

# COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS: FOOD, WINE, AND HISTORY - 6 DAY CRUISE

Experience the bounty of the Pacific Northwest in less than a week with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions and wines curated by Food & Wine Executive Wine Editor Ray Isle. Delve deep into the history, harvests, and landscapes of the Columbia and Snake rivers, while indulging your senses with the region's culinary splendors and world-class wines. Actively explore the region on hikes, kayaking excursions, and visits to museums and wineries. Our nimble, intimately scaled ship offers an unmatched vantage for taking in the rolling valleys and soaring canyons, and a top team of naturalists--including experts on history, geology, and wine--illuminates all we see and savor.



#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 Portland, Oregon / Embark Ship

Arrive in the early afternoon in Portland, located in the shadow of snow-capped Mount Hood. Embark in early evening and enjoy wine and champagne as we sail under eight of Portland's 12 eclectic bridges along the Willamette River.

Arrival Time: Arrive by 3:00 p.m. local time. Arrival City: Portland, OR

Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2 The Dalles / Hood River





Immerse yourself in natural and man-made marvels as we explore the scenic Columbia and pass through Bonneville Lock and Dam. Take a steaming cup of coffee to the bow where our naturalists offer honest perspectives on the controversial history of dams along the river. In the afternoon, make a stop at neck-craning Multnomah Falls before an optional hike of iconic Beacon Rock, a basalt column towering 848 feet above the Columbia River, or a visit to the Bonneville Fish Hatchery. Later, enjoy a private event with Syncline Winery at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center. Savor canapes and Syncline's distinctive wines as you take in 15,000 years of cultural history, including indigenous art and massive working steam engine.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3 Cruising the Gorge

Today we spend the day cruising through some of the most scenic and geologically interesting stretches of the Columbia River and the Columbia Plateau. Our geologists provide fascinating insight on the glacial floods that sculpted the landscape 13,000 years ago, as our food and wine expert illustrates the expression of such unique terrain through its tastes and tannins.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 4 Walla Walla, Washington

Drive through some of the most fertile agricultural areas in the nation, with bright, rolling green and purple fields of sprouting wheat, asparagus, and famous Walla Walla sweet onions. In the morning, discover the thriving art scene on a guided tour, or choose to visit the Whitman Mission, a standout National Historic Site where friction between Native Americans and white missionaries erupted into an event that reverberates in our culture today. After lunch at a local winery, explore charming downtown Walla Walla at your leisure, perusing local galleries, sampling sweets at the country's #1 candy store, or popping into cozy tasting rooms.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5 Palouse River

The still water of the Palouse River is the perfect mirror for the surrounding basalt cliffs as we set off on our Zodiac and kayak adventures. Later visit Palouse Falls, where waters plunge 200 feet into a churning pool. These falls and the surrounding canyon with its towering cliffs, cavernous holes in the earth, and winding water routes are part of geologically unique channeled scablands created by ancient floods. Before a special final dinner, we'll raise our glasses to an unforgettable adventure through the food, wine, and history of the Pacific Northwest.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 6 Clarkston / Disembark Ship

Arrive in Clarkston this morning and enjoy breakfast on board before transferring to the airport for connecting flights home. Choose to fly from nearby Lewiston, Idaho, or from Spokane, Washington, two hours away.

Departure Time: After 12:00 p.m., local time. Departure City: Lewiston, ID or Spokane, WA

Meals Included: Breakfast

### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEABIRD & SEALION

National Geographic SeaBird &

YOUR SHIP: SeaLion

**VESSEL TYPE:** Comfortable Expedition

LENGTH: 52 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 62 (in twin cabins)

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 1982 / Refurbished 2015

Twin Expedition ships, National Geographic Sea Bird & Sea Lion, can reach places inaccessible to larger ships due to their small size, yet each can comfortably accommodate 62 guests. The feeling, is often compared to that of a large private yacht, with everyone integral to the adventure. Accessibility means freedom. Our captains have decades of sailing experience in the regions we explore. They know when and where to navigate so that you feel the places we visit are all ours.

Full interior renovations have been completed on these twin 62-guest ships, \_National Geographic Sea Lion\_ and \_National Geographic Sea Bird\_. The extensive renovation to guest cabins, the lounge and bar, dining room, public areas and spa has transformed the ships to provide the ultimate in expedition hospitality and comfort. Nothing has been left untouched, from the sleekly framed wall photos, to the fresh paint, and new carpets throughout the ships.

\- The lounge and bar have been completely redesigned and reconfigured to provide an open, enhanced environment with additional seating and better flow. The modern design features new tables and chairs, upholstery of settees, overhead ceiling

panels, and LED dimmable lighting. The lounge also hosts a new food & beverage area, library, and Global Market.

\- The dining room's upgrade features all new tables, chairs, ceiling panels, and LED dimmable lighting. The wine bar has been replaced and features a display showcasing selections from the regions explored.

\- Every cabin has been completely redone and all furnishings have been replaced. Modern aged cherry bed boxes, faux leather headboards, Lindblad signature bed linens, new windows, lighting, and additional USB outlets provide a dramatic makeover for a relaxing guest experience. Bathrooms now feature new shower doors and all new hardware.

\- Exterior renovations include new deck furniture and outdoor awning.



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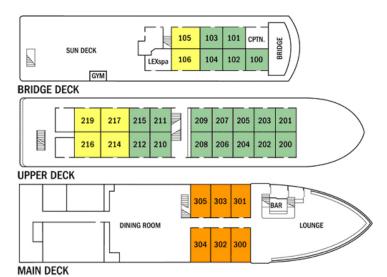




# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**

Sea Bird / Sea Lion

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