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Voyage in the Wake of Lewis & Clark

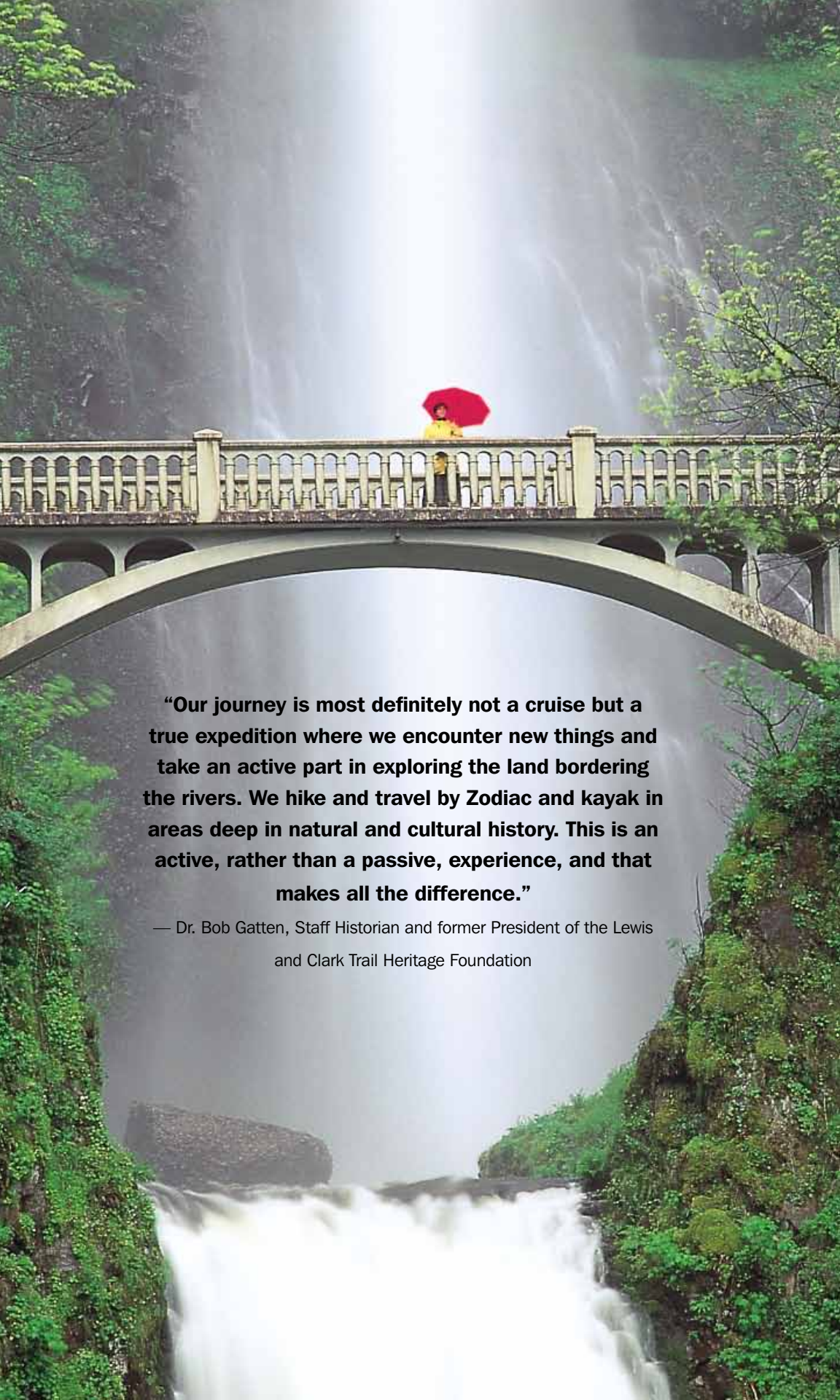
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 BETCHART EXPEDITIONS Inc.

September 30 - October 6, 2010

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*





“Our journey is most definitely not a cruise but a true expedition where we encounter new things and take an active part in exploring the land bordering the rivers. We hike and travel by Zodiac and kayak in areas deep in natural and cultural history. This is an active, rather than a passive, experience, and that makes all the difference.”

— Dr. Bob Gatten, Staff Historian and former President of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Dear Members,

For eons, the Pacific Northwest has been a restless land. Great upheavals of earth have created mountain ranges, volcanic eruptions have covered the region with molten ash and rock, and unfathomable floods have scoured the earth.

