

## American Cruise Lines Introduces a Brand New Itinerary for 2010

**Guilford, CT** — American Cruise Lines has added a brand new itinerary to its 2010 schedule, the **Philadelphia and Potomac Cruise**, which will cruise between Philadelphia, PA and the Washington DC area. This eight-day / 7-night cruise aboard the *American Spirit* will depart from either Philadelphia or Washington DC following the Delaware River, through the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal, into the Chesapeake Bay and up Potomac River. Stops along the course will include the C&D Canal; Chestertown, St. Michaels, Annapolis, and St. Mary's (all located in Maryland); Mt. Vernon and Alexandria/Washington DC.

The new itinerary will give passengers the opportunity to visit cities and towns that played a role in shaping our nation, including three cities that have all served as the nation's capital. From the bustling port of Annapolis, considered America's sailing capital and home to the United States Naval Academy, to the quiet villages of Chestertown and St. Mary's, each port has its own unique history and culture. Two magnificent historic homes are sure to be a highlight on the cruise, Winterthur, an American country estate and the former home of Henry Francis du Pont and Mt. Vernon, the plantation home of the first President of the United States, George Washington. Other expertly planned shore excursions will include sailing the Chester River onboard a traditional schooner, a visit to the renowned Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and a trolley tour of our nation's capital.

The *American Spirit* will dock in the heart of each port, just steps from historic homes, museums, and quaint village shops. The 100-passenger ship features over-sized staterooms, many with private balconies, spacious observation decks, a well-stocked library and a glass enclosed dining room providing spectacular views to passing scenery.

American Cruise Lines operates the newest fleet of ships in the industry and offers ten itineraries along the East Coast of the United States. Uniquely designed to navigate inland waterways, rivers and bays, American Cruise Lines' small ships bring passengers to some of the most fascinating places in America.