

## American Cruise Lines Makes a Great Ship Even Greater

Since the acquisition of the paddlewheel cruise ship, *Queen of the West*, American Cruise Lines has been creating a plan on how to further enhance a passengers experience on this already very popular ship that was built in 1996. The company is pleased to announce the plan is now underway and includes enhancements such as the addition of more private balconies and renovations to increase the size of a number of suites.

These changes will result in lowering the ship's passenger capacity from 150 to 120 making the already roomy dining room and the spacious lounges and decks even more comfortable. In addition, with fewer guests onboard, passengers can expect the highest level of service for which American Cruise Lines is well known.

"We were so pleased when the news became official that American Cruise Lines would start operating the *Queen of the West* on the Columbia and Snake Rivers," stated Paul Taiclet, Vice President of Operations for American Cruise Lines. "The ship already has such a wonderful reputation, so we are very excited about taking it to the next level of comfort for our passengers."

Along with the changes to the ship, American Cruise Lines is offering itineraries that will provide a leisurely cruise experience, extended time on shore excursions and a generous amount of time cruising the spectacular Columbia River Gorge and Snake River.