That's where our journey begins.

Join us on **September 30 - October 6** *In the Wake of Lewis and Clark* for the opportunity to explore the Columbia and Snake Rivers in Washington, Oregon and Idaho in the company of the Historians, Naturalists and experts who know it best. These are the grand waterways of the West, pioneered by Lewis and Clark, roamed by rough-and-tumble fur traders, and traversed by courageous settlers as they forged their way along the Oregon Trail.

Our small, 62-guest expedition ship is perfectly suited for such historic waterways. She'll carry you more than 450 miles upstream — a voyage impossible for a big ship — in all the comfort that a modern-day explorer could ask for. Be assured that this voyage is not solely about history. We'll pass through a series of eight locks, each an engineering marvel in its own right, which will lift us some 700 feet — nearly ten times what the Panama Canal entails. Our modern tools for exploration, including a fleet of kayaks and Zodiac landing craft, will take you into wildness with an array of activities.

We all know what Lewis and Clark gained from their adventure. What will your best discoveries be? **To make your reservation, please return the attached reservation form or call 800-252-4910.**

Sincerely,

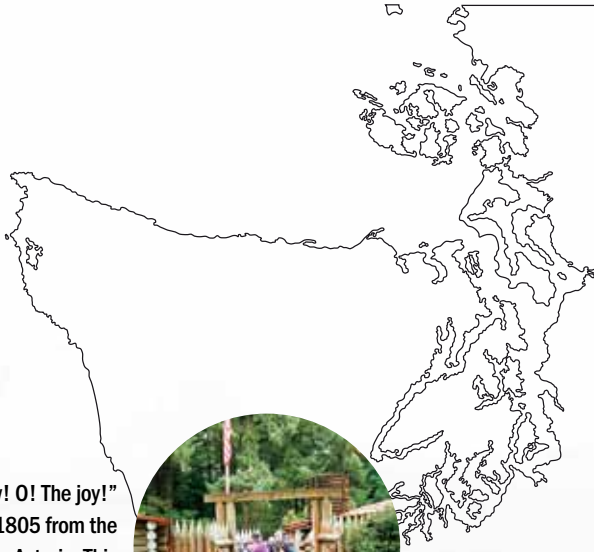


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P.S. Book now and take 10% off the published cabin rate. Please call for details.

Cover Photo: A view of St. Peter's Dome along the Columbia River, Oregon.

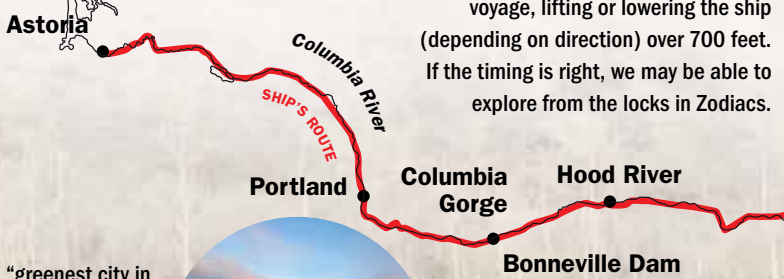
Opposite page: Multnomah Falls, Oregon.



ASTORIA: "Ocean in view! O! The joy!" wrote William Clark in 1805 from the area that would become Astoria. This was the final destination for the Corps of Discovery and is now the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies.



JOHN DAY DAM: This hydroelectric dam features one of the eight navigation locks we will pass through on our voyage, lifting or lowering the ship (depending on direction) over 700 feet. If the timing is right, we may be able to explore from the locks in Zodiacs.



PORTLAND: Referred to as the "greenest city in the U.S.," Portland, Oregon sits at the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. Aboard a comfortable expedition ship, we are able to pass through the center of this picturesque city.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

PALOUSE RIVER: This winding tributary emerges from a remote desert canyon and features the spectacular 180-foot Palouse Falls. Along the river, you can head out in Zodiacs or in kayaks to capture the same feeling of discovery felt by Lewis and Clark.

CLARKSTON: Named for explorer William Clark, Clarkston and the nearby Clearwater River host several campsites established by Lewis and Clark. Our Historians will provide expert insight into what life was like for the explorers.



