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**American Cruise Lines to Feature Expanded Entertainment Aboard *Queen of the Mississippi***

**GUILFORD, CT – September 20, 2011** – American Cruise Lines ([www.americancruiselines.com](http://www.americancruiselines.com)), the leader in small ship cruising, today announced plans for an extensive entertainment program for its 2012 Mississippi River itineraries aboard the brand new authentic sternwheeler, *Queen of the Mississippi*, currently being built in Salisbury, Maryland. The program will feature entertainment reminiscent of America's legendary steamboating era. The grandest riverboat to ever grace the Mississippi, the sternwheeler will be a floating palace filled with luxuries and pleasures, and will certainly accommodate passengers who enjoy dancing and live entertainment and have a passion for the deep history of the mighty Mississippi and its river towns.

One of the seven lounges planned for *Queen of the Mississippi*, guests will enjoy getting together in the Paddlewheel Lounge, a festive, comfortable and luxurious sitting area where they will enjoy the sultry sounds of solo acts or live music of Dixieland bands, and dancing and laughing with new friends. Passengers will be able to play the calliope or enjoy a drink in the Calliope Lounge; step back in time with a Mark Twain impersonator or share stories with onboard experts and lecturers who will educate, captivate and entertain *Queen of the Mississippi*'s passengers.

"The entertainment on *Queen of the Mississippi* will be substantial," said Timothy Beebe, Vice President, American Cruise Lines. "It's an important element of our Mississippi cruises and we look forward to offering passengers the best entertainment program; one that will truly take them back in time and have them talking about for years to come."

Dependent on itinerary, *Queen of the Mississippi* will feature shows featuring spectacular costumes and entertainers as talented as they come. Specific details of the entertainment program will be available in the near future such as entertainers, lecturers, music programs and more.

The *Queen of the Mississippi* will boast 75 staterooms larger than those on any former Mississippi riverboat, spacious private balconies and all of the amenities today's travelers expect, while maintaining the elegance and traditional Victorian luxury of classic turn of the century Mississippi riverboats. American Cruise Lines will operate the authentic sternwheeler over the entire Mississippi River System, with the option of cruising at significantly higher speeds than any past Mississippi riverboat to make more itineraries possible than ever before on the Mississippi River, with longer visits to the river towns and less night traveling, especially on upriver itineraries. A number of unique 7-, 10-, and 14-day cruises are planned that take passengers as far north as St. Paul, MN on the Mississippi River and as far east as Pittsburgh, PA on the Ohio River.

### **About American Cruise Lines**

American Cruise Lines, the largest U.S. cruise company, operates the newest fleet of small ships in the industry and offers 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](http://www.americancruiselines.com) or call (800) 814-6880.

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