

American Cruise Lines' *Queen of the West* Renovation Near Completion

Extensive renovation continues to make the impressive sternwheeler even better

Guilford, CT – American Cruise Lines, a leader in small ship cruising, announced today that the multi-million dollar renovation of the *Queen of the West*, which operates one week cruises from Portland, Oregon, is now nearing completion. Reconstruction of major areas including passenger staterooms, community areas, the galley and engine room, continues in Portland and progress remains ahead of schedule.

The renovations will provide a more comfortable and elegant atmosphere for cruise passengers. New furniture for the entire ship, custom built in North Carolina, is ready and has arrived in Portland.

A new authentic paddlewheel has been built along with additional propulsion equipment that allows for quieter, smoother cruising while having less impact on the environment.

Other additions such as larger staterooms, more private balconies and a new library have already been completed. New carpet is being laid and decoration throughout the *Queen of the West* is being revamped.

"American Cruise Lines is delighted with the work being performed on the *Queen of the West*," said Timothy Beebe, Vice President, American Cruise Lines. "We are excited to welcome passengers aboard this spring for cruises on the Columbia and Snake Rivers."

About American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines operates the newest fleet of small ships in the industry and offers more than 20 unique itineraries along the inland waterways and rivers of the Pacific Northwest, the Mississippi River system and East Coast of the United States. To learn more about American Cruise Lines, visit our website at www.americancruiselines.com or call (800) 814-6880.

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