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September 15-27, 2009  
13 Days

## LEWIS & CLARK ADVENTURE

*This travel package planned and guided by Dave Zimmer.*

The Lewis and Clark journals of 1805-06 are so accurate and detailed that it is still possible to follow their route into the incredible West. After South Dakota, we will travel off the interstate into the countryside of America. On this tour, you will "meet" the Captains, envy their journey into the western wilderness and admire their skill as well as their tenacious traveling ability. Join guide, Dave Zimmer who has camped and traveled the trails of Lewis & Clark.

September 15 our adventure begins as we pick up in our guaranteed departure cities. We join the route of the Corps of Discovery into South Dakota. The Corps came up the Missouri River, but we join their "footsteps" at Chamberlain, SD, at the **Lewis & Clark Keelboat Center** overlooking the Mighty Missouri River. We stay the night in Chamberlain and experience a fun **cook-out dinner** overlooking the Missouri River.

September 16 **breakfast** is provided for you. We follow their footsteps due north on the Missouri River, traveling the first of many two-lane scenic roads, crossing **Big Bend Dam**. The expedition headed north but we'll proceed west to **Wall Drug, Deadwood** and the legends of the **Black Hills**. We stay downtown in Deadwood. Perhaps you'll want to try your luck at the casino.

September 17 help yourself to **breakfast**. Learning more each day about Lewis and Clark, we travel northwest through great Montana cattle country. We join Captain Clark's return route on the Yellowstone River, walk its scenic bank and see his signature carved in rock on "**Pompey's Pillar**." We will pass **General Custer's "Last Stand" Battlefield** on the Big Horn River as we continue to **Billings, MT**. We stay the night in Billings, with Boot Hill Cemetery up the trail.

September 18 after **breakfast** we travel north by northwest through the Judith Basin, cattle ranch country framed by the Snowy Mountains. We rejoin Lewis and Clark's route on the Missouri as they approached historic **Fort Benton, MT**. We'll have **lunch** at **Grand Union Hotel**, a historic site on the Missouri River. Pose with the famous statues of Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea, their Indian guide. We'll then proceed to Great Falls, MT, and the **Charles Russell Exhibit**, displaying work by America's greatest western painter. Enjoy **dinner** at **Cattleman's Cut Supper Club**, famous for its steaks! We stay the night in Great Falls.

September 19 after **breakfast** we will see the **Great Falls** on the Missouri, the worst obstacle encountered thus far by the 1805 expedition and which brought them to a halt. A park ranger will explain their grueling 11-day portage around the falls. A splendid exhibit hall at the **Lewis & Clark Center** leads to the **Giant Springs**. Discovered by Lewis, it is the largest freshwater spring in the Western World. Next, we travel southeast to the "**Gates of the Mountains**," where the Missouri River rushes east, through the Rockies between 1,200 foot-high cliffs. After a **box lunch**, we board



a narrated open-air boat for a **cruise** through magnificent scenery that has not changed since the days when Lewis and Clark paddled through it. By now, you have become traveling companions of Lewis & Clark and understand their sweat, toil and pure joy of discovering this country. We stay overnight at the **Historic Sacajawea Hotel** in Three Forks, MT, with its impressive long porch. **Dinner** is included tonight.

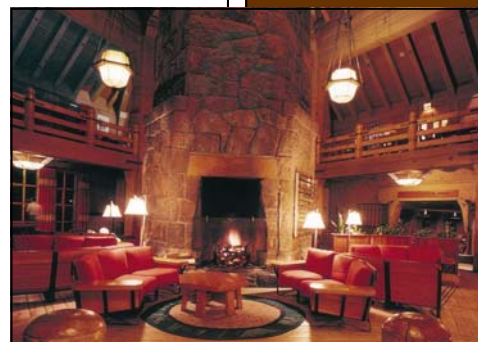


September 20 after **breakfast**, stand where Lewis and Clark stood, at the headwaters of the Missouri River. Sacajawea, who had been kidnapped from this area five years earlier, recognized landmarks. She knew her people were somewhere ahead. As the men of 1805 wrestled their heavy canoes up one of the little creeks, they saw the same enormous range of the Bitterroot Mountains that we will see. They were despondent - they had to cross and winter was coming. We will follow the expedition north by northwest through **Big Hole Valley**, and great cattle ranch country to Hamilton, MT, our overnight destination.

