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Shirley's Tippy Canoe (2842 E. Columbia River Highway, Troutdale; 503-492-2220) is known for a large menu and plentiful portions. Breakfast consists of egg dishes with homemade Italian or Polish sausage, prime rib hash, omelets with everything

with homemade Italian or Polish sausage, prime rib hash, omelets with everything imaginable and freshly squeezed juices.

Sandwiches dominate the lunch menu, and the oyster clubhouse sandwich is especially filling; it includes pan-fried oysters, ham, bacon, turkey and all the trimmings.

For dinner, hungry beef lovers may opt for the 60-ounce rib-eye or New York steak; other choices include fresh seafood, meat and pasta entrees. Jams, soups, salad dressings, sauces and desserts are cooked from scratch using old-fashioned recipes. Prime rib and live music are Friday and Saturday night staples. The attractive patio is outfitted with stone tables, fire pits and a barbecue; during the summer, blues and jazz liven up the evenings at this spirited restaurant on the banks of the Sandy River.

McCuddy's Landing Marina on the Multnomah Channel of the Willamette River offers another riverside dining venue. You can't get much closer to dining on the water than at **Mark's on the Channel** (34326 Johnsons Landing Road, Scappoose; 503-543-8765) which is a floating restaurant.

Savor the flavor of the marine setting with cioppino, daily fresh fish or fish and chips. Deep fried smashed and spiced potatoes are called "The Depth Charge," and are topped with the house's special fry sauce.

Mark's is accessible by car and bike or from the water and is open from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Where can you find a Paris apartment with a view of the Columbia River?

At **Nob Hill Riverview Bed and Breakfast** (285 S. Second St., St. Helens; 503-396-5555) where three luxurious guest rooms are descriptively named the Paris Apartment, French Suite and Casablanca Retreat.

Accommodations vary and may include a private entrance, fireplace, jetted tub, kitchenette or separate living or dining area. Standard features include robes, lavish linens, down comforters and refrigerators. Relax on the front porch with views of the mighty Columbia, passing ships and romantic sunsets or enjoy complimentary afternoon tea or beverages in the parlor.

Each morning, the organic gourmet breakfast is served in the formal dining room or, upon prior request, in your suite.

To augment your stay in this 1900 Craftsman-style home, choose from additional specials and packages; basic rates are between \$159 and \$210 per night.

-- *"Gerry Frank's Oregon"* guidebook (published August 2012) is available through 503-585-8411; gerry@teleport.com; or P.O. Box 2225, Salem, OR 97308

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