Palouse River ●

Snake River ●

Clarkston ●

● Hells Canyon

John Day Dam

HELLS CANYON: North America's deepest river gorge, Hells Canyon encompasses a vast and remote region with dramatic changes in elevation, terrain, climate and vegetation. The jetboat ride through the canyon is both comfortable and exciting.





Experience the Pacific Northwest Up Close

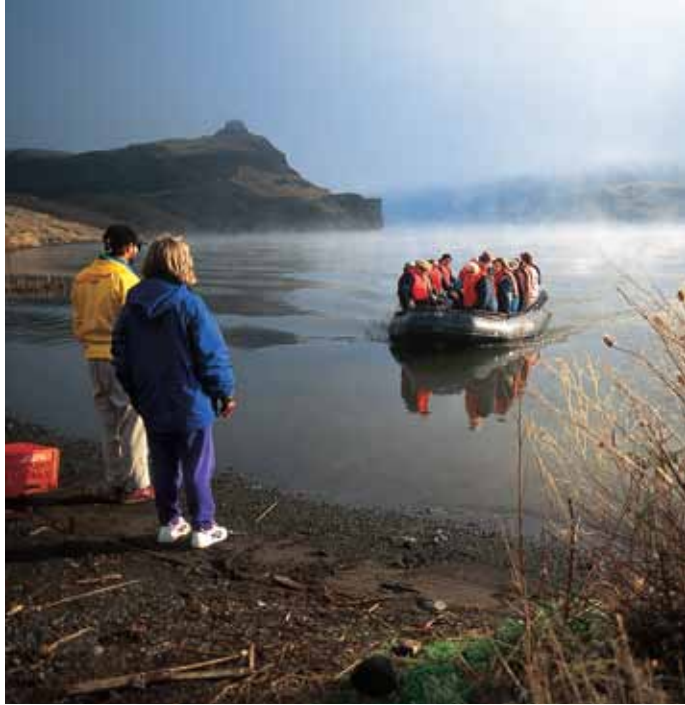
We want to give you the time and the ability to experience the beauty, history and culture of the Pacific Northwest up close. Historic camps will ring with the clamor of explorers, incredible landscapes will be filled with meaning and man’s engineering mastery will provide a glimpse into the future of the region as well. You’ll travel with a passionate and expert team led by an Expedition Leader who has guided many journeys in this region. Naturalists and Historians share the secrets of the terrain with you and bring the otherwise “invisible” history of the area to life. Geologists, biologists, botanists and other experts help you understand and appreciate the diversity and richness of the surrounding nature. You’ll find their knowledge and experience invaluable, and their enthusiasm and respect for the region are infectious.

“To travel the lower reaches of the mighty Columbia and Snake Rivers takes us through some of the most extreme ecosystems found in the Pacific Northwest. From the moist, coastal temperate rainforest on the coasts of Washington and Oregon, to the dry, rolling hills and canyons of the interior. It is all intertwined; the geology, the natural and cultural histories. They are what make this area unique, and we will help you understand it all.”
—Cindy Manning, Expedition Leader



Expedition Leader Cindy Manning aboard the National Geographic Sea Bird.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guests at a river lookout; Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep; Multnomah Falls, Oregon; guests scouting for wildlife from the ship’s bow; a special Zodiac cruise from John Day Dam; a Historian makes the events of Fort Clatsop come alive; Astoria Column, Astoria, Oregon.



Travel Expedition Style Through Past & Present

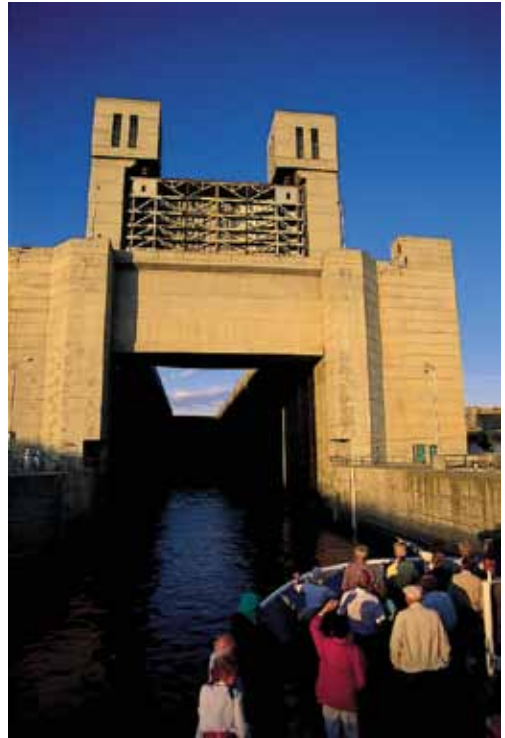
Every step of this journey seems to leap right from the history books, whether we are walking through old campsites or searching for wildlife that has inhabited the area for centuries. One aspect of our journey that doesn't follow that historical path, refreshingly, is the style in which we explore.

