

News Release
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American Constellation

American Cruise Lines Coming to Port of Olympia

The Port of Olympia is pleased to announce that American Cruise Lines has agreed to include Olympia as a destination, Port of Call, on its Grand Puget Sound tour itinerary. The 175-passenger newly built American Constellation is expected to make five overnight stops as part of its 11-day cruise package. The ship will berth at the Port Plaza dock between September and November 2018.

The announcement is the culmination of a three-year planning process involving multiple community partners including the Port, City of Olympia, Thurston County Economic Development Council, Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor and Convention Bureau, Thurston Chamber of Commerce, and Olympia Downtown Association. This same community team will be involved in shaping local tour itineraries for each of the 24-36 hour visits, with representatives on-hand to welcome the maiden voyage in September 2018.

According to the Port's Executive Director, Ed Galligan, the deal to make Olympia an official cruise line Port of Call is the direct result of efforts to diversify Port operations, capitalize on visitor and recreation amenities and stimulate local economic activity. "Guests will have an opportunity to visit destinations throughout Thurston County, shop at local venues and, hopefully, recommend their favorite spaces and places to their friends and families. We're very appreciative that American Cruise Lines has selected Olympia as a destination, and we look forward to rewarding them with an unparalleled visitor experience."

American Cruise Lines operates multiple tours throughout North America. The Grand Puget Sound tour is one of seven options in the Pacific Northwest. More information about the company and its offerings can be found at www.americancruiselines.com.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haul-out/repair facility, a regional airport and a growing real estate division.

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