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COLUMBIA RIVER: HARVESTS, HISTORY AND LANDSCAPES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



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October 18–25, 2027 | Aboard the *National Geographic Venture*

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Dear Members and Friends,

Few rivers have played a larger role in shaping the landscapes, cultures and history of North America than the Columbia. Flowing from the mountains of the Pacific Northwest to the Pacific Ocean, it has long served as a vital corridor for Indigenous peoples, explorers, settlers and commerce, leaving an enduring mark on the region it traverses.

We invite you to join us aboard the *National Geographic Venture* for an enriching journey through this remarkable waterway. Purpose-built for discovery, this state-of-the-art expedition ship is suited to navigate the Columbia and its tributaries, while providing a comfortable and inviting home base throughout the voyage.

A veteran expedition team of naturalists, historians and cultural specialists accompanies the journey, offering expert perspectives on the forces that have influenced the Pacific Northwest over thousands of years. Their knowledge enriches every experience, providing deeper insight into the region's natural history, cultural heritage and enduring connection to the river.

As the voyage unfolds, you'll encounter landscapes carved by powerful geological forces, communities influenced by generations of river life and traditions that continue to define the Pacific Northwest today. Along the way, you'll enjoy culinary experiences developed in collaboration with *Food & Wine* magazine that celebrate the wines, seasonal ingredients and agricultural traditions that have helped shape the Columbia River Valley.

This is a voyage that combines spectacular scenery, fascinating history and meaningful cultural discovery, offering a deeper appreciation for one of the continent's most iconic waterways.

We hope you will be able to join this tour experience October 18–25, 2027. To reserve your place, please return the reservation form or contact us at **(800) 252-4910**, **(408) 252-4910** or **info@betchartexpeditions.com**.

Warm regards,

Terri Stevens

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8 Days I From $5,843pp
October 18–25, 2027 I *National Geographic Venture*



Journey through the Pacific Northwest on the Columbia River, where soaring basalt cliffs, fertile valleys and historic river towns reveal the rich natural and cultural history of one of North America's most iconic waterways. Sail through landscapes shaped by glacial floods and volcanic forces alongside experts in geology and history, tracing the route of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery between the Columbia Gorge and the Pacific coast. This voyage also offers immersive culinary experiences that celebrate the flavors of the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy private tastings with local winemakers, savor seasonal cuisine inspired by the region's agricultural bounty, and explore the distinctive terroirs of the Pacific Northwest through an onboard wine list curated by *Food & Wine* magazine's Executive Wine Editor, Ray Isle.

Day 1 • Portland, Oregon / Embark Ship
Day 2 • Cruising the Columbia Gorge
Day 3 • Walla Walla, Washington
Day 4 • Cruising the Columbia Gorge
Day 5 • The Dalles or Hood River, Oregon
Days 6–7 • Astoria
Day 8 • Portland / Disembark Ship

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS



- Explore the Columbia River Gorge—a landscape carved by the Missoula Floods more than 13,000 years ago—alongside geology experts who illuminate the forces that shaped it.
- Marvel at Multnomah Falls and hike iconic Beacon Rock—an 848-foot basalt monolith rising straight from the Columbia River.
- Savor gourmet, seasonal menus featuring ingredients sourced primarily from the surrounding Pacific Northwest region.
- In Astoria, trace the footsteps of the Corps of Discovery at Cape Disappointment, where Meriwether Lewis first glimpsed the Pacific in 1805.
- Enjoy nightly tastings of the region's best wines, personally selected by *Food & Wine* magazine's Executive Wine Editor, Ray Isle—plus, gain exclusive access to private tours and tastings with local winemakers.
- Explore art galleries, sweets shops and tasting rooms in delightful downtown Walla Walla.



