COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS JOURNEY
Harvests, History & Landscapes
September 15-21, 2012
Aboard National Geographic Sea Bird
Cosponsored with Bryn Mawr and Smith Colleges
“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 Williams Traveler,

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 — here is where our journey begins.

This is an expedition 450 miles up the Columbia and Snake rivers, and an opportunity to experience the bounty of the Pacific Northwest. We will experience a form of time travel as the expedition historians and the geologist reveal what lies beyond and beneath the visible landscape. Following in the wake of Lewis and Clark, we’ll see much of what they saw, stopping to explore their campsites, authentically recreated by expert historians.

Our Williams historian is Professor Karen Merrill whose interests focus on the American West as well as environmental history. One of her courses is “Westward Expansion in American History.” One of her books is “Public Lands and Political Meaning.” A former Dean at Williams, Karen received her BA from Oberlin, her MA from Denver and her Ph.D. from Michigan.

The intimate, 62-guest National Geographic Sea Bird is perfectly suited to these historic waterways and series of eight locks that will lift us some 700 feet as we motor upstream. And we’ll get closer, too. Every day we’ll explore the region — visiting museums, walking, kayaking, using our Zodiac landing craft or taking a jet boat — for up-close perspectives of this restless land.

Along the way, we’ll discover the culinary delights of the Pacific Northwest’s acclaimed vintners and farmers — enjoying the region’s remarkable wines and sustainably produced food.

I hope you’ll join us September 15-21 and discover the marvels and historic must-sees of the Pacific Northwest — a journey that shares the bounty of the region. To reserve your place, please return the enclosed reservation form or call Lindblad Expeditions at 888-773-9007.

Warm regards,

Robert V. Behr
Director, Alumni Travel Study
413-597-4011

Cover Photo: A view of St. Peter’s Dome along the Columbia River, Oregon.
Opposite page: Multnomah Falls, Oregon.
ASTORIA: “Ocian 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.

Guests use onboard Zodiacs to explore along the Palouse River.
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.

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

Palouse River: This winding tributary emerges from a remote desert canyon and features the spectacular 200-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.

VINEYARD: Pause to stroll a local vineyard and taste some of the bottled poetry of the region.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS
Learn More From an Expert Expedition Team

The most comprehensive staff of experts in the region — a team of naturalists, historians, photo instructors and wellness specialists, rounded out by local experts — will help you explore the Columbia and Snake rivers. With one expert on board for every 15 guests, you’re ensured more personal attention, greater expertise and more points of view. And because our expedition style of travel is casual and groups are unstructured, you’re welcome to gravitate towards the expedition staff member whose interest in history, photography, native cultures or geology most mirrors your own.

**Expedition Leader**
Your expedition leader is more than a cruise director — he or she is a naturalist and expert on the region, and will be the orchestrator of your experience.

**Geologist**
Great upheavals of earth, lava flows and floods have shaped this region for eons. Your resident geologist will open your eyes to the region’s stunning natural history.

**Historian**
Voyage in the wake of Lewis and Clark with an expert who will share the details of their team’s ambitious expedition and what their discoveries meant to a young nation.

**Lindblad-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor/Naturalist**
Your photo instructor has the insight and skill to help you better understand your camera and the basics of composition — to better capture the moments at the heart of your expedition and send you home with skills that will last a lifetime.

*Expedition staff subject to change.*

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Astoria Column, Astoria, Oregon; guests at a river lookout; exploring the river by Zodiac; guests ready their cameras before entering one of the voyage’s eight navigation locks; 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.
Every step of this journey leaps from the history books and into present day — 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. Find comfortable cabins, fine cuisine that features fresh regional products, a menu of spa treatments, fitness equipment and seamless handling throughout your journey. Plus, cool tools for exploration — a fleet of kayaks and Zodiac landing craft are the perfect vehicles for everyone to experience an up-close view of this dramatic landscape.

Also, everything we offer — activities, excursions, meals, etc. — are all included in the cost of your expedition. Please see page 13 for details.

