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Tracing the Trail of Lewis & Clark

AUGUST 9-22, 2026

Rediscover the Historic Adventure from its Genesis at Camp Dubois to its Unforgettable Conclusion at Fort Clatsop

Recognized as one of the greatest explorations in U.S. history, Lewis and Clark's monumental journey through untamed wilderness forged a path of discovery and courage that shaped the very essence of the American frontier. Join us as we trace the very path of this exploration.

DAY 1: ST. JOSEPH, MO

Meriwether Lewis wrote in his journal, "The mouth of the river Dubois is to be considered as the point of departure." And just as the Lewis and Clark Expedition began, ours too will begin at Camp Dubois, the winter camp and launch point for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Continue westward and across Missouri for an overnight stay in St. Joseph, MO. *D*

DAY 2: SIOUX CITY, NE

Visit the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to get a glimpse of the more than 300 flora and fauna discoveries made by the explorers. Stop at the Sergeant Floyd Monument, a solemn site commemorating the expedition's only casualty. Continue north to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center before an overnight stay in Sioux City, along the Missouri River. *B, D*

DAY 3: CHAMBERLAIN, SD

Travel into South Dakota, and capture views at Spirit Mound, where Clark wrote about the beauty of the land, before a visit to Akta Lakota Museum to learn how the expedition interacted with Native Americans. *B, D*

DAY 4: BISMARCK, ND

Located along the banks of the Missouri River, visit Fisher's Lily Park, the historic location where Lewis and Clark met with the Teton Lakota Sioux. Enjoy a catered dinner in North Dakota's Heritage Center with time to browse its exhibits. Overnight in Bismarck. *B, D*

DAY 5: WILLISTON, ND

Trekking west, visit Fort Mandan where the expedition party spent a productive winter gathering information from the friendly Indians, and recruited Charbonneau and his wife, Sacagawea, as interpreters. At Knife River National Historic Site, see the reconstructed winter quarters and earthen lodges of the Northern Indians. Overnight in Williston, ND. *B, L*



DAY 6: FORT UNION/DECISION POINT

Following the trail, cross into Montana and stop at Fort Union—once the most important fur trading post on the Upper Missouri River. At “Decision Point,” see where Lewis and Clark made the pivotal and crucial decision on which river to take that would continue their expedition to the Northwest Passage. Unpack for two nights in Great Falls, MT. **B, D**

DAY 7: GREAT FALLS, MT

The Expedition took 32 days to portage equipment and canoes around five formidable falls in the area. Learn more about this challenge on our visit to the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and portage site, followed by a visit to American Western artist C. M. Russell’s Museum. **B**

DAY 8: MISSOULA, MT

Enjoy a boat ride among towering cliffs cut by the Missouri River and visit Missouri Headwaters State Park. See the cliff where Lewis saw the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Rivers. Continue through the mountains in Shoshone territory where Lewis & Clark secured horses to cross the Rocky Mountains. Overnight in Missoula, MT. **B, L**

DAY 9: LEWISTON, ID

Travel along the Nez Perce Trail along the Bitterroot Range, the most challenging part of the journey for the expedition. Discover the beauty and history of Weippe Prairie, where breathtaking natural beauty and a significant encounter between Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce tribe await. Overnight in Lewiston, ID. **B, L, D**

DAY 10: LEWISTON, ID

See the beauty of the Snake River aboard a fun-filled jet boat tour, followed by a visit to the Lewis & Clark Discovery Center in Lewiston. Explore the stunning landscapes, feel the rush of the river and delve into the history of Lewis and Clark’s expedition. **B, L**

DAY 11: RICHLAND, WA

Visit Nez Perce National Historical Park before continuing our journey toward the Columbia River. Overnight in Richland, WA, of the Tri-Cities. **B, D**

DAY 12: THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE AREA

Cross into Oregon, and travel along the beautiful Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area including a stop at picturesque Multnomah Falls. Unpack your bags for a two-night stay in Astoria, OR. **B, L**

DAY 13: FORT CLATSOP

Enjoy the striking coastline of northern Oregon and visit a reconstruction of Fort Clatsop where the expedition spent the winter before returning home. Then, venture to Cape Disappointment to marvel at the stunning coastal scenery with a deeper appreciation for the incredible journey of Lewis and Clark! **B, D**

DAY 14: RETURN HOME

Our flight home takes only several hours, a distance that took Lewis & Clark 6 months to travel! **B** ✨

TOUR HISTORIAN LOU RITTEN

Lou Ritten has a deep commitment to preserving and promoting the legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. As a longtime member and former president of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Lou has dedicated countless hours to researching, educating, and advocating for the historical significance of this iconic expedition. Lou’s leadership and tireless efforts have played a crucial role in fostering appreciation and understanding of the Lewis and Clark Trail, ensuring that its rich history continues to inspire generations to come.



Lou Ritten

TOUR DETAILS

14 Days • 26 Meals

Aug 9-22, 2026

Price Per Person: **Same Price as 2025!**

DB \$4,499, TP/QD \$4,079, SG \$5,529

Depart/Return:



St. Louis

HIGHLIGHTS

- See where it all started at Camp Dubois
- Lewis and Clark interpretive centers along the way
- Boat ride through Gates of the Mountain
- See where it concluded at Fort Clatsop
- Accompanied by Historian Lou Ritten

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Stoney Creek Hotel, St. Joseph, MO

Night 2: Holiday Inn Express, Dakota Dunes, SD

Night 3: Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, SD

Night 4: Fairfield Inn and Suites, Bismarck, ND

Night 5: Four Points by Sheraton, Williston, ND (or similar)

Nights 6-7: Best Western Plus Riverfront, Great Falls, MT

Night 8: Comfort Inn, Missoula, MT

Nights 9-10: Hell’s Canyon Grand Hotel, Lewiston, ID

Night 11: Holiday Inn Richland on the River, Richland, WA

Nights 12-13: Lloyd Hotel, Astoria, OR