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## **American Cruise Lines Introduces the Lighthouse Cruise**

American Cruise Lines is pleased to announce the addition of themed Lighthouse cruises to its summer 2009 schedule. The first lighthouses in America were built in New England, dating back as far as 1716, and are an important part of the region's maritime heritage. To celebrate these stately structures, American Cruise Lines has planned two Lighthouse cruises, which will follow the Grand New England 10-night itinerary departing August 15 out of Providence, Rhode Island and August 26 out of Bangor, Maine.

Along the course, passengers will have the opportunity to view over 50 New England Lighthouses. Some of the lighthouses to be viewed include Brant Point originally built in 1746 and located on Nantucket Island, Portland Head Light in Maine, completed in 1791 and the Castle Hill Light in Newport, RI, completed in 1890.

To further enhance the experience, local historians and authors will be invited aboard to share stories of lighthouse history, haunted legends and the inspiring spirit of the lightkeepers who once called these treasures home.