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American Cruise Lines Celebrates the Start of the 2019 Cruise Season in New Orleans with Mardi Gras Pre-Cruise Fun



GUILFORD, CT—March 1, 2019— American Cruise Lines is pleased to announce that on *Fat Tuesday* (March 5th) with Mardi Gras in full swing, *Queen of the Mississippi*, its 150-passenger paddlewheeler will depart amidst annual festivities from Port New Orleans. American's guests will be treated to a complimentary Mardi Gras-themed pre-cruise night on board before being serenely transported up-river along American's fabulous 8-day *Lower Mississippi* itinerary, concluding in Memphis, Tennessee.

The night before departure, guests will enjoy a memorable evening aboard *Queen of the Mississippi*. Highlighted by the musical entertainment of *Wendell Brunious & the New Orleans All-Stars*, guests will delight in an evening of dancing and merriment. A Mardi Gras cocktail party will be hosted on board, including parlor games, venetian masks, and iconic dress-up flare. A sumptuous Big Easy-inspired dinner will follow with none other than New Orleans King Cakes for dessert. All American's 2019 late February and early March Mississippi cruises have enjoyed this special Mardi Gras evening on board and the

cruise departing on March 5th during *Fat Tuesday's* parades is sure to be the most memorable of all. American looks forward to offering more Mardi Gras-themed pre-cruises again in 2020.

American Cruise Lines is delighted to begin the 2019 Mississippi season with sold out spring cruises on two of its gorgeous paddlewheelers, *America* and *Queen of the Mississippi*. Come summer 2019, the Line will add a 3rd ship to the Mississippi, the country's 2nd new modern riverboat, *American Harmony*. Throughout the year, American will operate 9 different Mississippi River itineraries, concluding the season with its popular December *Christmas* and *New Year's* cruises. By April 2019, American Cruise Lines will have its full 10-ship fleet of paddlewheelers, small cruise ships, and modern riverboats sailing well beyond the Mississippi—travelling the country's largest western rivers and both scenic coastlines.

Highlighting the American experience like no other cruise line, American transports guests to the most beautiful U.S. destinations, historical sites, and picturesque ports across the country. The Line's cruises offer all-inclusive cuisine, complimentary cocktails, onboard entertainment, expert-led presentations, and guided shore excursions at every port. Specializing in U.S. River and Coastal cruising for over 30 years, American Cruise Lines looks forward to another fun-filled season on board and on shore.



About American Cruise Lines:

American Cruise Lines operates the largest and newest fleet of authentic paddlewheelers, coastal cruise ships, and the only modern riverboats in the U.S. All ships are between 100-200 passengers and are built, crewed and registered in the U.S.A. With over 35 itineraries to 25 states, including many theme and holiday cruises, American cruises along the rivers, as well as the coastal and inland waterways of New England, Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, the Mississippi River system, and the Southeast.

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