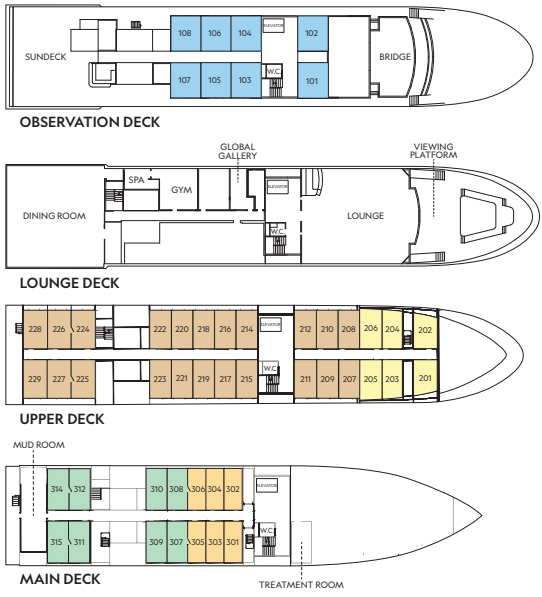




National Geographic Venture

The *National Geographic Venture* accommodates 100 guests in 50 outside cabins and is ideal for the fast-moving channels and shallow coves of Pan-American waters. Modern and clean-lined, with large expanses of glass to take in the extraordinary views, the *National Geographic Venture* enables guests to experience the best of her geographies.

SHIP DECK PLAN & PRICING



VOYAGE DATE: OCTOBER 18–25, 2027

Advance Payment Details: $3,000 per person

Prices are per person, double-occupancy		**5% Savings**
Category 1	~~$6,150~~	$5,843
Main Deck #301–306 — Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.		
Category 2	~~$6,580~~	$6,251
Main Deck #307–315 — Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.		
Category 3	~~$7,040~~	$6,688
Upper Deck #201–206 — Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two large windows.		
Category 4	~~$8,450~~	$8,028
Upper Deck #207–229 — Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door and small, private balcony.		
Category 5*	~~$9,300~~	$8,835
Observation Deck #101–108 — Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, large windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.		

Note: There are no dedicated solo cabins available for this trip, but if you are interested in booking a solo cabin at a premium, or taking advantage of our share program, please contact an expedition specialist for more information.

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

SPECIAL GROUP SAVINGS:

Enjoy 5% savings on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with Betchart Expeditions. Valid on this departure date of *Columbia River: Harvests, History and Landscapes of the Pacific Northwest*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

To reserve your space, please call (800) 252-4910 or email info@betchartexpeditions.com

INCLUSIVE PRICING

- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- Airport transfers for flights arriving and departing within the recommended window
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, plus hors d'oeuvres and 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, nonalcoholic beverages and filtered water
- Selection of exploration tools curated to the destination, such as kayaks, Zodiacs, etc.
- Presentations on your destination by expedition staff and expert guest speakers
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers and local tour escorts where applicable
- The services of a medical professional where applicable
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment where available
- 24-hour access to the lounge, library, observation decks and other shared spaces
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- Park and site entrance fees, special access permits and port taxes

Beer, Wine, Cocktails & Spirits: Your bar tab is included. Premium wines and spirits are available for purchase.

Complimentary Wi-Fi: Wireless internet is offered through Speedcast and Starlink. Enjoy a complimentary basic Wi-Fi plan that accommodates email, messaging and social media apps. Upgrades are also available, ranging in price from $25 per day to $300 for the entire voyage.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double-occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and are subject to change and availability at time of booking.

COST INCLUDES: All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare (except flights when indicated as included and/or as required); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; premium brand cocktails and spirits; crew gratuities; private transfers; enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans aboard expedition fleet; laundry, spa treatments, and phone services; travel protection plans; passport, visa and immigration fees.

ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS: Itineraries, routing and speakers listed are correct at time of publication, and are subject to change.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of $3,000 per person is payable by check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: It is strongly recommended that you purchase a travel protection plan and medical insurance, which are available at an extra cost. Information will be sent upon registration.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

120 or more days prior to expedition start: **No penalty.** Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition*
119-90 days prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost****
89-0 days prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost****

**Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.*
***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.*

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions, extensions and all other additional services. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier and type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees. The cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. We strongly recommend purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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Contact Information

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Passenger Information

Please reserve ____ place(s).

Guest 1: _____
(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Guest 2: _____
(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share with a friend
☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Advance Payment Information: $3,000 per person.

Please make check payable to: **Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account**

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership: ☐ AAAS ☐ Sigma Xi ☐ ACS ☐ Planetary Society ☐ Other

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Pioneering Responsible Exploration: From our consistent quest to improve our practices to offsetting 100% of our carbon emissions, supporting conservation, science, and education initiatives around the planet, and investing in the communities in the places we explore, we are guided by our commitment to explore responsibly.

Printed on 10% recycled content paper with soy-based inks. We recommend that you pass this along for others to enjoy or recycle.

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