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American Cruise Lines Awarded Additional “Prime Use Days” in Glacier Bay
American Spirit Named Exclusive Tour Vessel by the National Parks Service

GUILFORD, CT – October 13, 2015 – [American Cruise Lines](http://www.americancruiselines.com), operator of the newest cruise ships in the United States, is pleased to announce it has been awarded additional prime use days as an exclusive tour vessel in Glacier Bay. This exciting news will allow American Cruise Lines to spend more time there than ever before. The five-year contract will go into effect January 1, 2016 for the spring itineraries.

American Cruise Lines holds a unique position as the only non-excursion company to be granted tour vessel exclusivity. Staying true to the heritage of American Cruise Lines, its focus will remain on providing outstanding service and superb comfort to their guests in the midst of the panoramically spectacular preserve.

In order to protect and preserve the park’s resources, regulations allow only three tour vessels in Glacier Bay proper per day and access is strictly limited to companies holding concession contracts with the National Park Services (NPS). Upon review by technical experts from the NPS, American Cruise Lines was one of only four companies to receive the coveted contract.

“The increase of prime use days is a testament to the ongoing partnership between American Cruise Lines and the National Park Services. We’re delighted to be part of the ongoing preservation and conservation of Glacier Bay,” said Charles A. Robertson, CEO of American Cruise Lines. “We are continuously looking for ways to provide our guests with the most memorable cruising experience and the rare glimpse of the world’s most magnificent biosphere does just that.”

Located roughly 60 miles west of Juneau on the Southeast Alaska’s Inside Passage, Glacier Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world’s largest biosphere, covering 3.3 million acres. The *American Spirit* cruises to Glacier Bay by way of its Southeast Alaska itinerary. On this seven-night cruise, guests will receive an enriched onboard experience, gaining access to a National Park Service Ranger and his/her expert knowledge of Glacier Bay’s marine wilderness as well as a Huna Tlingit Cultural Interpreter who will share the fascinating human history of Glacier Bay’s native clans and people. Guests will also experience the famous South Sawyer Glacier located at the end of the majestic Tracy Arm Fjord, the quaint and authentic fishing village of Petersburg, and the historic gold mining route of the Yukon and White Pass Railway.

The *American Spirit* boasts spaciouly large and beautifully furnished staterooms, with opening panoramic windows or private balconies to offer guests once-in-a-lifetime views of Alaska’s finest scenery and wildlife, all at the highest standard of cruising comfort. American Cruise Lines’ reputation

for outstanding service is paramount on the *American Spirit* where thoughtful and attentive crew invite guests to feel right at home in an intimately crafted onboard setting. The extraordinary standard of excellence provided by an all American crew and staff create an outstanding and personalized journey for all guests onboard the *American Spirit*.

About American Cruise Lines

[American Cruise Lines \(http://www.americancruiselines.com\)](http://www.americancruiselines.com) is the largest U.S. cruise company and operator of the newest fleet of riverboats and small cruise ships in the United States. It offers more than 35 [itineraries \(http://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises\)](http://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises) ranging from seven to 21 days in length around the country including the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New England, the Southeast and the entire Mississippi River system. The line has been continuously recognized for providing superb service to guests and travel agents before, during, and after a cruise to create a seamless and personalized experience.

Long established and deeply experienced in cruise travel, American Cruise Lines has lead the industry with honors that include “Gold Magellan Award Winner” (2015, 2014), “The World’s Best Cruise Ship” by Condé Nast Traveler (2014), “World’s Leading River Cruise Company” by World Travel Awards (2014), “World’s Leading Small Ships Cruise Line” by World Travel Awards (2012, 2013), “Best New Ship” by TravelAge West (2013), and finalist for the Reader’s Choice Awards by Condé Nast Traveler.

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