



News Release
FROM AMERICAN CRUISE LINES

MEDIA CONTACT:

Liz O'Shaughnessy
American Cruise Lines
Tel: (203) 453-6800
Email: media@americancruiselines.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

American Cruise Lines' New Ship Named "*American Constellation*"

New Coastal Ship Receives Name

GUILFORD, CT – May 23, 2016 – American Cruise Lines announced today their newest ship, now under construction at Chesapeake Shipbuilding of Salisbury, MD, has been named *American Constellation*. This ship will set a new standard of excellence for coastal cruise ships. Currently 9 weeks ahead of schedule, *American Constellation* will be delivered in April 2017.

The name, *American Constellation*, was inspired by the long line of American ships named Constellation who have represented and honored the United States. The link between the USS Constellation and *American Constellation* is stronger than simply the name. The original U.S. Naval sailing frigate of 1797 and American Cruise Lines' newest ship were both built in Maryland shipyards, and *American Constellation* will leave for its first cruise from Constellation Pier right next to where the retired USS Constellation is docked.

"We're proud to continue our legacy of American built ships, and are positive that *American Constellation* will raise the bar for all small ship cruising in the United States" said Tim Beebe, Vice President of American Cruise Lines.

The ocean capable vessel with full active wing stabilization, will have capacity for approximately 170 guests and cater to the discriminating eye of passengers looking for a high-end and intimate experience of a smaller ship. Well-appointed staterooms will be the largest ever seen in this service, and have tastefully furnished private balconies and room service. Additional features including Zodiacs and kayaks will offer guests alternative ways to explore the exciting and historic American destinations.

Reservations for the inaugural season aboard *American Constellation* are being accepted. Please contact your travel professional or a Cruise Specialist at 1-800-460-4518 to book your cruise.

About American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines (<http://www.americancruiselines.com>) is the largest U.S. cruise company and operator of the newest fleet of smaller cruise ships and riverboats in the United States. It offers more than 35 itineraries (<http://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises>) ranging from four to 21 nights 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.

Award Winning Cruise Line

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

To learn more about American Cruise Lines, visit <http://americancruiselines.com/home> or call 800-814-6880. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/americancruiselines> or follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/American_Cruise.

###