

Shore excursion offered (*complimentary):
Hells Canyon Boat Adventure
Hells Canyon Flightseeing Adventure

July 1, 2024 - Monday Disembarkation - Traveling Home

Enjoy breakfast on board. Reflect on the great time we have had and the wonderful memories you made along the way. We will transfer to Clarkston airport for our flight back. **B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

**B = Breakfast L = Lunch
S = Snack D = Dinner**

American Pride - Facts

**Inaugurated: 2012 Guest Capacity: 150
Staterooms: 78 Common Areas: 5**

5TH
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4TH
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3RD
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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price - All Staterooms are on Request Basis:

A (non-balcony) PP, shared double room:	\$6,295
AAR (private balcony) PP, shared double room:	\$6,895
AAL (private balcony) PP, shared double room:	\$7,295
AAC (private balcony) PP, shared double room:	\$7,495
Single (private balcony) - limited staterooms:	\$7,995*
Triple rooms are not available.	

We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on February 22, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!

SAVE 3.5%!

Tour Activity Level:

The activity level of this tour depends on your choices of shore excursions. This journey is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are always recommended.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

Group airfare:

Group airfare is included in your package. Detailed itinerary will become available by the end of August 2023. All registered travelers will be notified.

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Included:

- Group airfare Omaha-Portland / Clarkston-Omaha*, economy class, taxes and fees included
- 1 night pre-cruise in Portland
- 1 x dinner in Portland
- 1 x breakfast at the hotel in Portland
- Full meal package (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks) & drink package (all beverages and alcohol) throughout the cruise
- All transportation as per the tour program
- Professional tour director in Portland
- Professional tour directors throughout the cruise
- Baggage handling at the hotel and cruise ship (one piece per person)
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, June 23 - July 1, 2024
- Detailed travel documents (hard copy and electronic)
- All gratuities and port taxes
- All local taxes and fees as of June 25, 2023

*Ask us to assist you with airfare from a different hometown (a small supplement may occur).

Not Included:

- Airline baggage fees. Estimate \$35-40 per checked bag per way
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Premium and Signature shore excursions. Pricing will become available 60 days prior to departure
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Hotel Accommodation in Portland:

Final accommodation is confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.



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GROUP AIRFARE DETAILS

Group airfare (economy class, including taxes and fees) with United Airlines is included in your package:

June 23, 2024	Omaha* - San Francisco	6:00 AM - 7:50 AM
June 23, 2024	San Francisco - Portland	10:45 AM - 12:27 PM
July 1, 2024	Lewiston - Denver	1:08 PM - 4:35 PM
July 1, 2024	Denver - Omaha*	5:55 PM - 8:25 PM

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you (a small supplement may occur). If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Portland around the same time as the arrival of our Omaha group. On July 1, we aim to have you depart around the same time as the Omaha group.

Important notes about seat assignments and upgrades:

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed at this time, only. Women of the Midwest/Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days before your departure. Thus, we cannot promise the availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

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