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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**American Cruise Lines Doubles Capacity on the Columbia and Snake Rivers**

*“Queen of the Mississippi” headed to the Pacific Northwest; brand new paddlewheeler “America” to take over the schedule on the Mississippi River*

**GUILFORD, CT – August 3, 2015** – [American Cruise Lines](http://www.americancruiselines.com) announced today the *Queen of the Mississippi* (to be renamed) will join the *Queen of the West* in the Pacific Northwest on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. This three-year-old vessel, with all oversized staterooms and private balconies, will more than double the capacity on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The line’s brand new riverboat *America* will replace the *Queen of the Mississippi* on the Mississippi River in early 2016.

The repositioning of this riverboat to the Pacific Northwest and the introduction of the new 185-passenger paddlewheeler *America* to the Mississippi River will enable American Cruise Lines to meet the high demands for cruising on the Columbia and Snake Rivers and provide more capacity on the Mississippi River system. This new Columbia River paddlewheeler features the largest, most well-appointed staterooms on the river with large sliding glass doors opening to private balconies. The glass-enclosed dining room comfortably accommodates all guests in one seating and seven spacious lounges throughout the ship offer areas for entertainment, relaxation and conversation. While on board the guests learn about the Pacific Northwest history and culture, while enjoying the finest in personalized service.

The new paddlewheeler *America* is scheduled to be launched this week in Salisbury, MD, and will be moved to its East Outfitting Basin for completion of the upper decks and final outfitting. A new *Queen of the Mississippi* is also under construction at Chesapeake Shipbuilding. These new riverboats for American Cruise Lines will be the finest Mississippi paddlewheelers ever built, introducing features never before seen on a riverboat.

**About American Cruise Lines**

American Cruise Lines is the largest U.S. cruise company and operates the newest fleet of riverboats and small cruise ships on more than 35 itineraries around the country including the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New England, the Southeast and the entire Mississippi River system. The line is known for working closely with guests and travel agents before, during, and after a cruise to create a highly personalized experience. Long established and deeply experienced in cruise travel, American Cruise Lines has been honored with multiple awards, including Porthole Reader’s Choice Awards in 2014, World Travel Awards “World’s Leading River Cruise Company” in 2013, “Gold Award Winner” for Travel Weekly’s 2014 Magellan Awards and a 2014 finalist for Condé Nast Traveler’s Reader’s Choice Awards. To learn more about American Cruise Lines, visit <http://www.americancruiselines.com> or call 800-814-6880.

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