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American Cruise Lines' *American Spirit* to Operate in Alaska

Newest ship in Alaska to cruise the Inside Passage beginning June 2012

GUILFORD, CT – September 14, 2011 – American Cruise Lines (www.americancruiselines.com), the leader in small ship cruising, announced today that its 100-passenger *American Spirit* will operate its recently introduced Alaskan itineraries debuting in June of 2012. Built in 2005, The *American Spirit* will be the newest vessel operating in Alaska, offering a full range of onboard amenities, including an elevator to all decks, numerous glass-enclosed lounges and the largest staterooms by far, the majority of which have private balconies and all with extra-large opening picture windows to maximize each passenger's personal view of the Alaskan scenery; towering glaciers, verdant forests, floating ice castles and islands and waters teeming with wildlife.

“Our passengers are going to experience Alaska like they never have before in the comfort of the *American Spirit*,” said Paul Taiclet, Vice President of Hotel Operations, American Cruise Lines. “The oversized staterooms, spacious public areas and multitude of modern-day amenities make this ship by far the most comfortable and accommodating.”

American Cruise Lines' unique approach to small ship cruising will introduce passengers to secluded and seemingly untouched waterways and in the company of expert naturalist guides and local experts. The *American Spirit* is specially designed to navigate these narrow inland waterways, while the intimate atmosphere onboard is perfect for onboard camaraderie as guests often find themselves amongst others who seek enriching travels and share their passion for exploration, adventure and discovery. See a deck plan of the *American Spirit* [here](#).

Beginning in June of 2012, American Cruise Lines will offer several different seven- and 11-night Alaskan itineraries, including round trip cruises departing from Juneau, Alaska, and one-way cruises between Juneau and Seattle, Washington. Offering a unique pampered adventure to experience Alaska, American Cruise Lines passengers will experience breathtaking views of the Alaskan wild in the premier vessel available, while having up close and intimate access to wildlife, inside passages and glaciers in the comfort of the *American Spirit* launch or for the more adventure –inclined passengers, by kayak.

About American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines, the largest U.S. cruise line, operates the newest fleet of small luxury ships in the industry. Seven ships, each carrying no more than 150 passengers, offer more than 30 unique itineraries along the inland waterways and rivers of the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, the Mississippi River System 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.

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