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American Cruise Lines Launches Newest Mississippi Riverboat *America*

Construction three weeks ahead of schedule for spring 2016 inaugural sailings

GUILFORD, CT – August 7, 2015 – American Cruise Lines announced today the successful launching of its newest paddlewheeler *America* three weeks ahead of schedule. *America* is being built for the Mississippi River at Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Salisbury, Maryland. The launching, which took place this morning, was picture perfect. Immediately after being launched seamlessly, tugboats skillfully nudged the new riverboat into Chesapeake Shipbuilding's East Outfitting Basin where the upper decks and outfitting will be completed.

The launching comes just a few weeks after the joining of the two hull sections. With the installation of the upper decks, the new riverboat will come together quickly, and upon completion will be the third new riverboat built for the Mississippi River by American Cruise Lines. Construction of the new *Queen of the Mississippi* is also underway and is slated for delivery in 2017.

The newest paddlewheeler *America*, will have a capacity of 185 passengers and will introduce features never before seen on a riverboat. American built, American flagged and American crewed, this new vessel symbolizes the true all-American experience provided by American Cruise Lines. It is scheduled to begin navigating the Mississippi River and its tributaries next spring.

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 2014, "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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