

Lindblad Expeditions Offers Expanded Dining and Travel Program

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Lindblad Expeditions is enhancing its regional itinerary set to debut in 2012.

The new onboard dining program features a menu dominated by local and sustainable foods in addition to a selection of wines and craft beers that have gained the region international acclaim, and sets the stage for next year's launch of Columbia & Snake Rivers Journey: Harvests, History and Landscapes.

Scheduled to launch next September aboard the 62-passenger *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*, this natural, cultural and culinary 6-night voyage will unveil a landscape millions of years in the making and a patchwork that encompasses high art, fine foods and award-winning wines along some of the route Lewis & Clark followed on their Corps of Discovery Expedition.

Highlights of the new program will include a trip to the **Gorge White House**, a 102-year-old working family farm that features panoramic views of both Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. Guests will be hosted by the farm's owners Jerry and Camille, multigenerational farmers who grow heritage pears, apples, berries and greens using environmentally respectful and innovative techniques. The visit will culminate with a meal using farm ingredients, and served on the property's garden patio.

Guests will also tour and taste the fruit of the vines from leading **Columbia Gorge** wineries. The focus on Pacific Northwest viticulture will continue back onboard, where an array of award-winning regional wines will be served, specially selected by executive chef Gary Jenanyan (former executive chef at **Robert Mondavi Winery**).

This journey offers options ranging from hiking and kayaking adventures to Zodiac cruises in the **Lewis and Clark Wildlife Refuge** or **Palouse River**. Also available is a visit to the acclaimed **Maryhill Museum**. Lindblad Expeditions is also partnering with the Portland-based **Food Alliance**, making Lindblad the only **Food Alliance Supply Chain Ally** in the travel industry. Through independent inspections, this non-profit organization ensures that food is produced by well-treated workers, meat products come from humanely-raised animals and that regional soil, water and wildlife habitat are protected and enhanced.

There will be ten weekly departures in 2012 from Sept. 14 - Oct. 27. Rates begin at \$3,990 per person based on double occupancy for a Category 1 cabin for September and October 2012 expeditions.

For more information visit www.expeditions.com.



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