



## HORNBLOWER® CRUISES AND EVENTS

### REDISCOVER THE POTOMAC RIVER WITH HORNBLOWER CRUISES AND EVENTS

*Offering a Choice of Dining, Sightseeing and Water Taxi Experiences to Explore the DMV*

Washington D.C., July 21, 2020 – For those craving a getaway close to home, [Hornblower Cruises and Events](#) has unveiled an exciting choice of on-water experiences on the Potomac. Boasting one of the country's most beloved backdrops, stunning views of the Capital make for the perfect staycation. While guests can still expect the same high standards and welcoming service, experiences have been adapted to reflect the need for social distance, alongside elevated health and hygiene practices. And with expansive decks both inside and out, there is more than enough room on board for everyone to stay safely apart.

Hornblower's General Manager, Kelsey McCarthy is urging fellow residents to take a staycation and let the Capital surprise them all over again: "What better way to celebrate summer and rediscover the world's most iconic city than from the spacious deck of one of our vessels! We are thrilled to be able to offer an expanded program of dining, sightseeing and transportation experiences from our berths across the DMV."

#### **Dining Cruises from the District Wharf Pier 4, Southwest DC**

With ample space inside and out, the company's sleek vessels combine delicious cuisine with mesmerizing 360-degree views of Washington's famed skyline while gliding along the Potomac. So, for those making summer plans with social distancing in mind, Hornblower is offering **brunch, sunset and dinner experiences** departing from its berths at the District Wharf. Cruises feature freshly prepared multi-course menus complemented by a sophisticated selection of award-winning wines, craft beers and specialty cocktails. Weekend brunch cruises also include free-flowing mimosas! Prices start from \*\$79.90 (Brunch), \*\$73.90 (Sunset) and \*\$117.90 (Dinner). A new **Prix Fixe dinner** cruise is also available on Sundays, prices starting at \*\$74.90. For private groups, Hornblower Private Yachts also operates luxurious charter options.

#### **Sightseeing Tours from Alexandria, Georgetown, Wharf**

See the famous monuments of the Capital from an entirely new perspective on the ever-popular **Washington Monuments Cruise**. Travel along the Potomac for reflective views of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and more. Whether looking to learn about the nation's historic capital or take to the water in the fresh summer air. Operating daily, 45-minute tour GPS narrated tour runs to and from the **District Wharf** and **Georgetown** every two hours. One-way prices from \$20.00 (Adult). Services between **Alexandria** to **Georgetown** also operate Friday through Sunday and cost from \$15.00 (Adult).

#### **Experience Mount Vernon**

For those looking to discover a true taste of American history, Guests can also combine a narrated cruise along the Potomac with a trip to George and Martha Washington's estate at [Mount Vernon](#). Departing on Saturdays and Sundays from both the **District Wharf** and **Alexandria**, round-trip ticket prices from \$50.00 per adult include admission to Mount Vernon, excluding fees & taxes.



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### Daily Services on the Potomac Water Taxi

One of the most efficient and eco-friendly means of navigating the wider metropolitan area, the [Potomac Water Taxi](#) offers a daily schedule connecting **Alexandria, Georgetown, the District Wharf and National Harbor**. \*One-way ticket prices start at: \$13.00 (adults) \$9.00 (child). For unlimited water taxi rides, adult \*one-day and two-day passes are also offered for \$31.00 and \$40.00 respectively.

### Keeping Everyone Safe Onboard

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
- Revising boarding and ticketing procedures to allow for social distancing and touchless entry
- 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

For more information or to book a cruise experience, visit [www.hornblower.com](http://www.hornblower.com) [<https://www.hornblower.com/Washington-dc/>] or call 866-302-2469.

### Notes to Editors

- 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.
- Water Taxi: One-way ticket prices quoted for Alexandria-The Wharf service; One-day and two-day passes are valid for unlimited water taxi rides on a single date or two consecutive days, as appropriate. T&Cs apply.
- Dining experiences include freshly prepared, multi-course plated menu with unlimited coffee, hot tea, iced tea and water. Brunch also includes bottomless mimosas. Some elements may change due to current restrictions. Dishes served covered with lids – removed at the table. Single-use menus will be provided and discarded (recycled) afterwards. Adult prices quoted are per person, subject to availability, excl. fees and taxes. Other dates may be available at these rates.
- Dining cruises depart: District Wharf in Southwest DC Pier 4 580 Water St. SW, Washington, DC
- Washington Monuments Sightseeing Tours depart: Georgetown 3100 K Street NW, Washington DC 20007; Alexandria City Marina 105 North Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; District Wharf in Southwest DC Pier 4 580 Water St. SW, Washington, DC
- Mount Vernon Cruises depart: District Wharf in Southwest DC Pier 4 580 Water St. SW, Washington, DC; Alexandria City Marina 105 North Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; Mount Vernon 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy, Mt Vernon, VA 20024

### 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 Cruises and Events

Hornblower Cruises and Events is North America's largest and leading provider of water-based dining, sightseeing, private charter and transportation experiences. 22 coveted destinations are offered in the US, Canada and the UK, where the company employs over 4,300 shipmates who operate a fleet of 157 vessels serving upwards of 9.8 million guests each year. Hornblower Cruises and Events is a division of Hornblower Group which operates the official ferry boat service to Alcatraz Island, the Statue



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