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American Cruise Lines Names 2 More New U.S. Riverboats: *American Beauty & American Rhapsody*



GUILFORD, CT—August 13, 2026, American Cruise Lines is pleased to announce the names of two more U.S.-built small ships: ***American Beauty***, a new riverboat for the Mississippi that will launch in 2028, and ***American Rhapsody***, another new riverboat for the Columbia and Snake Rivers that will launch in 2029. These riverboats represent the 29th and 30th ships in the company's ever-expanding fleet and will be the finest new riverboats in the world. All American Cruise Lines' new ships are built at Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Salisbury, Maryland.

American Beauty will begin cruising the Mississippi River in September 2028, operating the company's popular 8-Day *Upper Mississippi River* cruises between St. Louis, MO and St. Paul, MN. Toward the end of the season, *American Beauty* will also cruise the company's new 8-Day *Gulf Coast* cruises, which

operate between New Orleans, LA and Pensacola, FL. In 2029, *American Rhapsody* will begin cruising the company's 9-Day *Columbia & Snake Rivers* cruises between Portland, OR and Clarkston, WA.

American Beauty and *American Rhapsody* are both part of the company's acclaimed modern American Riverboat™ series, which began in 2018, when *American Song* became the first modern style riverboat ever available for U.S. River cruising. Since then, the demand for these world-class riverboats has increased year after year. *American Beauty* and *American Rhapsody* follow 3 others previously announced: *American Encore* (which debuted in May 2026), *American Anthem* (sailing in April 2027), and *American Grace* (sailing in April 2028). All the company's American Riverboats accommodate 180 guests in 100% private balcony accommodations and showcase the finest amenities available in river cruising worldwide.

The demand for U.S. River cruising around the country continues to grow rapidly. In order to keep pace, American Cruise Lines is introducing new ships at a rate of 3 per year. The company has introduced more new U.S.-built cruise ships over the last 10 years than all the U.S.-built cruise ships combined in the previous 4 decades. The company has also expanded and developed new itinerary options across 40 states, including many cruises that are totally exclusive to the Line.

In addition to these new riverboats for the Mississippi and the Columbia and Snake Rivers, American continues aggressively expanding their fleet in many other regions of the USA, with new small ships sailing over 50 U.S. itineraries along the East, West, and Gulf Coasts, as well as all the major U.S. rivers, lakes, bays, and inland waterways in-between. Today, the new ships and the breadth of domestic itinerary options offer more diversity than at any other time in history and the U.S. market is a booming sector of the global cruise industry, rivaling Europe and all other river regions worldwide.

American Ranger, the company's 3rd new ship this year (launching in September) will cruise the Line's exclusive *Hudson River Fall Foliage* cruises, *Potomac River & Chesapeake Bay* cruises, and *Florida Gulf Coast & Keys* cruises throughout the holiday season and into the New Year. One of American's new 2025 ships, *American Patriot*, is currently sailing the company's first season of domestic cruises on the Great Lakes (these are the only all-domestic cruises available on the Great Lakes market). In 2027, when *American Anthem* debuts, it will sail the company's newest regional itinerary, 16-Day *Grand Columbia & Snake Rivers* cruises, throughout its entire inaugural season.

American Cruise Lines' 13 new ships from 2025 to 2029:

Note: the new riverboats below are all modern American Riverboats, accommodating 180 guests

2025: *American Patriot* and *American Pioneer* (130-guest/small ships)

2026: *American Encore* (riverboat); ***American Maverick* and *American Ranger*** (130-guest/small ships)

2027: *American Anthem* (riverboat); ***American Mariner* and *American Navigator*** (130-guest/small ships)

2028: *American Grace* and *American Beauty* (two riverboats)

2029: *American Rhapsody* (riverboat) and **2 other new ships** (names & details to come at a later date).

American Beauty and **American Rhapsody** will feature 6 decks, all private balcony staterooms, including *Singles* and *Suites* (and each will showcase the company's newest accommodation—the 1,500 sq/ft *Signature Suite*). These new riverboats will also offer numerous spacious lounges throughout, including spectacular top-deck lounges with walking tracks, chart rooms, beautiful main restaurants and casual cafés, as well as large fitness centers, among other onboard amenities that are unusual for cruise ships of this size.

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About American Cruise Lines:

American Cruise Lines is the largest river cruise line in the U.S.A. with **30** small ships sailing the [Mississippi River](#), the [Columbia and Snake Rivers](#), the [Great Lakes](#), and protected waterways all over the country. American's award-winning fleet reflects the company's 50-year history of offering domestic small ship cruises that explore exclusively in the United States. Today, it is the only fleet of 100% U.S.-flagged riverboats and small ships in the world. American offers 50+ domestic cruise itineraries across 40 states, operating year-round, including [National Parks Cruises](#) and [Extended Cruises](#) over 50 days in length.

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