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American Cruise Lines Alaska Season is Underway 1st Ship to Dock in Haines in 622 Days!



American Cruise Lines' 175-passenger, *American Constellation* in Alaska

Guilford, CT—June 28, 2021—American Cruise Lines is pleased to announce that their 2021 Alaska season is underway and their small ship cruises will continue to explore throughout Southeast Alaska all summer long. On June 12th, *American Constellation* was the first cruise ship to dock in Haines in 622 days (since September 29, 2019). To celebrate the town's 1st docking in almost 2 years, American's guests were warmly welcomed on shore by Mayor Douglass Olerud, the Chilkat Dancers, and many members of the Haines community.

"We are thrilled to be back in Haines and appreciate the wonderful reception we received from the community. We have worked diligently throughout Southeast Alaska to coordinate with each port to ensure the safe resumption of domestic cruising," said Charles B. Robertson, President & CEO of American Cruise Lines. "We look forward to 12 dockings in Haines this year and many more in the

coming years, as the popularity of experiencing Alaska's majesty aboard small, new U.S. ships continues to grow."

Once the welcome festivities concluded, American's guests immediately began several guided small-group tours of Haines. Shore excursions included kayaking on Chilkoot Lake and rafting in the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, historical walking tours of Haines, an exploration of the Haines Sheldon Museum, as well as visits to local shops, restaurants, and other cultural sites.

American Cruise Lines has been exploring Alaska since 2010 aboard small U.S. built ships which follow 100% domestic itineraries ranging from 8 to 15 days in length. This year, the Line also added a brand new **11-Day Alaskan Explorer** cruise to their offerings in Alaska. Each summer, June through September, America's small ships operate between Seattle and Juneau, roundtrip from Juneau, and between Ketchikan and Juneau. American's new 11-Day *Alaskan Explorer* cruise sails the Inside Passage, Clarence Strait, Tracy Arm, and Glacier Bay, and includes visits to Mendenhall Glacier, LeConte Glacier, and Chilkoot Lake.

Throughout the summer, American's cruises will continue to discover Southeast Alaska's unique cultures, scenic glaciers, fjords, and abundant wildlife. Specializing in personalized experiences, American's uniquely curated cruises explore the **Inside Passage, Frederick Sound, Glacier Bay, and Tracy Arm** and visit **Juneau, Skagway, Haines, Petersburg, Ketchikan, Haines, and Wrangell** among other picturesque sites throughout the Southeast region. All cruises include a complimentary pre-cruise hotel night in Juneau, and the newest *Alaskan Explorer* itinerary offers a complimentary hotel stay at the iconic **Cape Fox Lodge** for departures from Ketchikan.

In every Alaskan port of call, American has well-established relationships with local vendors, experts, and guides as well as cultural institutions, national parks, and wildlife conservationists. Both on board and on shore, the Line provides entertainment, specialized enrichment packages, and personalized service. Guided shore excursions are offered at every port in Alaska and include: private fishing charters, Tlingit cultural experiences, wildlife kayaking excursions, glacier flight-seeing adventures, active hikes, and casual walking tours.

2021 cruises are aboard *American Constellation*, one of the Line's newest, fully stabilized 175-passenger coastal ships. It offers smooth small ship cruising, the most spacious staterooms in the industry, of which nearly 100% feature a private balcony for amazing up-close views of Alaska's breathtaking natural beauty.

About American Cruise Lines:

American Cruise Lines was the first cruise line to resume cruising in the U.S.A. earlier this year on March 13th, 2021. The Line offers the finest river cruising and coastal cruising in the country. Year after year, American continues to launch the newest small 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 the most sophisticated fleet of modern riverboats and small cruise ships in the country. American operates 13 ships, all accommodating just 100-190 passengers, which cruise more than 35 itineraries in over 30 states.

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