



THE EPIC JOURNEY OF
Lewis and Clark
IN MONTANA & IDAHO
with Historian John Boles
JULY 14-24, 2010



DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

In 1804, a small band of men led by Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark set out on one of the greatest scientific expeditions ever undertaken: to explore and map the American West from St. Louis to the Pacific. Over the course of their journey, the Corps of Discovery, as they became known, traveled thousands of miles and suffered numerous hardships, but returned with journals detailing scientific discoveries, tales of treks across plains and over mountain peaks, meetings with Native Americans, and a world of stunning beauty.

You're invited to join fellow Rice alumni on a customized adventure to retrace one of the most interesting and challenging parts of the trip through the wild, vast, and beautiful landscapes of Montana and Idaho.

Relive the excitement of the expedition with the help of our study leader, historian John Boles, the William Pettus Hobby Chair in History at Rice and a popular lecturer on past trips. He will put the journey into historical context, and share expert insight into the details of this critical leg of the journey. Joining him is naturalist Barbara Batey, whose depth of knowledge about the area's flora and fauna, and infectious enthusiasm for her Montana home, will further enrich our journey.

From the fascinating stories of Lewis, Clark, Sacagawea, and others to the scenic grandeur of Montana and Idaho, this is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the history and beauty of the American West.

Sincerely,

Rose Sundin

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Associate Director, Alumni Affairs

TO BOOK SPACE, CALL
713-348-4678 or 800-742-3258.



ITINERARY

Wednesday, July 14

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA / FORT BENTON

Arrive independently in Great Falls and transfer to the historic and beautifully restored Grand Union Hotel in Fort Benton. Meet fellow travelers this evening during a welcome reception and dinner. GRAND UNION HOTEL (R,D)

Thursday & Friday, July 15 & 16

MISSOURI RIVER

The adventures of Lewis and Clark come to life during a lecture by our study leader, Dr. John Boles. Afterward, embark on a leisurely two-and-a-half-day canoe journey through the heart of Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument on the scenic and geologically spectacular White Cliffs stretch of the gentle Missouri River. Ride with expert guides or possibly paddle your own canoe as you explore the area's rich natural history and learn about the experiences of the Corps of Discovery along this historic waterway. Picnic lunches are served on shore and, each evening, a comfortable tented camp awaits your arrival. After dinner prepared by our camp chefs, join in lively discussions based on readings from expedition journals.

MISSOURI RIVER CAMP (2B,2L,2D)

Saturday, July 17

MISSOURI RIVER / GREAT FALLS

Canoe to our pull-out point at Judith Landing, a historic site where the Corps set up camp in 1805. Afterward, travel to Great Falls, arriving in the late afternoon. HOLIDAY INN GREAT FALLS (B,L,D)

Sunday, July 18

GREAT FALLS

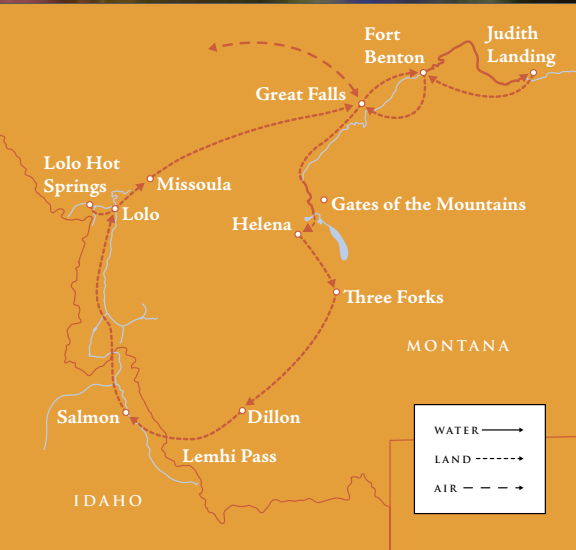
Lewis and Clark spent more time at Great Falls than at any other location aside from their winter camps. This morning visit the Lewis and Clark National Trail Interpretive Center and then enjoy a picnic lunch at nearby Giant Springs Heritage Park, site of one of the world's largest freshwater springs. In the afternoon, view the Great Falls of the Missouri, then board a private bus to retrace the Corps' arduous month-long, 18-mile portage around the falls.

