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Professor Chudacoff is George L. Littlefield Professor of American History and Professor of Urban Studies at Brown. He has taught U.S. history at Brown since 1970, and his research focuses on aspects of social and cultural history. His most recent book is *Children At Play: An American History*, which examines the ways that children created their own play styles and cultures from colonial times to the present. Before this book, he wrote *The Age of the Bachelor* and *How Old Are You? Age Consciousness and Age Grading in American Culture*.

He has special interests in U.S. urban, 20th century, and sports history and is currently completing a book on the major turning points in the history of college sports since 1950.



RON WALTERS

Ron Walters has been at the Johns Hopkins University since 1970, where he is presently Professor of History. A graduate of Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley, he focused his earliest research on American abolitionism and the history of reform movements resulting in two books and numerous publications. His present work divides between his early interest in radical and reform movements and more recent research on nineteenth- and twentieth-century American commercial popular culture. His undergraduate

nineteenth- and twentieth-century American commercial popular culture. His undergraduate courses focus primarily on U.S. social and cultural history, 1800-1970, cultural pluralism, reform and radicalism, the American West, and popular culture. Professor Walters has lectured on previous Northwest Passage cruises.

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The incredible scenery and intriguing history of the Great American West come to life on board the *American Empress*, your floating boutique hotel. Enjoy casual elegance and sweeping river views aboard the largest and most elegant riverboat in the Pacific Northwest, combining Victorian-inspired décor with frontier flair. Unwind in the Paddlewheel Lounge and sample regional cuisine in the beautifully appointed dining room. And at the end of the day, retreat to the comfort of your fine accommodations.

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JUL 12 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON/PORTLAND, OREGON

Your journey begins with a one-night stay at the Hilton Vancouver Washington hotel, north of Portland. Stroll the nearby promenade that runs along the Columbia River, browse the shops and local galleries in Vancouver or consider a trip to Portland, the "City of Roses." Portland, Oregon's blossoming cultural haven, is home to renowned sites, including the International Rose Test Garden, Portland Art Museum, and Powell's City of Books, the world's largest independent bookstore.

JUL 13 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON/PORTLAND, OREGON

Morning at leisure in Vancouver. Embark on your river cruise aboard the grand *American Empress* in the afternoon.

JUL 14 ASTORIA, OREGON

Where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean, you'll find the oldest city west of the Rockies, Astoria—named for John Jacob Astor, the owner of the American Fur Company. This "Little San Francisco" is bursting with character, from its steep hillsides blanketed in sprawling Victorian homes and weathered Deco-era buildings to its maritime relics and downtown studded with chic cafes and whimsical shops.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Begin with a stop at the Riverwalk, a four-mile walkway overlooking the Columbia River, flanked by shops, cafes and historic canneries. Continue to some of the city's renowned historic attractions, including the 19th-century George Flavel House and Carriage House Museum, the marvelous Queen Anne-style residence of a prominent local millionaire; Clatsop County Heritage Museum, illustrating early pioneer life and logging and maritime industries; and the Astoria Column, awarding splendid panoramas from its dramatic perch 600 feet above sea level.

JUL 15 STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

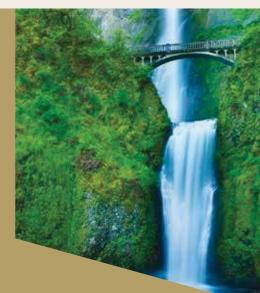
Nestled in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the friendly, laid-back town of Stevenson packs in lovely scenery and layer upon layer of history. Peaceful riverfront parks and downtown delicatessens, pubs, antique stores and art galleries offer a dose of small-town charm while the nearby Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum brings to life 15,000 years of geological glory and compelling regional history.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Traveling by motor coach, visit the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum and learn about the incredible geological forces that shaped this astounding region, and discover Native American legends, petroglyphs, and other captivating artifacts and exhibits. Visit the first dam built on the Columbia River, the Bonneville Dam, a National Historic Landmark and a monument to human ingenuity with its massive turbines and fascinating fish ladders.

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ASTOUNDING SCENERY

Experience the Pacific Northwest, where diverse landscapes intertwine to form an incredibly gorgeous painting, stirred to life by the cool, gentle breeze. Here nature reveals her unimaginable beauty and range—from surreal, emerald forests and sparkling waterfalls to near-desert bluffs and staggering, vertical canyon walls. Carved by dramatic landslides, volcanic upheavals, and raging floods thousands of years ago, these rugged lands provide some of the most astounding scenery in America. From the decks of the *American Empress*, discover this renowned region in perfect elegance and ease, as scenes of unspoiled natural glory unfold one by one.





