



**HORNBLOWER®**  
CRUISES AND EVENTS

## **EXPERIENCE CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON FROM THE WATER!**

### **HORNBLOWER CRUISES AND EVENTS ANNOUNCES THE RESTART OF WASHINGTON D.C. CRUISING OPERATIONS**

**Beginning March 19, Hornblower welcomes back guests aboard its fleet of renowned vessels featuring one-of-a-kind experience offerings for locals and tourists alike to enjoy cherry blossom season**

**Washington, D.C. (March 15, 2021)** – Hornblower Cruises and Events announced today it will restart its Washington D.C. cruising operations, just in time for guests to enjoy the region’s famous cherry blossom season. Beginning Friday, March 19, Water Taxi service will resume its operations, giving guests a variety of unique opportunities to enjoy Washington D.C.’s famous cherry blossoms. Routes include connections from The Wharf to Georgetown, Old Town Alexandria, and National Harbor. From the Water Taxis, visitors can take in expansive views of the cherry blossoms aboard their round-trip experience.

Additionally, beginning Saturday, March 27, Hornblower will also resume its dining experience offerings with brunch, lunch and dinner cruises, just as the cherry blossoms reach their peak. Come aboard Hornblower’s luxurious yachts and enjoy specially curated cocktails and cuisines, all while taking in iconic D.C. landmarks from a whole new perspective on the Potomac River.

Hornblower will be offering brunch, lunch and dinner cruises featuring delicious cuisine alongside a sophisticated selection of award-winning wines, craft beers and specialty cocktails. Cruise prices start from \$80\* for brunch or \$135\* for dinner (prices per person, excl. fees & taxes.)

While guests can expect the same high standards and welcoming service, experiences have been adapted to ensure heightened cleanliness and to maintain social distance, which includes the wearing of face coverings on board. And with expansive decks both inside and out, there is plentiful fresh air and more than enough room on board for everyone to stay safely apart.

To provide reassurance in the current pandemic environment, Hornblower has expanded its industry defining **SafeCruise by Hornblower** program, building on already stringent sanitation processes, to incorporate further health-driven measures to guard against the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses. These include, but are not limited to:

- Mandatory daily crew member health screening, and wearing of appropriate PPE
- Revised boarding and ticketing procedures to allow for social distancing
- Requiring guests to wear face masks while cruising, except while eating and drinking
- Reducing the number of guests on board, and adapting all seating and table spacing to allow for a minimum 6-foot distance between guests

- Implementing enhanced sanitation and disinfection procedures, with hand sanitizing stations available throughout

**D.C. Water Taxi service** offers routes connecting The Wharf to Georgetown, Old Town Alexandria, and National Harbor. For more information, visit <https://www.hornblower.com/alexandria/> or call 888-809-7109

In addition to Hornblower's signature brunch, lunch and dinner offerings, for private groups, **Hornblower Private Yachts** also operates a choice of luxurious private charter experiences. For more information on all available offerings or to book a cruise experience, visit <https://www.hornblower.com/washington-dc/> or call 866-302-2469

### **Hornblower Cruises and Events Washington D.C. Port Information**

- Anyone who self-reports any of the noted COVID-19 symptoms or has completed international travel in the previous 14 days, will not be able to join the cruise.
- All Crew and all Guests ages 3 and older are always required to wear face coverings while on board our vessels, except while dining or exempted by the local health authority.
- To reflect current requirements some of the usual dining cruise elements may not be permitted or offered.
- All prices quoted are per person, subject to availability and exclude fees and taxes.
- All dining cruises feature a freshly prepared multi-course menu and include complimentary coffee, tea and water. Full cash bar is available on board.
- See website for specific details and conditions of experiences mentioned.
- Dining cruises depart Pier 4, 580 Water Street SW, Washington, DC.
- Sightseeing and Water Taxi services depart from multiple locations. Visit our website for more information.
- If looking to organize a private festive celebration in Washington D.C., Hornblower's luxurious fleet is ideally suited for family events or corporate outings alike and can easily accommodate a range of group sizes in accordance with current limitations.
- Visit [www.hornblower.com](http://www.hornblower.com) or [www.hornblower.com/washington-dc](http://www.hornblower.com/washington-dc) for more details on experiences available from Washington D.C. or call 866-302-2469.

### **Press materials for *Hornblower Cruises and Events Washington D.C.*:**

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### **About SafeCruise by Hornblower**

Established over 25 years ago, SafeCruise by Hornblower delivers industry-defining standards for health, safety and security across the Hornblower Group of companies. Continuously improving, the program follows the most up to date government and industry guidelines and applies decades-long operational expertise to ensure a safe environment for guests and crew members, while maintaining Hornblower's excellent record of safety. [www.hornblower.com/safecruise](http://www.hornblower.com/safecruise)

**About Hornblower Group**

Hornblower 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 and Victory Cruises Lines (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](http://www.hornblower.com)

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