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***American Ranger* Christened on the Hudson River: American Cruise Lines Celebrates 3rd New Ship Launched This Year**



GUILFORD, CT—September 28, 2026, American Cruise Lines christened brand new ***American Ranger*** on the Hudson River last week. *American Ranger* is the 3rd new ship the company has launched this year and the 4th new Patriot Class ship. The christening celebration took place on September 24th when the ship was docked at Historic Catskill Point, Catskill, New York. Inaugural cruise guests, company executives, and crew members celebrated on the top deck with a festive cookout and the ceremonial bottle smash. Susan Renner, American's longtime Treasurer and Board Chair, did the honors serving as the ship's godmother. Susan is also godmother to *American Ranger's* sister ship, *American Maverick*, christened earlier this year in Newport, Rhode Island.

“We are so pleased to christen *American Ranger* with our guests and crew, surrounded by the Hudson River Valley’s magnificent fall scenery,” said Charles B. Robertson, President & CEO of American Cruise Lines. “Today, *American Ranger* assumes the mantle as the newest cruise ship in the country, but won’t hold the title for long, as she will be quickly followed by three more new ships launching in 2027.”

Next year, American Cruise Lines will introduce two more sister ships to *American Ranger*, *American Mariner* and *American Navigator*, as well as another modern American Riverboat™, *American Anthem*.

American Ranger features 4 decks and accommodates 130 guests in all private balcony staterooms, including *Singles* and *Suites*. The ship also offers many spacious lounges including a top deck lounge with a walking track, as well as a chart room, a main restaurant, casual café, fitness center, and a laundry room among other amenities unusual for small cruise ships of this size.



Godmother, Susan Renner, christening *American Ranger* in Catskill, NY. (American’s President & CEO, Charles B. Robertson looks on).

Last week’s christening took place during *American Ranger*’s inaugural 9-Day *Hudson River Fall Foliage* itinerary which began with an included hotel stay in NYC on September 18th. The small ship embarked from the City on September 19th, and the cruise concluded in Albany, NY on the 26th.

[American Cruise Lines’ Hudson River cruises](#) (both the *Fall Foliage* and the *Summer Classic* itineraries) are the only overnight river cruises on the market exploring this famous waterway.

The company’s 2026 Hudson River cruises are operating between New York City and Albany, NY, with stops at Catskill; West Point; Sleepy Hollow; and Kingston/Hyde Park, NY; and include guided excursions throughout the region. The 2026 cruises are largely sold out and the last cruise for 2026 begins on October 25th.

In 2027, American's Hudson River cruises will operate roundtrip from Albany, NY, and will also feature a stop and excursions in New York City, including the breathtaking opportunity to enjoy views of the Big Apple's famous skyline while cruising right past the Statue of Liberty. 2027 *Hudson River Summer Classic* cruises begin operating in June, and the *Hudson River Fall Foliage* cruises begin again next September.



One of American's *Coastal Cats* cruising the Hudson River with seasonal fall foliage in bloom.



One of American's small ships cruising the Hudson River past the Statue of Liberty.

Every fall, the Hudson River Valley is adorned by the Northeast's most stunning seasonal foliage. Treetops are awash in a kaleidoscope of colorful leaves as far as the eye can see. The River Valley is also home to many grand historic sites from West Point and the Vanderbilt Mansion to Hyde Park. American's cruise guests have the opportunity to visit many renowned points of interest including the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, FDR's Presidential Library, the gilded age mansions of Olana and Lyndhurst, and Whitecliff Vineyard. Fall cruise guests will also enjoy apple tasting experiences and explorations in Sleepy Hollow during the town's acclaimed Halloween celebrations, featuring spooky events from mid-September to early November.

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 [Hudson River](#), the [Great Lakes](#), and protected coastal waterways around the country. The company has a 50-year history of offering domestic small ship cruises that explore solely in the United States. Today, the company operates the only fleet of 100% U.S.-flagged riverboats and small ships in the world. Cruising year round, American offers many U.S. cruise itineraries that are totally exclusive to the Line, including bucket-list National Parks Cruises and [Extended Cruises](#) over 50 days in length.

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