HOLIDAY INN GREAT FALLS (B,L)

Monday, July 19

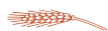
GREAT FALLS / HELENA / THREE FORKS

Follow the expedition's route upriver to the famous Gates of the Mountains, the name Lewis gave to the towering rocks on both sides of the Missouri. During a motorboat tour along limestone cliffs, scan the rocky crags for mountain goats, bald eagles, and ospreys. Continue to Helena for a private





*“This journey—intimate,
casual, educational—is
perfect for families and friends
and will produce memories
that last a lifetime.”
—John Boles*



viewing of C.M. Russell’s famous mural, *Lewis and Clark Meeting the Flathead Indians at Ross’ Hole*, which hangs in the chambers of the Montana House of Representatives, and the exhibits at the Montana Historical Society. Later, visit Headwaters State Park, where the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Rivers form the headwaters of the Missouri, and listen to readings of evocative journal entries describing the Corps’ experiences here more than two hundred years ago. SACAJAWEA HOTEL (B,L,D)

Tuesday, July 20

THREE FORKS / SALMON, IDAHO

Travel by bus along the Jefferson River to Beaverhead Rock, a landmark associated with Sacagawea, the legendary Shoshone woman

who was a central figure on the expedition. It was here that she recognized the distinctive features of Beaverhead Rock and realized she was once again in her tribe’s territory. Continue to Clark Canyon and Camp Fortunate, where Sacagawea was reunited with her brother, Cameahwait, chief of the Shoshone. In a four-wheel-drive vehicle, follow the trail up and over Lemhi Pass, which straddles the Continental Divide, and walk a portion of the trail with local guides. Spend the night in Salmon, Idaho.

STAGECOACH INN (B,D)

Wednesday, July 21

SALMON RIVER / LOLO PASS, MONTANA

To their dismay, the only “ocean” Lewis and Clark found west of Lemhi Pass was a sea of mountains and valleys bisected by the Salmon River. Travel by raft down the scenic and gentle Salmon to retrace Clark’s critical reconnaissance route, which revealed a canyon so deep the expedition was forced to make a detour north. Continue by motor coach over Lost Trail Pass and descend into Montana’s Bitterroot Valley, stopping at notable Lewis and Clark sites along the way, including Traveler’s Rest, one of the few places with physical evidence of Lewis and Clark’s visit. Continue west toward Lolo Pass.

LOLO LODGE (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 22

LOLO TRAIL / LOLO PASS

Today, retrace the group’s path along the wild and rugged Lolo Trail on horseback or on foot, and learn about the significance of several historic Lewis and Clark sites. Enjoy a relaxing soak in the pools at Lolo Hot Springs. LOLO LODGE (B,L,D)

Friday, July 23

LOLO PASS / MISSOULA / GREAT FALLS

Drive into Missoula this morning to visit the Smokejumper Visitor Center at the site of the country’s largest training base for firefighters who parachute into remote areas to combat forest fires. Continue to Great Falls, crossing the Continental Divide and visiting Ulm Pushkin Buffalo Jump, where Native Americans hunted buffalo by stampeding them over cliffs. In the evening, enjoy a farewell reception and dinner at a private opening of the C.M. Russell Museum, which celebrates the life and art of one of the most famous artists of the American West.

