



## Victory Cruise Lines<sup>®</sup> Announces Savings on 2022 Explorations of Mexico and the Yucatán Peninsula ~Save up to \$2,000 Per Stateroom if Booking by August 31, 2021 ~

**NEW ALBANY, IN, July 6, 2021 –** <u>Victory Cruise Lines</u><sup>®</sup>, operated by <u>American Queen Steamboat</u> <u>Company</u><sup>®</sup>, a Hornblower<sup>®</sup> Group company, is offering up to \$2,000 savings per stateroom on its new immersive **Mexico and Yucatán Peninsula** itineraries on *Victory I*<sup>®</sup>. The line's FREEDOM sale is available on four 11-day cruise and land tours taking place in January 2022 departing Cancún roundtrip for reservations made by August 31, 2021.

"As Victory Cruise Lines continues expanding our coastal offerings into new regions, we are excited to explore destinations like Mexico and the Yucatán Peninsula with our most comprehensive and adventurous journeys to date," states John Waggoner, chairman of Victory Cruise Lines. "We are eager for guests to discover Mexico's rich history and culture, as well as its authentic cuisine and picturesque beaches, all while enjoying the unparalleled small-ship cruise experience we provide."

The roundtrip, Cancún, Mexico 11-day collection of part land, part sea adventures will take guests on adventures into regions and sites rarely seen. Shore excursions led by bilingual guides will transport guests to experience Mexico's distinctive heritage on Victory Cruise Line's newest and most active itinerary. Excursion highlights include the awe-inspiring Mayan city of Chichén Itzá and the region's cultural epicenter of UNESCO World Heritage Site Campeche delivering secrets of past civilizations past on this memorable journey. The journey includes a pre-cruise hotel stay in Cancún, accommodations in Valladolid, steps from Chichén Itzá; and additional ports of call including Cozumel (Tulum), Costa Maya, Progreso and Campeche.

Excursion highlights include:

• **Tulum** – located about 80 miles south of Cancún, this destination has become known for its spiritual, New Age vibe; however, for the Mayans who built it, the area served as a fortress. Tulum is protected on one side by four-story cliffs and on the other side by a 12-foot wall.

The ruins sit along the east coast of the Yucatán Peninsula overlooking the glittering Caribbean Sea.

- **Campeche** A fortified city on the Yucatán's western edge, this UNESCO World Heritage Site's cobblestone streets are lined with restored facades. Guests enjoy cultural points of interest including Puerta de Tierra, El Palacio de Centro Cultural and Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Cathedral.
- Valladolid (Chichén Itzá) After a delectable dinner and relaxing overnight stay at the colorful Mayaland Hotel family-owned and operated since 1923 guests will awake within walking distance to the mystical ruins of Chichén Itzá and greet the sun as it rises over the fascinating El Castillo the Temple of Kukulkan.
- Mayan World of Edzna One of the most interesting Mayan cities due to the technological advances discovered along with architecture influenced by the Puuc, Peten and Chenes style, Edzna features numerous religious and residential buildings for discovery.

Sailings available on *Victory I* are Jan. 4, 12, 20, 28, 2022. Fares start at \$3,339 per guest, including up to \$2,000 bonus savings per stateroom with the FREEDOM sale, plus port fees, taxes and gratuities.

Victory Cruise Lines' all-inclusive pricing includes one-night pre-cruise hotel stay plus ground transfers; unlimited included shore excursions; unlimited beverages including an extensive wine list, choice spirits, local craft beers and specialty coffees; open bars and lounges including a smoothie and juice bar every morning; alternative dining featuring fresh lobster and USDA Prime Beef every night; 24-hour in-room dining; live/daily entertainment and enrichment; and unlimited Wi-fi. For more information on Victory Cruise Lines' 2022 itineraries, sailing dates, and to book a reservation, contact your travel professional or call 888-907-2636 or visit <u>www.victorycruiselines.com</u>. Use offer code: FREEDOM.

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## Victory Cruise Lines

New Albany-based Victory Cruise Lines<sup>®</sup> operates <u>Victory I<sup>®</sup></u> and <u>Victory II<sup>™</sup></u> identical 202-passenger ships and the upcoming, newly-built 200-passenger vessels, <u>Ocean Victory<sup>™</sup></u> and Ocean Discoverer<sup>™</sup>. Victory Cruise Lines operates all-inclusive cruises to Canada, the Great Lakes, New England and Eastern Seaboard, with upcoming itineraries to Alaska on the Ocean Victory in 2022 and the Ocean Discoverer in 2023. For more information about Victory Cruise Lines, contact a travel agent or visit www.victorycruiselines.com.

## American Queen Steamboat Company

American Queen Steamboat Company<sup>®</sup> is the operator of the U.S.-flagged, <u>American Queen<sup>®</sup></u>, the largest, most opulent riverboat in the world. Longer than a football field, towering six decks in height and laced with fanciful gingerbread trim, she is a marvel of modern engineering. Her journeys through the heartland offer a unique perspective on America's history, culture and landscape with convenient departures from some of America's most iconic river port cities, including Memphis, New Orleans,

Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Minneapolis. In April 2014, American Queen Steamboat Company began serving the Pacific Northwest with the opulence and grandeur of the <u>American Empress</u><sup>®</sup> and added the <u>American Duchess</u><sup> $\square$ </sup> to the Mississippi River in August 2017. The newest and fourth boat to join the American Queen Steamboat Company fleet is the <u>American Countess</u><sup> $\square$ </sup>, which made its debut in March 2021 and sails the Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee rivers.

## About Hornblower<sup>®</sup> Group

Hornblower<sup>®</sup> Group is the world's leading provider of water-based experiences with headquarters in San Francisco, Chicago, New York and London. The group's expansive portfolio reflects almost a century of sector expertise and innovation, which over time has continually redefined the marine hospitality industry, establishing a portfolio of distinctive award-winning brands across multiple categories including Hornblower Cruises & Events (Dining & Sightseeing), American Queen Steamboat Company<sup>®</sup> and Victory Cruises Lines<sup>®</sup> (Overnight) and NYC Ferry, HMS Ferries and Seaward Marine Services (Transportation). Hornblower also operates the official ferry boat service to Alcatraz Island, the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island Memorial Museum on behalf of the National Park Service as well as Hornblower Niagara Cruises on behalf of the Niagara Parks Commission. For more information visit www.hornblower.com.

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