Carrying just 62 guests and with a shallow draft, the expedition ship will take you where larger ships can't go, up the narrow reaches of the rivers. The intimate and casual atmosphere and focus on exploration is what makes expedition travel the most engaging way to experience the world.

A fleet of kayaks and Zodiac landing craft are the perfect vehicles for everyone to experience an up-close view of this dramatic landscape. We also utilize video microscopes and plasma screens in the ship's lounge that bring the seldom seen to vivid life.

Unlike the expedition of Lewis and Clark, you'll find comfortable cabins, fine cuisine that features fresh regional products, a menu of spa treatments, fitness equipment and seamless handling throughout your journey.

Also, everything we offer—activities, excursions, meals, etc.—are all included in the cost of your expedition. Please see page 14 for details.



Guests gather at the bow as the ship moves through the locks of John Day Dam.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Naturalists welcome guests ashore; Fort Clatsop, Astoria, Washington; overlooking the Columbia River; a guest kayaks along the Palouse River; mule deer.

A Voyage Along the Columbia & Snake Rivers: In the Wake of Lewis & Clark

ITINERARY: 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

The Corps of Discovery expedition, led by Lewis and Clark from 1804 to 1806, was a dramatic episode in American history. Conceived by Jefferson as more than a geographic exploration, it studied native cultures, collected specimens and, through maps, put form to what was terra incognita. Explore the Palouse River by Zodiac and kayak, see Native American petroglyphs, cruise eastern Washington's wine country and take a jet boat ride into Hells Canyon, the deepest gorge in North America.

Day 1: Portland, Oregon/Embark

Board the ship and cruise the center of Portland on the Willamette River before reaching the Columbia River. (D)



Day 2: Eastern Washington's Wine Country

Awake this morning to the colorful plateaus east of the sweeping Cascade Mountains, an area famous for its expanding wine industry. As we travel on, the Columbia completely changes character: a well-watered landscape gives way to gracefully tapered buttes and semi-arid steppes. Locks lift the ship higher and higher into desert-hued canyons. At the entrance to the Snake River, we pass between banks formed by the largest basalt flow in the world. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Clarkston

At Clarkston, we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. Travel by comfortable jet boat up the Snake River into one of North America's most scenic spots, spectacular Hells Canyon. Or you may opt to follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark along the Clearwater River, visiting several of their actual campsites. Led by our local Historian, we learn about the relationship between the Nez Perce people and Lewis and Clark. (B,L,D)



A view to the 200-foot-high Palouse Falls in eastern Washington.

Day 4: Exploring the 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 cruises and kayak adventures. Visit Palouse Falls where cascading waters plunge into pools below. Afterwards, sail down the Snake River, enjoying a barbecue on deck. (B,L,D)



Day 5: Columbia River Gorge and Hood River

Today, venture through the Columbia River Gorge, perhaps the most awe-inspiring section of the entire river. Cruise past the 620-foot-high Multnomah Falls and visit the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Astoria

We continue our journey by navigating the Columbia to the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Fort Clatsop, where the explorers hunkered down for the wet winter of 1805-1806, we walk through the full-scale reconstructed fort. The Columbia River Maritime Museum chronicles the history of river navigation and this port town. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Portland/Disembark/Home

Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

OPTIONAL 1-NIGHT PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION IN PORTLAND, OREGON

Call for details and rates.



National Geographic Sea Bird

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside

cabins. **REGISTRY:** United States.

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: The ship features a Library; Global Market; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; Observation Deck; partially covered Sun Deck with chairs and tables. The “Open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet the Officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet and lunch is often served family style.

Menu emphasizes local flair.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope and Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A Video Chronicler on board all voyages.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.