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THE DALLES, OREGON **JUL 16**

This quintessential frontier town rests on a crescent bend of the Columbia River, between Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, and welcomes visitors with its picturesque backdrop of forests, orchards and high desert. Once known as the end of the Oregon Trail, The Dalles occupied a strategic transfer point for west-bound pioneers heading to the Willamette Valley.

INCLUDED EXCURSION The hop-on, hop-off motor coach makes stops at the Original Courthouse Museum, known as the first courthouse west of the Rocky Mountains; The Dalles Visitor's Center; the Fort Dalles Museum and Interpretive Center, which showcases unique military and pioneer remnants, including Oregon Trail wagons; the downtown shopping district; and Sunshine Mill Winery, a state-of-the-art boutique winery housed in a 130-year-old abandoned wheat mill.

JUL 17 SACAJAWEA STATE PARK, WASHINGTON At the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, this 284-acre park occupies the former site of Ainsworth, a 19th-century railroad town. The land also holds unique history-in 1805, Lewis and Clark and their Shoshone Indian guide camped here during their fabled expedition. Sacajawea State Park features a blend of ponds, marshes, sand dunes, and over 9,000 feet of freshwater shoreline as well as an interpretive center. Nearby, you'll find Washington's famed Walla Walla Valley, home to the region's award-winning wineries.

INCLUDED EXCURSION Visit Sacajawea State Park and its interpretive center, featuring Lewis and Clark-themed exhibits and Native American implement displays; followed by the Country Mercantile Store, a working farm and shop offering agricultural demonstrations, gourmet foods and other unique local gifts.

JUL 18 RIVER CRUISING

JUL 19 CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON Situated at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, in the beautiful Lewis-Clark Valley the centuries-old home of the Nez Perce Indians-are the sister cities of Lewiston, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington. Founded in the 19th century as a way station for travelers bound for the Idaho goldfields, today Clarkston offers visitors resplendent scenery and a wealth of cultural attractions. INCLUDED EXCURSION In the morning, stop at Nez Perce National Historical Park, which chronicles the indigenous tribe and its relationship with the Corps of Discovery expedition. Then discover Clarkston, Washington, and delve into colorful local culture at the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Museum before exploring its downtown shopping district at your leisure.

CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON **JUL 20**

Disembark in the morning and bid farewell to the American Empress. Transfers to Spokane, for return flights home, are an additional cost and should be scheduled to depart after 10AM.

Note: If you are interested in an optional Premium Choice Tour of Spokane, your return flight should be scheduled to depart from Spokane after 3PM. Many of the late departures from Spokane are overnight flights.

LIFE ON THE WATER

Life on the American Empress is as unique and enriching as the riverboat tradition itself. Night after night, music fills the majestic showroom, elegantly furnished with crystal chandeliers, glorious period-wallpaper, and comfortable seating, reminiscent of a lumber baron's estate home. By day, the Riverlorian, your onboard historian, offers lectures and tales of the frontier. The River Grille and Paddlewheel Lounge are meeting points for old and new friends. And the elaborate Romanov Dining Room, reflecting the Northwest's rich Russian influence, is graced with gilded columns, rich marble, and jewel-toned upholstery-the perfect backdrop to sample inspired regional dishes.



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Vista View Deck Elegantly furnished suite, cozy sitting area, French doors that open onto a veranda, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

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Vista View, Discovery & Frontier Decks French doors that open onto a private veranda*, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower. *Stateroom 403 offers additional square footage in lieu of private veranda.

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Discovery & Frontier Decks French doors that open onto a private veranda, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

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Explorer Deck Large window, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

VERANDA STATEROOMS

Vista View Deck French doors that open onto a veranda, two single beds convertible to queen, and bathroom with shower.

Luxury Suites, Single and Triple Staterooms are available upon request.

Fares are per person, double occupancy. Onboard meals, refreshments, & entertainment are included. Airfare and airport transfers are not included. Please contact Go Next for information regarding transportation options to Portland and/or from Spokane. Port charges of \$109 per person and gratuities are additional.

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charm. All suites and staterooms aboard the *American Empress* feature flat-screen TVs, extravagant bedding and fine linens, mini refrigerators, and luxury hotel-style service. Take in resplendent scenery as you enjoy a quiet respite in your stylish suite or deluxe like a gentle river—at your pace and according





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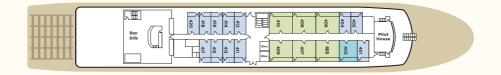
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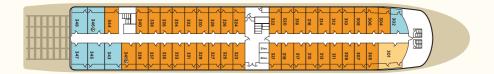




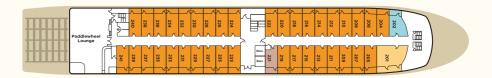
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