

Tri Cities & The Snake River

April 23rd – 26th, 2019

Tri-Cities – Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco located at the confluence of the Yakima, Snake, and Columbia Rivers in Southeastern Washington. Each city borders at least one other city or one of the area's rivers. Learn about the Hanford Site, part of the government's top-secret Manhattan Project during the 40's. Cruise on the Columbia and Snake River through North America's deepest gorge. Learn about gravitational waves predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity at the LIGO lab... get your "geek on" on this fun adventure!

Included:

- ⌘ Deluxe motor-coach transportation
- ⌘ Personal services from your OregonWest Tour Director
- ⌘ 3 Nights at the Clover Island Inn
- ⌘ 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- ⌘ All attractions/tours as described below
- ⌘ All Gratuities

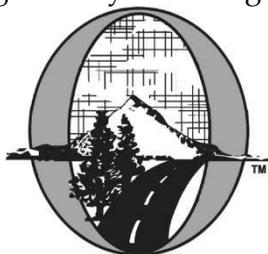


Sit back and enjoy the scenery as we make our way through the spectacular Columbia River Gorge. First stop is **Maryhill Museum of Art...** explore their world-class collection of art ranging from early 20th century European works to an extensive Native American collection. We continue to Richland and our **home for the next 3 nights The Clover Island Inn...** known for its great views... You'll have some time to get cozy in your room before we'll head next door to Cedars Restaurant for dinner.

Good morning... after breakfast... we'll head to the **B Reactor National Historic Landmark for a tour.** The B Reactor is part of the Hanford Unit of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, it is the world's first full-scale plutonium production reactor. Created as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project during World War II, B Reactor produced the plutonium used in the Trinity Test (the world's first nuclear detonation) in July 1945, and the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan in August 1945 that contributed to the Japanese surrender and end of World War II. Next, we'll head to **Anthony's for a delicious lunch** before making our way to the LIGO Lab. **The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)** is designed to open the field of gravitational-wave astrophysics through the direct detection of gravitational waves predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. LIGO's multi-kilometer-scale gravitational wave detectors use laser interferometry to measure the minute ripples in space-time caused by passing gravitational waves from cataclysmic cosmic sources.

Welcome **aboard the Portland Spirit...** she'll be docked right in front of our hotel this morning. We embark on a **four-and-a-half-hour Snake River Valley cruise** on the Columbia and Snake River passing through the locks at Ice Harbor Dam. The Snake River cuts through ancient basalt lava flows, forming this canyon that extends for more than fifty miles and features two major waterfalls and countless springs. The cruise includes Captain's narration, a continental breakfast, and lunch buffet all while enjoying this spectacular river. You'll have some time to rest at the hotel before we head to **Tulip Lane in rural Richland...** it isn't very long, but it is home to three award-winning wineries: J. Bookwalter, Barnard Griffin, and Tagaris. You'll have some time to wander and taste or just relax in this beautiful place before we meet up at **Tagaris for Dinner and a tasting.**

We'll depart for home this morning with wonderful memories of this fascinating place... we'll have a few stops along the way including a **wonderful lunch in the Falls Room at Multnomah Lodge.**



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A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by March 12th, 2019