



News Release  
FROM AMERICAN CRUISE LINES

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

Britt Rabinovici  
American Cruise Lines  
Tel: (203) 453-6800  
Email: [rabinovici@americancruiselines.com](mailto:rabinovici@americancruiselines.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**American Cruise Lines Announces More Amenities aboard *Queen of the Mississippi***

*Sliding glass doors; new room service accommodations*

**GUILFORD, CT – January 18, 2011** – American Cruise Lines ([www.americancruiselines.com](http://www.americancruiselines.com)), the leader in small ship cruising, today announced additional amenities aboard *Queen of the Mississippi*, the brand new 150-passenger authentic paddlewheeler currently under construction and nearing completion in Salisbury, MD. In an effort to maximize the view for guests, even more staterooms and suites will have **sliding glass doors** to access the **private balconies** on both the third and fourth decks. Already the largest staterooms in the industry, the floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors will add an extra element of spaciousness, while also allowing for entirely private and unobstructed viewing of the Mississippi River. 85% of *Queen of the Mississippi*'s staterooms feature private balconies, and 71 % have sliding glass doors to those balconies.

The brand new *Queen of the Mississippi* will also have the latest in onboard communication technology, featuring **telephones in every stateroom**. This allows passengers to conveniently call for room service, while also allowing them to communicate with fellow passengers in the comfort and privacy of their own staterooms. Complimentary amenities and features of Mississippi River itineraries and aboard *Queen of the Mississippi* include:

- Fully-functioning authentic paddlewheel that can be viewed from the Paddlewheel Lounge
- Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors to private balconies
- Room Service
- Wi-Fi in all staterooms
- Satellite TV and DVD player in all staterooms
- Gourmet coffee brewers in all staterooms
- High Tea served in the afternoon
- Top Deck Café – Hot and cold beverages, snacks, pastries available throughout the day
- Bottled water and soft drinks
- Nightly turndown service

In addition, *Queen of the Mississippi* is a low density ship boasting the highest square-foot-per-passenger ratio in the industry. Single travelers will also be happy to know that there are **numerous single staterooms** aboard, all of which are highly spacious, more so than even most standard staterooms on all other Mississippi riverboats, and also feature private balconies with sliding glass doors.

“The highest-quality onboard experience is what our guests can expect aboard *Queen of the Mississippi*,” said Timothy Beebe, Vice President of American Cruise Lines. “Every day we think of more ways to maximize comfort and address the desires of our guests. This ship will truly raise the bar in river cruising.”

As construction continues, now 11 weeks ahead of schedule, additional onboard features and amenities will be announced. More details on entertainment and shore excursions will also soon be available.

The *Queen of the Mississippi* boasts 78 staterooms much larger than those on any other Mississippi riverboat, sliding glass doors to spacious private balconies and all of the amenities today’s travelers expect, while maintaining the elegance and traditional Victorian luxury of classic late 1800s Mississippi riverboats. American Cruise Lines will operate the authentic paddlewheeler over the entire Mississippi River System, including the Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers. The *Queen of the Mississippi* will also be able to travel at significantly higher speeds than all other Mississippi riverboats, minimizing night travel and making more itineraries possible with longer visits to the river towns. A number of unique riverboat journeys 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 35 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. Also find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

###



American Cruise Lines' *Queen of the Mississippi*



American Cruise Lines  
Queen of the Mississippi stateroom (artist's rendering)



American Cruise Lines  
Queen of the Mississippi construction nearing completion