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Brand New Ship Ahead of Schedule for American Cruise Lines

Chesapeake Shipbuilding Accelerates Construction of Cruise Ship by 11 Weeks

GUILFORD, CT – March 10, 2016 – <u>American Cruise Lines</u> has set the standard, once again, with its newest cruise ship currently under construction. The ocean capable vessel with full active wing stabilization, being built at Chesapeake Shipbuilding of Salisbury, MD is now 11 weeks ahead of schedule with an anticipated delivery of Q1 2017.

Catering to the discriminating eye of the passenger looking for a high-end and intimate experience of a small ship, American Cruise Lines has left no detail untouched with this 170-guest ship. Well-appointed, thoughtfully designed staterooms span over 350 square feet of personal luxury, the largest ever seen in this service, with tastefully furnished private balconies and butler-delivered room service.

This ship will carry a number of Zodiacs and kayaks allowing guests to delve into the heart of the traveled region. This new feature for American Cruise Lines will offer guests an alternative way to explore the nooks and crannies of the exciting and historic American destinations.

Significant advancements in engineering and technology have been attained to make cruising faster and quieter with more environmentally friendly systems for waste water treatment and emissions. Advanced technology in communication, sound, safety, humidity and temperature control have been implemented to afford guests an exceptional travel experience.

Guests will be presented with wider gangways to allow for effortless handicap accessibility throughout the ship. Similarly, a gracious dining room has been designed to host all guests in one seating while offering panoramic views of the passing scenery.

Built by Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Salisbury, MD, the new ship is scheduled for completion in early 2017.

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 small cruise ships and riverboats in the United States. It offers more than 35 <u>itineraries (http://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises)</u> ranging from 4 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 led 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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