

American Cruise Lines Plans Major Renovations for *Queen of the West*

Guilford, CT – American Cruise Lines announced today *Queen of the West*, which operates one week cruises from Portland, Oregon along the Columbia and Snake Rivers, will be undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation before going back into service spring of 2011. These renovations will occur in all areas of the ship including passenger staterooms, public areas, the galley, and even in the engine room.

All new furniture will be going into the passenger staterooms, including flat screen T.V.s. Along with increasing the size of a number of staterooms and the addition of private balconies, more single staterooms are to be added. The passenger capacity will be reduced to 120, allowing for more space and personalized attention from the crew for each passenger.

Throughout the ship will be all new carpeting, floor coverings, ceilings, and lighting. To enhance the comfort level on the ship, the dining room and lounges are being redecorated and a brand new, well-stocked library will be added. Further, the sound and entertainment equipment will be replaced with a new, a state-of-the-art system.

Also, behind the scenes, *Queen of the West* will be getting a new galley, which, in turn, will take the passenger's dining experience to a new level.

American Cruise Lines is excited to bring these changes to *Queen of the West*. Renovations are scheduled to begin immediately after the last cruise of the season in November, and completed before next season's first departure in April 2011.