Embark on a culinary journey that embraces the region’s vibrant food, wine and craft beer. Stroll vineyards and sample wine, and enjoy a menu our chef has planned for this voyage that represents the bounty of the region and so much more. An affiliation with the Food Alliance ensures the vast majority of our food is locally and sustainably produced. The Portland-based nonprofit organization Food Alliance offers the most comprehensive third-party certification program for sustainably produced food in North America. And, unique to us, some of our cuisine is picked up from providers along the way, so it’s literally as fresh as can be.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guests watch the sculptural drama unfold along the Palouse River; The Gorge White House, a 102-year-old working farm; kayaking on the Palouse River; a supplier for our herbs on this voyage, HerbCo’s hydroponic greenhouse sustainably produces basil; fresh, local salmon is served onboard.
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ITINERARY: 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

Experience the bounty of the Pacific Northwest on our new itinerary. You’ll follow the route of Lewis and Clark’s historical journey through dramatic landscapes and modern culinary treasures. Learn the history of the region: tumultuous geology, Native American culture and the Corps of Discovery. Hike to waterfalls, explore a 102-year-old working farm and take in stunning views of Mt. Hood. Visit a winery and enjoy a new onboard menu of seasonal, sustainable and locally sourced cuisine, including award-winning wines and craft brews.

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: ASTORIA
We begin 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. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which chronicles the history of river navigation and this port town. In the afternoon, you can choose to visit Cape Disappointment or Zodiac and kayak in the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Refuge, conditions permitting. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE/HOOD RIVER
This morning we begin our orientation to the Gorge. You’ll get a fresh perspective on such highlights as Beacon Rock, Multnomah Falls and Crown Point. Hike among towering waterfalls. Continue on to Hood River, where we’ll have a tour of the historic Gorge White House and farm, with its spectacular views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. Enjoy lunch in the farm’s dahlia garden before visiting a nearby winery for a tasting and tour. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: THE DALLES/MARYHILL MUSEUM
Visit the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center to learn about the region’s natural history. Walk or take bicycles along historic Highway 30. In the afternoon, we’ll visit the Maryhill Museum and view its extensive and eclectic collection of baskets woven by Native Americans, Rodin sculptures and other fascinating exhibits. (B,L,D)
A view to the 200-foot-high Palouse Falls in eastern Washington.

DAY 5: 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 up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: CLARKSTON
At Clarkston, we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. Today, 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 a local historian, we learn about the relationship between the Nez Perce people and Lewis and Clark. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON/DESEMBARK
Transfer through Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington for connecting flights home. (B)

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE
Optional One-Night Pre- or Post-Voyage Extensions:

The Willamette Valley Wine Tour includes visits to a few of the region’s most acclaimed boutique wineries. Your naturalist-guide will enlighten you with the rich ecology of the region while exploring the local wine-making history and the fine art of viticulture.

The Portland, Oregon City Tour features a guided tour of the city’s must-see highlights. You’ll start with a breathtaking view of Portland from the historic Pittock Mansion, followed by stops at charming neighborhoods, famous bridges, lush parks and the beloved Powell’s, the world’s largest independent bookstore.

Downtown Portland hotel & Half-Day City Tour for $225; Half-Day City Tour for $70; downtown Portland hotel only for $150; Willamette Valley Wine Tour for $300; downtown Portland hotel, Half-Day City Tour & Willamette Valley Wine Tour for $525.

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Please call to reserve a spot or inquire about single-occupancy 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, SplashCam, 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.

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

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**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.
Special Offers

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, Zodies 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 and return from Lewiston or Spokane, 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 $450 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or 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 Company’s (Lindblad Expeditions) 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.

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date and are subject to change. The Company reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the Company’s actual cost of fuel.

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This policy applies to expeditions and may differ for extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
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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: _______________________

□ Please send me information on the extension options to the Willamette Valley Wine Tour &
Portland, Oregon City Tour.

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ____________________ (US$450 per person).
Check made payable to Lindblad Expeditions.

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to my □ Visa □ MasterCard □ American Express or □ Discover.

Account Number: ______________________________ Expires: __________________
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Expedition Highlights

▶ Experience the best 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.
▶ Enjoy striking views of Mt. Hood and lunch amidst a dahlia garden at an historic 102-year-old working farm, along with other Gorge highlights.
▶ Travel with an expert team of historians, naturalists, a geologist and photo instructor who will illuminate your travels through the largest basalt flow, floods and mudslides in the history of the world.
▶ Enjoy Oregon and Washington’s coveted culinary scene, including a new onboard menu of seasonal, sustainable and locally sourced cuisine.