



# AMERICAN CRUISE LINES



**American Cruise Lines** offers unique cruises through the smooth waters of America's magnificent East and West Coasts, giving guests an up close perspective of ports filled with natural beauty, cultural and historical interest. With no more than 120 passengers, a refreshingly casual atmosphere prevails onboard, allowing our guests to set their own pace.

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American Cruise Lines operates the newest and most modern fleet of small cruise ships, which includes five luxury overnight ships. All of the ships are American-flagged, staffed by an all-American crew, and have features such as huge staterooms with large opening picture windows, most with private balconies, elevators, satellite TV and DVD players in every stateroom, multiple lounges, library, and exercise equipment. The spacious lounges, both with large picture windows on three sides, seats all passengers comfortably, and is the setting for our complimentary cocktail hours each evening. The smaller lounges and library are perfect for guests to find a quiet retreat.

The dining experience with American Cruise Lines is a very special occasion. Each ship has a spacious dining room that seats all

passengers at one time and is surrounded by glass windows for a spectacular view. All dishes are prepared to order by highly skilled chefs trained at the most prestigious Culinary Institutes in America and France. There are a variety of choices that frequently include a specialty dish from the local area, and each dinner is served with complimentary wine.

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Expert historians and naturalists also travel onboard to enhance the cruise experience. They share their knowledge and passion for the local history and culture through open discussions, presentations, and tours. In the evening, local artists, musicians, and characters join guests and perform for them. Regardless of the evening's events, your clients can always count on ice cream sundaes and root beer floats made any way they would like!



## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- American Cruise Lines offers thirteen unique itineraries along the magnificent smooth waters of the United States.
- All of the staterooms have large opening picture windows, satellite TV, Internet access, personal climate control, and average 220 square feet in size.
- Guests are joined by onboard naturalists, historians and lecturers, who share their knowledge and passion for history and culture, and enhance the cruising experience.
- The fleet makes up the newest generation of ships in the industry, many having been built brand new in the last seven years
- Guests love American Cruise Lines cruises so much, they keep coming back AND telling their friends, making American Cruise Lines' repeat passengers rate one of the highest in the industry.

## TARGET CUSTOMERS

Our typical passenger is mature, affluent and very well educated. They generally seek culturally and historically enriching experiences. Our guests do not wish to travel on larger vessels, and enjoy the camaraderie among a small number of passengers who share a desire to discover. They appreciate the intimate and relaxed country club atmosphere onboard small ships. Passengers are mostly well traveled, and now wish to visit the fascinating, close to home ports that large ships can't even dream of reaching.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Throughout the season, we offer a variety of theme cruises to enhance our already fabulous itineraries. Among these cruises is a passenger favorite, Lobster Festival, on select New England Islands and Maine Coast and Harbors cruises. Guests get to relax and enjoy a week of everything lobster! On select Chesapeake Bay cruises, we offer a similar theme called "Crabfest." The best crabs come from Chesapeake Bay, and our passengers spend the week learning of the history, harvesting and cultural impacts of these crustaceans. On select Historic Antebellum South cruises we celebrate the beauty of spring in the south with our Mansions and Magnolias cruises.

American Cruise Lines does not generally discount their cruises. However, we do offer an Early Bird Discount of \$400 per stateroom to those passengers who book at least 3 months in advance.

## TRAVEL AGENT POLICIES

### Commissions:

American Cruise Lines offers Travel Agents a standard 10% commission. But don't forget, for booking just ONE stateroom, you have the potential to earn substantial commissions!

In comparison to the commission on mega ship tickets, that is outstanding!

### Group Policy:

American Cruise Lines welcomes groups of all sizes aboard. In fact, we have an entire department devoted to working with groups. Call to find out more about the benefits of arranging groups with American Cruise Lines.

### Training:

Besides the formal training offered in conjunction with the Niche Cruise Marketing Alliance, American Cruise Lines is currently developing a web site exclusively for Travel Agents. The site will include valuable information, special offers, webinars and online training to become a Qualified American Cruise Lines Travel Agent. In the meantime, our Cruise Specialists are available 7 days a week to provide sales support and answer any questions that you may have.

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# DESTINATIONS AND VESSELS

## ITINERARIES

American Cruise Lines ships are designed to cruise the smooth, inland waterways of the U.S., made up of rivers, bays and canals. With the unique shallow draft design, these ships can venture into secluded harbors and bays that larger ships can't even dream of reaching. Ranging anywhere from 6 to 14 nights, the thirteen unique itineraries stop at some of the most fascinating and exciting destinations in America.

The **New England Islands Cruise** gives guests the opportunity to harbor hop through the best of New England. Passengers are greeted by charming seaport villages and quaint island towns, filled with maritime history and culture.

*Providence, RI • New Bedford, MA • Nantucket, MA • Martha's Vineyard, MA • Bristol, RI • Fall River, MA • Newport, RI • Block Island, RI*

The **Historic Antebellum South Cruise** explores the elegance and charm of the Low Country and Georgia's Golden Isles. Blooming gardens accent glorious southern mansions, rare birds soar overhead, and historic forts and battlegrounds offer a glimpse into the country's great culture and history.

*Charleston, SC • Beaufort, SC • Daufuskie Island, SC • Hilton Head, SC • Savannah, GA • Jekyll Island, GA • Amelia Island, FL • Jacksonville, FL*

Passengers are offered breathtaking views of Maine's magnificent coastline on the **Maine Coast & Harbors Cruise**. Maine was meant to be explored by ship, and this fantastic journey through Maine's inland passages and secluded ports does it perfectly.

