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American Cruise Lines Receives Prestigious Travel Industry Awards
Line Achieves Continued High Standard of Excellence



GUILFORD, CT – October 26, 2016 – American Cruise Lines, the largest U.S. cruise company, is pleased to announce it has received several prestigious travel industry awards including: *Travel Weekly's* 2016 Gold and Silver Magellan Awards, a 2016 *Cruise Critic*® US Editor's Pick Award, and was named North America's Leading River Cruise Company by the World Travel Awards. Judged by a panel of top travel industry professionals, these premier awards honor a high standard of excellence within the travel industry and celebrate the best cruise ships and lines worldwide.

The 2016 Gold Magellan Award was received for the *Queen of the Mississippi* in the River Cruise Ship Category. Launched in 2015, *Queen of the Mississippi* is an authentic paddlewheeler with modern amenities including the largest staterooms in the industry, hotel-style bathrooms, and private balconies. In addition to receiving the highest award for this state-of-the-art riverboat, American Cruise Lines also received the 2016 Silver Magellan Award for *Best River Cruising* in the River Cruising Category.

Other awards received include, *North America's Leading River Cruise Company* by World Travel Awards and the 2016 *Cruise Critic*® US Editor's Pick Award for *Best Enrichment*. Judges were impressed with the line's engaging onboard speakers and historians whose programs enhance guided onshore excursions and offer context to the passing scenery.

"It is an honor to be recognized as the leader in river and small ship cruising and for having the finest cruise ships in the U.S.," said Timothy Beebe, Vice President of American Cruise Lines. "We are proud to continuously expand our fleet. New riverboats make all the difference to our guests and they elevate the river cruising experience here in the U.S."

In addition to the recent industry recognition, American Cruise Lines was also a finalist in the Small Ship and River Cruise categories for the Conde Nast Readers' Choice Awards and has been nominated for several other prestigious awards, including *Best Small Ship Cruising* and *Best River Cruising in the World* by World Travel Awards, and *Best River Cruise Lines* in the 2017 Travvy Awards.

About American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines (<http://www.americancruiselines.com>) is the leading US cruise line, with the largest fleet of US ships. It offers more than 35 itineraries, ranging from 4 to 21 nights in length including the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New England, the Southeast and the entire Mississippi River system. (<http://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises>) 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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