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American Sails into 2022 Celebrating Record-Breaking Year And Successful Holiday Giving Campaign



GUILFORD, CT—December 14, 2021—American Cruise Lines is happy to announce the success of their annual *Holiday Cruise Campaign*. Each year, American donates a portion of its holiday ticket sales to the Connecticut Food Bank. This year’s campaign raised enough to provide over 20,000 meals for neighbors in need throughout the state. Since its inception, American’s annual campaign has raised enough funds to supply over 150,000 meals to individuals and families that struggle with food-insecurity.

2021 was a record breaking year in more ways than one for the country's only 100% domestic cruise line. On March 13th, 2021, American was the first cruise line to return to service in the U.S.—successfully leading the resumption of the domestic small ship cruise industry. And despite 2020's worldwide cruise shut down, American's affiliated Maryland shipyard, Chesapeake Shipbuilding, remained open throughout 2020 & 2021 and continued building new small ships in the U.S.A. The Line also successfully introduced two new modern riverboats in 2021 and will launch two more brand new riverboats in 2022. In recognition of such a remarkable year and the company's unyielding commitment to the industry here at home, American Cruise Lines received more accolades than ever before—winning 19 cruise industry awards for 2021.

“The success of our annual holiday giving campaign, coupled with our new ships and record-breaking awards tally, is a great way to conclude the 2021 domestic cruise season,” said Alexa Paoella, Public Relations Manager for American Cruise Lines. “Our accomplishments this year reflect American's ongoing commitment to supporting the local American communities we explore and our company's absolute dedication to delivering the finest small ship experiences available in the U.S.A.”

Throughout 2021, all American's employees, from the ship's crews to the corporate staff, worked together to overcome the obstacles affecting travel across the country. Beginning in March, American was able to resume cruising close to home along the East Coast and the Mississippi River, eventually operating all 13 small ships in 30 states. “We successfully navigated the additional regulations and obstacles associated with COVID-19 by working closely and directly with the communities we explore,” said Paoella. American's 2021 success story demonstrates that cruising is back and the travel industry as a whole has adapted and moved forward safely. “We look forward to cruising again in 2022 with renewed optimism and confidence that we can provide safe and exciting personalized small ship experiences for our guests here in the U.S.A.”

American Cruise Lines is not slowing down in the New Year. The Line will begin 2022's domestic cruise season in February, debuting a completely redesigned paddlewheel fleet. In addition to the company's remodeled classic riverboats, American will also introduce their 5th modern riverboat, *American* *Symphony* in August 2022, followed by sister ship and 6th modern riverboat *American Serenade*.

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About American Cruise Lines:

American Cruise Lines offers river cruising and small ship coastal cruising in the U.S.A. Year after year, American continues to launch the newest U.S. built ships and uniquely curated itineraries for exploring and *Cruising Close to Home*®. On all American's cruises, guests discover the history, spirit, and culture of

the United States aboard a sophisticated fleet of modern riverboats and small cruise ships. American operates 15 ships, all accommodating just 100-190 passengers, which cruise more than 35 domestic itineraries in 30 states.

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