*Bangor, ME • Bar Harbor, ME • Rockland, ME • Castine, ME • Camden, ME • Belfast, ME • Bucksport, ME*

On the **Chesapeake Bay Cruise**, travelers enjoy charming fishing villages, historic Colonial settlements, magnificent architecture and a wide array of wildlife that make their homes on the shores of the bay.

*Baltimore, MD • Williamsburg, VA • Yorktown, VA • Tangier Island, VA • Solomons Island, MD • Cambridge, MD • Oxford, MD • St. Michaels, MD • Annapolis, MD*

The **Mid-Atlantic Inland Passage** brings spectacular scenery, Civil War battlegrounds and elegantly restored southern mansions within passengers' reach. This unique itinerary is often described as a living history tour of America's colonial heritage.

*Baltimore, MD • Norfolk, VA • Oriental, NC • Morehead City, NC • Wilmington, NC • Myrtle Beach, SC • Charleston, SC*

Towering Mountains serve as the backdrop of the **Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise**, with a landscape rich in reds, yellows and oranges. The shores of the splendid river, known for both its beauty and history, have remained virtually unchanged since the seventeenth century.

*New York, NY • West Point, NY • Catskill, NY • Albany, NY • Kingston, NY • Sleepy Hollow, NY • Tarrytown, NY*

The **Great Rivers of Florida Cruise** journeys through the lush, tropical inland passages of Florida's great rivers, hidden coves and a special passage through the Ocala National Forest. Passengers catch sight of a wide variety of Florida natives, like the manatee, the alligator, and even the bald eagle.

*Jacksonville, FL • Palatka, FL • Lake George, FL • Green Cove Springs, FL • St. Augustine, FL • Amelia Island, FL*

The grandeur and history of New England reveals itself to passengers on the **Grand New England Cruise**. Quaint seaside villages and islands with an ambience only found in New England are the stars of this new itinerary.

*Providence, RI, Nantucket, MA • Martha's Vineyard, MA • Newport, RI - Portland, ME • Boothbay Harbor, ME • Rockland, ME • Camden, ME • Belfast, ME • Bangor, ME*

On the 14-night **East Coast Inland Passage**, passengers will appreciate the natural, unspoiled beauty of some of the most scenic, preserved areas in the country. Passengers will enjoy the limitless medley of birds and wildlife that call this passage home.

*Baltimore, MD • Norfolk, VA • Oriental, NC • Morehead City, NC • Wilmington, NC • Myrtle Beach, SC • Daufuskie, Island, SC • Hilton Head, SC • Savannah, GA • St. Simons Island, GA • Jekyll Island, GA • Jacksonville, FL*

## NEW ITINERARIES:

On the 8-day/7-night **Philadelphia – Potomac Cruise**, trace America's national heritage between Philadelphia and Washington, DC along some of our country's most historic and scenic waterways including the Delaware River, Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River.

*• Alexandria, VA • Mount Vernon, VA • St. Mary's, MD • Solomons Is., MD • Annapolis, MD • St. Michaels, MD • Chestertown, MD • C & D Canal • Philadelphia, PA*

On the 8-day/7-night **Columbia & Snake River Cruise**, journey along the legendary rivers that helped to shape the West. The Columbia and Snake rivers follow an epic course, flowing through a rich tapestry of ever-changing landscapes, lush wildlife habitat and fascinating human endeavors.

*• Portland, OR • Astoria, OR • Rainier, OR • The Dalles, OR • Pendleton, OR/ Walla Walla, WA • Clarkston, WA • Stevenson, WA*

### American Star

**Year Built:** 2007

**Designer & Builder:**

Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp., Salisbury, MD

**Ship Registry:** United States

**Specs:** 225 ft. in length, 45 ft. beam, 6.5 ft. draft

**Number of Decks:** 4

**Passenger Capacity:** 100

**Features:**

52 Staterooms, all outside  
24 private balconies  
Elevator to all decks  
4 Oversized lounges  
Large, glass-enclosed single seating dining salon

### American Spirit

**Year Built:** 2005

**Designer & Builder:**

Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp., Salisbury, MD

**Ship Registry:** United States

**Specs:** 225 ft. in length, 45 ft. beam, 6.5 ft. draft

**Number of Decks:** 4

**Passenger Capacity:** 100

**Features:**

52 Staterooms, all outside  
24 private balconies  
Elevator to all decks  
4 Oversized lounges  
Large, glass-enclosed single seating dining salon

### American Glory

**Year Built:** 2002

**Designer & Builder:**

Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp., Salisbury, MD

**Ship Registry:** United States

**Specs:** 180 ft. in length, 42 ft. beam, 6.5 ft. draft

**Number of Decks:** 4

**Passenger Capacity:** 49

**Features:**

31 Staterooms, all outside  
14 private balconies  
Elevator to all decks  
4 Oversized lounges  
Large, glass-enclosed single seating dining salon

### Independence

**Year Built:** 2010

**Designer & Builder:**

Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp., Salisbury, MD

**Ship Registry:** United States

**Specs:** 235 ft. in length, 50 ft. beam, 8 ft. draft

**Number of Decks:** 4

**Passenger Capacity:** 104

**Features:**

52 staterooms, all outside  
40 with private balconies  
Elevator to all decks  
4 oversized lounges  
Large, glass-enclosed single seating dining room

### Queen of the West

**Year Built:** 1995

**Designer & Builder:**

Nichols Bros., Freeland, WA

**Ship Registry:** United States

**Specs:** 230 ft. in length, 50 ft. beam

**Number of Decks:** 4

**Passenger Capacity:** 120

**Features:**

71 staterooms, all outside  
40 with private balconies  
Elevator to all decks  
5 oversized lounges  
Large, glass-enclosed single seating dining room

