

# Explore with the Spirit to Astoria

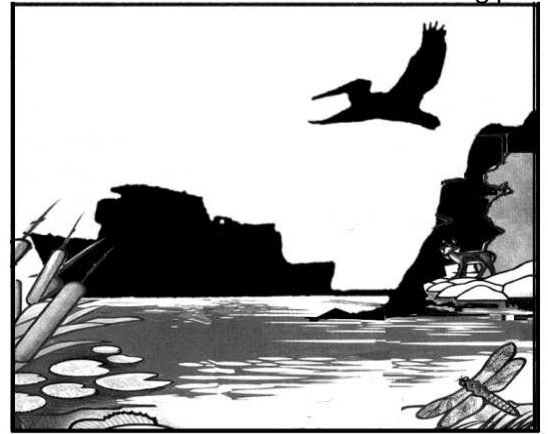
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Astoria is gritty and likes it that way. But that rustic exterior is just a cover for the many enchanting dichotomies you'll find waiting around the corner. Here, fisherman are poets, loggers drink espresso, and Main Street welcomes both the nouveau gallery and the five n' dime. For Astoria, it's about character, and it's also about characters: the people who call this place home with a passion that borders on evangelical. The skipper who challenges the same mighty river his great grandfather once fished; the artist who migrated here in search of a new palette; the hotelier who resurrected a once-bustling pier.

## Included

- Motor Coach Transportation to the Portland Spirit and from Astoria
- Personal Services from your OregonWest Tour Director
- Portland Spirit Cruise to Astoria
- 2 Nights at the Holiday Inn & Suites - Astoria
- 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- Tours; Cape Disappointment, Columbia Maritime Museum, & Fort Clatsop
- All attractions and gratuities

This journey starts with a full day adventure that only happens twice a year! **Journey aboard the *Portland Spirit*** as she cruises down the Willamette and Columbia Rivers to Astoria, where the river collides with the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy the sights along the river with captain narration. We'll also indulge in a continental breakfast, lunch buffet, dessert, coffee and afternoon snack along the way. Our home for the next 2 nights is the **Holiday inn Express** located next to the Astoria Bridge. We'll have a **reception** in our private room before saying good night.



This morning we'll head to **Cape Disappointment Visitors Center...** take in spectacular vistas, including breathtaking ocean views and two lighthouses. The park has old-growth forests, lakes, freshwater and saltwater marshes, streams, ocean tidelands and lots wildlife. You'll soon see why Cape Disappointment State Park is the most visited park in Washington State! Your afternoon is free to explore Astoria... you can ride the historic Trolley (near the hotel) The newly restored trolley goes along the waterfront, where you can check out the quaint shops in historic downtown, visit the Heritage Museum, the Firefighters Museum, or the Flavel House. We'll meet up this afternoon for a **tour of the Columbia Maritime Museum...** one of the best in the country! Explore marine transportation from the days of dugout canoes, through the age of sail, to the present. Watch a dramatic 12-minute film introducing the history of life and commerce on the Columbia River, including the dangerous work of the Bar and River Pilots. Walk the bridge of a World War II warship, marvel at the 44-ft motor lifeboat plowing through a wave in a rescue mission. Participate in four interactive, hands-on exhibits. **Dinner tonight is at Silver Salmon Grill...** Located on the beautiful Oregon coast, they take advantage of the freshest seafood available.

Today we'll **visit Ft. Clatsop**, the winter headquarters of the 33 member Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. The fort was the last encampment of the Corps of Discovery before embarking on their return trip, east to St. Louis. Next it's **lunch at Camp 18**. Camp 18 is more than just a restaurant, it's also home to the Camp 18 Logging Museum... Love this place! Join us on a journey down river to one of our favorite places... Wonderful Astoria!



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**A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by July 20th, 2021**