HOLIDAY INN GREAT FALLS (B,L,R,D)

Saturday, July 24

GREAT FALLS / HOME

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



CORPS OF DISCOVERY ✿ MAY 14, 1804–SEPTEMBER 23, 1806

In February of 1803, President Thomas Jefferson won approval from Congress for a visionary project, an endeavor that would become one of America's greatest stories of adventure. Twenty-five hundred dollars funded a team led by Captains Lewis and Clark that set out to explore the uncharted West. With minimal advanced education or training, the team classified and illustrated more than 300 types of flora and fauna never before seen by Americans east of the Mississippi River, and recorded details of interactions with Native American tribes along the way. Traveling more than 8,000 miles over 863 days, they also noted weather patterns, mapped terrain, and described geological formations. The epic journey of the Corps marks a turning point in American history, and evokes the spirit of intrepid explorers and new frontiers.



STUDY LEADER

John Boles holds the William Pettus Hobby Chair of American History at

Rice University, where he has been on the faculty since 1981. Educated at Rice and the University of Virginia, Dr. Boles has written or edited twenty books and is editor of *The Journal of Southern History*. In addition to being a distinguished historian and an award-winning teacher, he is an experienced and popular study leader.

On this trip, John's passion for American history will be evident as he leads interesting discussions and shares his in-depth knowledge of this crucial leg of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. In particular, he will delve into why President Thomas Jefferson commissioned this exploratory expedition, what was known about the American West at that time, and the complicated relations between the Corps and Native Americans. He will also highlight special features of

their journey—their hardships, courage, and fortitude—as well as the incredible leadership of Lewis and Clark themselves.

NATURALIST



Barbara Batey has been a naturalist and guide in Montana for more than 25 years, and is a seasoned tour manager for World Leaders Travel. While she

has nearly 20 years of experience leading tours around the world, her ultimate passion is for her Montana home. She studied biology at Western Washington University, earned a master's in biochemistry at the University of Washington, and undertook years of study in natural history at the Yellowstone Institute. Barbara's knowledge of the ecology, flora, fauna, and geology of Montana is encyclopedic (she seems to know every flower and blade of grass that grows there) and she eagerly shares her love of nature. She is also an accomplished athlete, marathon runner, and a paramedic in West Yellowstone.

PROGRAM RATES, PER PERSON

Double \$3,990
Single \$4,690

AIRFARE

Airfare to and from Great Falls, Montana, is not included in the program rates. Please call our tour operator, World Leaders Travel, at 800-395-3288 for assistance with your air travel arrangements.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Eight nights' accommodations at the best-available local hotels
- Two nights of double-occupancy tent camping, with all camping gear provided
- Comprehensive educational program of lectures and excursions
- All land/river transportation as specified in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, including welcome and farewell receptions and dinners
- Bottled water during daily excursions
- Group transfer from Great Falls airport to Fort Benton on July 14 and from the hotel to the Great Falls airport on July 24
- All gratuities, including wait staff, guides, and drivers
- On-tour baggage handling
- Pre-departure information, including clothing list, map, and reading list
- Professional tour management throughout

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip transportation between hometown and Great Falls
- Meals and beverages other than those specified
- Gratuities for special services
- Insurance for baggage, accident, or cancellation
- Personal items such as alcoholic beverages, gratuities for special services, or items not specifically listed as included

WHAT TO EXPECT

This trip provides access to a number of genuine Lewis and Clark sites, and while the canoeing, camping, and hiking is slightly more adventurous than most Rice Alumni travel, this journey has been enjoyed by travelers from ten to more than 80 years old. You do not have to be an outdoors person to make the trip—it is not rigorous—but it will allow us to see and experience a portion of the American West in a memorable way. Dr. Boles has accompanied five different Rice Lewis and Clark trips, and considers this one to be the best itinerary.



RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm all reservations. Participants may confirm spaces immediately by calling Rose Sundin at 713-348-4678 or 800-742-3258. You may, if you prefer, send a check, or your credit card instructions, with the completed reservation form to Office of Alumni Affairs—MS 520, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Final payment is due March 16, 2010, 120 days before departure. All prices quoted in this brochure are based on tariffs, costs, and exchange rates of the United States dollar that were in effect at the time of publication. World Leaders Travel reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a participant at any time.

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INSURANCE Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended and should be considered for your financial protection. Also important is medical insurance and emergency medical evacuation coverage. A comprehensive package will be made available to you upon receipt of your initial deposit. Early purchase will provide coverage of pre-existing medical conditions.

