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Alumni Association Tours

University of Rochester Alumni Association Tours are designed to provide worry-free itineraries, professional guides—and still allow you time to pursue your individual interests. Alumni Association tours are open to all members of the University community and their immediate families. Other relatives and friends are welcome at space permits (these unaffiliated travelers are requested to make a $100 gift to the University).

In the Wake of Lewis and Clark
November 6-12, 2002
Leave Portland, Oregon, on your cruise of the Columbia and Snake Rivers, the gateway to the West pioneered by Lewis and Clark. The steers take you from the lush forests of the western Cascades through arid plateaus and into the desert canyons of the Snake River. Jet boats can take you from your home on the Columbia River to Hells Canyon, the deepest gorge in North America. The trip concludes in Portland, the City of Roses.

Amazon Exploration
February 1-February 9, 2003
The Amazon is the world’s longest navigable river, flowing more the 4,000 miles from its source in the Andes Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. Its tributaries cover more than 1.5 million square miles, creating the world’s largest rainforest ecosystem. This seven-day journey is aboard La Amatista, a 26-passenger expedition vessel that combines classic 19th-century elegance with 21st-century comfort in air-conditioned cabins with private baths. La Amatista will take you to flooded forests inhabited by thousands of exotic birds, black water lakes where pink dolphins swim, and rainforest trails where expert Peruvian guides will help you spot animals and birds found nowhere else on the planet.

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Cuba: A Cultural and Historical Exchange
March 28-April 3, 2003
This opportunity to rediscover Cuba is operated through a license from the U.S. Treasury Department and is designed to promote cultural exchange and people-to-people contact. Tour both Old Havana and modern Havana for a complete view of life in the capital city. Then, discover a slice of rural Cuba with a visit to the western province of Pinar del Río to see its tobacco plantations and farm towns. Visit to Ernest Hemingway’s home near Havana and to Cienfuegos, the setting for “The Old Man and the Sea,” complete your experience in Cuba.

Crown Odyssey
May 27-June 4, 2003
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Alumni College in Scotland
July 16-July 24, 2003
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