TAKE 10% OFF THE PUBLISHED RATES LISTED BELOW.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

| ITINERARY | CAT. 1 | CAT. 2 | CAT. 3 | CAT. 1 SOLO | CAT. 2 SOLO | ADVANCE PAYMENT |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| A Voyage Along the Columbia & Snake Rivers: In the Wake of Lewis and Clark | \$3,830 | \$4,450 | \$5,190 | \$5,740 | \$6,670 | \$1,000 |



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 —Conveniently positioned between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk and a large view window.

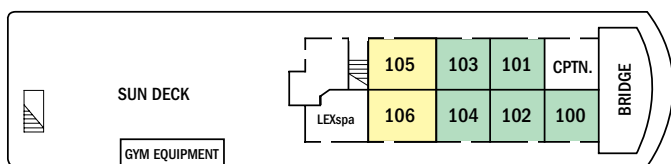
CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215—These well-located cabins include two lower single beds and a window.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219—These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out

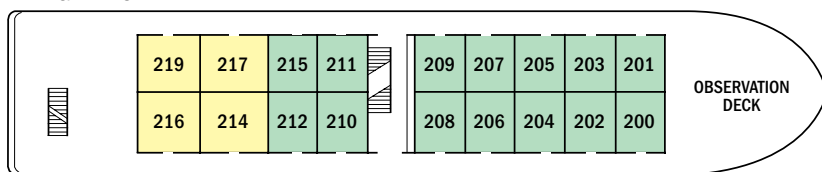
single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double-occupancy rate.

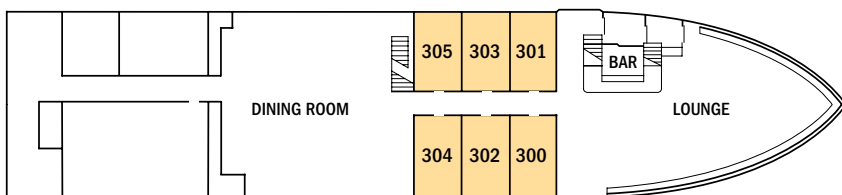
SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double-occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



Special Offers

SAVINGS: Take 10% off the published cabin rate. (Excludes airfare and extension. Valid for new bookings only.)

BRING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take \$500 off the double-occupancy price for each person under 18.

Terms and Conditions

Voyage Costs Include: Accommodations aboard ship; meals indicated; non-alcoholic beverages aboard ship; shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees; group transfer from ship to airport; taxes, service charges and tips (except to ship's crew). And there's never a charge for kayaks, Zodiacs or the services of Lindblad's expedition staff.

Not Included: Airfare; optional extension; individual transfers; baggage/accident/travel protection plan; voyage DVD; items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, email, etc., and discretionary gratuities to ship's crew.

Airfare: Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements to Portland, if needed, for a \$50 per person service fee.

Note: A complete packet of pre-departure information, including recommended reading list and suggestions on what to bring, will be sent to you approximately four months before departure.

Reservations: To confirm your place, an advance payment of \$1,000 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by check.

Final Payment: Due 60 days prior to departure.

Trip Protection Plan: A travel protection plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, we will send you information on the policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage and medical evacuation.

Smoking Policy: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of the Companies' liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests prior to final payment, and to prospective guests upon request.

| CANCELLATION POLICY | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start | Per Person Cancellation Fee |
| 90 or more days | \$250 |
| 89–60 days | Advance payment cost |
| 59–30 days | 50% of trip cost |
| 29–0 days | No refund |
| <i>This policy applies to expeditions and extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</i> | |

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change.

Reservation Form: A Voyage Along the Columbia & Snake Rivers

Aboard National Geographic Sea Bird – September 30 - October 6, 2010

Please reserve _____ place(s)

Name 1: _____

(As it appears on passport)

Name 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: _____

(As it appears on passport)

Name 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Accommodations: Double Single Twin share w/friend

Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ _____ (US\$1,000 per person).

Check made payable to **Betchart Expeditions, Inc. Trust Account.**

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them:

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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Membership: AAAS Sigma Xi ACS

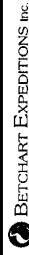
Expedition Highlights

- ▶ Experience a close-up view of the Pacific Northwest aboard an intimate 62-guest ship.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark along the Clearwater River.
- ▶ Explore the scenic Palouse River by Zodiac and kayak.
- ▶ Take a jet boat ride into spectacular Hells Canyon.
- ▶ Travel with passionate and expert Historians and Naturalists.

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