ELIGIBILITY This program is open to Rice alumni, their families, and friends.

ITINERARY, PROGRAM, AND COST MODIFICATIONS The itinerary, as contained in this brochure, is subject to modifications and change by the Association of Rice Alumni and World Leaders Travel. Every effort will be made to carry out this program as planned, but alterations may still occur after the final itinerary is sent. Costs, although given in good faith and based on information available upon publication of the brochure, are also subject to change and revision.

COMFORT AND ACTIVITY LEVEL While the level of comfort on this program is high, much of the tour involves physical activity and requires that participants be in good physical and mental health. You should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with an active group of travelers while walking for up to two miles over uneven terrain, climbing in and out of canoes, sitting in 14-person canoes for up to two hours, and riding horses (optional) for up to four hours. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or others. If you have any questions about the activity level of this program or your ability to participate, please call World Leaders Travel at 1-800-395-3288.



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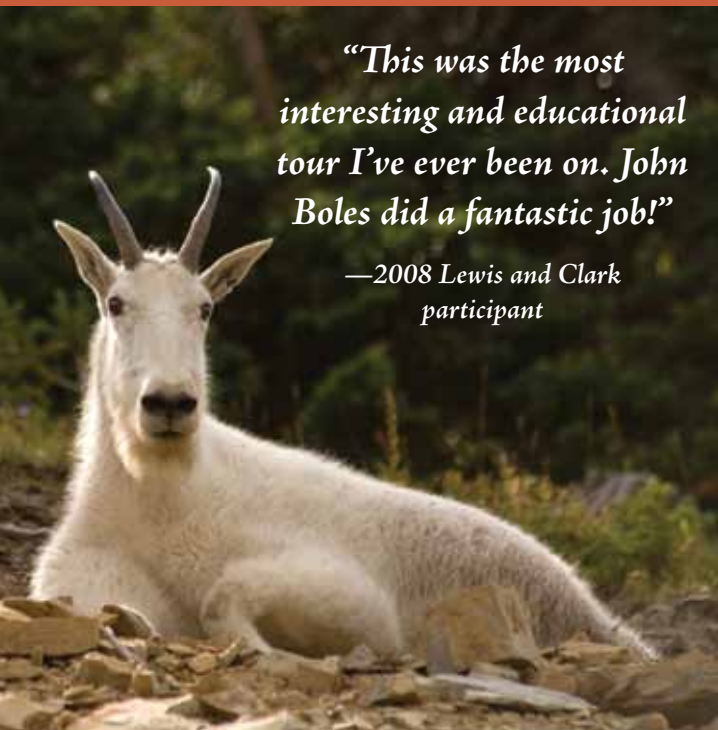
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☐ Please arrange a share for me. *I understand that if one cannot be found by the final payment date of March 16, 2010, I will be charged the single rate.*

I am a ☐ smoker ☐ nonsmoker.





*"This was the most
interesting and educational
tour I've ever been on. John
Boles did a fantastic job!"*

*—2008 Lewis and Clark
participant*

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HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE COMPANY OF DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN JOHN BOLES, retrace part of Lewis and Clark's actual route and explore key spots where the expedition made discoveries, encountered Native Americans, and camped.

ENJOY A NIGHT IN THE LOVINGLY RESTORED GRAND UNION HOTEL, followed by a leisurely, two-day canoe trip down the scenic Missouri River and comfortable tent camping under the stars.

EXPERIENCE THE STUNNING NATURAL BEAUTY and grandeur of Montana's and Idaho's vast landscapes.

RELIVE THE ADVENTURE on a half-day journey exploring the Lolo Trail on foot or horseback, followed by a soak in the soothing pools at Lolo Hot Springs.

LEARN ABOUT THE AREA'S RICH NATURAL HISTORY from naturalist Barbara Batey, and view local wildlife including antelope, deer, eagles, and ospreys.

