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American Cruise Lines Awarded Contract to Operate in Glacier Bay

2012 Alaska cruises to feature visits to Alaska's highly protected national park

GUILFORD, CT – July 7, 2011 – American Cruise Lines (www.americancruiselines.com) announced today that it has been awarded a contract¹ by the Glacier Bay National Park to operate in the famed Alaskan park, making the line one of only several permitted to tour the breathtaking area. Known for its abundant wildlife and spectacular blue glaciers, Glacier Bay is a highly sought after destination for Alaskan cruisers and travelers. American Cruise Lines will offer seven-to-eleven night cruises including roundtrips out of Juneau.

Designated a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve, Glacier Bay is a nature wonderland. A National Park Service Ranger and a Native Cultural Interpreter will join passengers aboard each cruise to provide narration and insight into Glacier Bay, as well as help spot wildlife such as mountain goats, whales and brown and black bears.

“Here we can return briefly to a time that doesn't exist anywhere else,” noted renowned photographer, Mark Kelley's award-winning book, *Glacier Bay National Park: Alaska*.

“It was important to be able to feature Glacier Bay on our Alaskan cruises,” said Timothy Beebe, Vice President of American Cruise Lines. “As one of the few places where people can still view the world as nature intended it to be, we wanted to make sure we could take our passengers there to experience it for themselves. We're honored to have been awarded such a highly coveted contract and we look forward to showcasing the beauty Glacier Bay and the rest of Alaska has to offer.”

Beginning next summer in June of 2012, American Cruise Lines will offer several different Alaskan itineraries, including roundtrip cruises departing from Juneau, Alaska, and one-way cruises between Juneau and Seattle, Washington. New and returning passengers can expect all the modern onboard amenities – oversized staterooms and bathrooms, private balconies, and elevators to all decks, along with exceptional locale-inspired cuisine and highly personalized service.

About American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines operates the newest fleet of small ships in the industry and offers more than 25 unique itineraries along the inland waterways and rivers of the Pacific Northwest, the Mississippi River System, Alaska and East Coast of the United States, from New England to Florida. To learn more about American Cruise Lines, visit our website at www.americancruiselines.com or call (800) 814-6880.

¹ American Cruise Lines is an authorized concessioner of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve

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