September 21 enjoy **breakfast** before we travel up and over **LoLo Pass** in the Bitterroot Mountains of Idaho, with the "corps" and descend along the **Locksha and Clearwater Rivers**. Water flows west to the Pacific Ocean now. The expedition almost starved and froze to death on this mountainous trail. We'll make a stop at **Hells Canyon** for a delightful scenic one way **jet boat tour** into the deepest part of Hells Canyon. (Fear not. This is not a wild, whitewater adventure.) You will see exotic rock formations, wildlife and beautiful scenery. You will also hear commentary about geology and early homestead life in the Canyon. Our driver will pick us up in **Lewiston, ID**, where we spend the night.



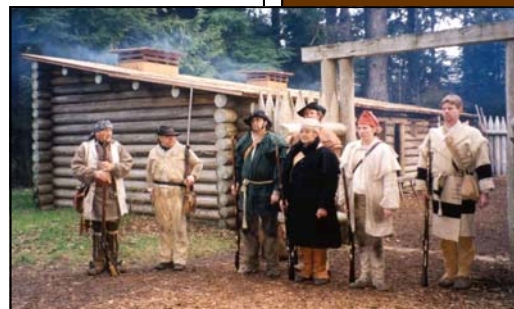
September 22 after **breakfast** we stop at the historic site where missionary Dr. Whitman, wife and party were massacred in 1847 near Walla Walla, WA. We then follow the "Expedition" as its dugout canoes raced down the **Snake River and Columbia River** through the huge Columbia Gorge (but we'll see it more comfortably - from our luxury motor coach). We stay 2 nights in Hood River, OR, the view from the hotel is spectacular!



September 23 **breakfast** is again provided for you. We'll have a leisurely day as we travel through Oregon orchards, farms and forests, circling mighty **Mt. Hood** with a high elevation stop at rugged and beautiful **Timberline Lodge**. This afternoon we visit the towering cliffs and spectacular waterfalls of the **Columbia River Gorge**. The Crown Vista viewpoint is incredible.

September 24 after **breakfast** we continue to the **Cascade Mountains**. Lewis and Clark noted a dominant peak to the north. We now know it as Mt. St. Helen's. We'll visit **Mt. St. Helen's National Park**. We'll observe the rebirth of the forest and view shattered remains of devastation. The **Johnson Ridge Observatory** will help us understand the earth and nature's powerful force. It's truly a world-class natural attraction. We spend the night in Kelso, WA.

September 25 **breakfast** behind us, we rejoin Lewis and Clark's Trail along the Columbia River, full of wonder and curiosity as they were, having followed sunsets through awe-inspiring landscapes. They wrote, "Ocean in view! Oh! The Joy!" We will see the **Pacific Ocean** from where they did and hear the thunder of the waves. We cross the Columbia River to Astoria and visit the winter quarters of the corps at **Fort Clatsop**, where they made 380 pairs of moccasins for their return trip. From the beautiful Oregon Coast we return to Portland, OR, for the night. This 13-day theme tour of history should be the experience of a lifetime, tracking the



"footsteps of Lewis and Clark" and "The Corps of Discovery" through the wonders of nature. Past travelers have been delighted with this trip. We think you will be too!

September 26 after **breakfast** we have a **tour of beautiful Portland**. We then journey north past **Mt. Rainier** to Seattle, WA, for our overnight. Enjoy a special **farewell dinner** tonight at "Ivers", famous for its wood-grilled Pacific Salmon.

September 27 help yourself to **breakfast** before we transfer to the airport to check in. We fly home over the "Western Wonders" of America. In contrast, Lewis and Clark and the Corps came home by walking, climbing, canoeing or riding a horse. Upon arrival in Minneapolis, a Hawkeye Stages luxury coach will be waiting to return us to our departure cities.



**Your Lewis & Clark Adventure Package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 12 nights, luggage handling, admissions to all bolded attractions, gratuities to step-on guides, 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities).

\$2,750 per person, double occupancy  
\$2,265 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds  
\$3,500 single room accommodations

**Reservations:** anytime as long as space remains but preliminary air travel deadline is July 29. Please make your reservations early!

**Deposit:** \$270 per person, due with reservation  
**Balance due:** August 15

**Cancel by:** July 17 for penalty-free cancellations. Cancellations from July 18-August 14 are subject to a \$100 penalty per person. Standard cancellation policies apply thereafter.

**Early Booking Discount:** \$50 per person discount applied to final payment if deposit is received by May 22

**Peace of Mind Protection:** not available for this trip due to air travel but affordable travel insurance is available.

**Guaranteed Departure Cities:** Coralville, Cedar Rapids, Independence, West Union, Decorah, Rochester, Owatonna, Tama, Waterloo, Waverly, Charles City, Clear Lake, Newton, Des Moines, Ames, Williams, Fort Dodge and Webster City.



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