



TOURIST SEASON KICKS OFF IN ASTORIA

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 Passengers admire the view from the Astoria Riverfront Trolley.

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In case the gargantuan cruise ship docked Wednesday at the Port of Astoria or the throngs of new people milling about downtown didn't give it away, yes, it is tourist season again.

And even with the intrepid Astoria Riverfront Trolley running nonstop and a fleet of buses standing by, keeping up with the thousands of passengers disembarking the massive ship is a chore.

But the season is just starting. So Astorians who have a tourism-oriented business, get ready for payday. For those who aren't thrilled about the influx of visitors, stock up on water and food and find something binge-worthy on Netflix. We will see you in September.



The Astoria Riverfront Trolley passes under the Astoria Bridge with a load of passengers.



Gayle Littlejohn waves to pedestrians as she transports visitors to the area onboard the Astoria Riverfront Trolley.



Downtown Astoria is a popular destination for cruise ship passengers during the tourist season.



The Liberty Theatre was open to the public for tours Wednesday.



Visitors make their way along the riverfront with the Astoria Bridge in the background.



Passengers disembark the Celebrity Infinity cruise ship Wednesday at the Port of Astoria.