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**Doubling Capacity in the Pacific Northwest**  
*American Constellation* Heads to the West Coast for 2018

**GUILFORD, CT – June 14, 2017** – American Cruise Lines’ newest ship, *American Constellation*, will be heading to the West Coast in 2018. The decision came as a result of increased demand for American’s popular [Southeast Alaska](#), [Alaska Inside Passage](#), and [Puget Sound](#) itineraries. *American Constellation* began its inaugural season in May of this year and is currently serving a number of American’s East Coast cruises.

The addition of the 175 passenger ship will more than double American Cruise Lines’ capacity in the Pacific Northwest and add 18 cruises to the 2018 season. The new addition will allow an expanded schedule in Alaska aboard *American Constellation*, while enabling *American Spirit* to operate the company’s popular Puget Sound & San Juan Islands itinerary through July and August of 2018. This will be the first time American has ever offered summer cruises in Puget Sound.

While expanding its existing schedule, American Cruise Lines has also added a brand new itinerary, the [Grand Puget Sound](#), for the 2018 cruise season. This 11-day round-trip out of Seattle will travel to some of the most popular destinations in the Pacific Northwest, including a number of ports not often accessed by larger cruise ships, such as Olympia and Tacoma. Additional details about the new itinerary will be announced soon.

“Small ship cruising is the best way to experience Alaska and Puget Sound,” says Timothy Beebe, Vice President of American “and with our brand new ships, we are able to accommodate evolving guest expectations for premium comfort.”

Before heading west, *American Constellation* will spend the remainder of 2017 on the East Coast serving American’s [Grand New England](#), [Hudson River](#), [Grand Historic South](#), and [Historic South](#) cruises. New for 2018, *American Constitution* will be taking over these itineraries.

### **About American Cruise Lines**

American Cruise Lines, the largest U.S. cruise line, is committed to continuous growth through an innovative ship building program that elevates the standard of cruising in America. The line is the leader in the US with more than 35 itineraries ranging from 4 to 21-nights in length, which visit the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New England, the Southeast and the Mississippi River. The line has been continuously recognized for its new ships and for providing superb service to guests and travel agents before, during, and after a cruise.

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