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AMERICAN CRUISE LINES TO RESUME SAILINGS -- ERIK THE TRAVEL GUY GOES ONE-ON-ONE WITH PRESIDENT AND CEO CHARLES B. ROBERTSON

NEW YORK, NY, JUNE 16, 2020 -- [Erik the Travel Guy](#), host of travel and lifestyle program [Beyond Your Backyard NOW](#) sat down with Charles B. Robertson, President & CEO of American Cruise Lines, to discuss the Lines' resumption of sailings since the Covid 19 pandemic. Appearing on the show's 11th episode, which aired on Monday, June 15th, Robertson detailed steps the Line has taken to ensure a safe voyage for its passengers.

On the show Robertson announced plans to resume sailing on June 20th, the first cruise line to restart sailing since the health crisis. Commenting on the news, Robertson stated, "We feel it [the resumption of service] is a matter of industry leadership, not about making money. Our modern fleet gives us the opportunity to deliver the sophisticated, personalized experience we are known for while providing for the enhanced well-being of our passengers. American Cruise Lines will reduce capacity by 25% to ensure adequate "distancing" and will have an increased resident medical staff on board. We will also have more shore excursions to reduce overall numbers but still deliver the high-quality cultural experience on all of our cruises."

"Travel has the potential to change one's life," commented host Erik Hastings. "No matter one's place on the vacationing spectrum -- whether a first-time traveler or seasoned voyager -- travel is a very personal experience. An estimated 30-million travelers cruised in 2019 and it is great to see the first cruise line, American Cruise Lines, coming back into service. Since the Line travels 30 states in the USA, with 35 different itineraries, I am confident that many people who are ready to travel will find exceptional value, and a really good time by taking a domestic cruise."

This week's episode of Beyond Your Backyard NOW also includes an in depth discussion about RV rentals and the mouth watering world of the Philly Cheesesteak.

ABOUT THE SHOW:

Beyond Your Backyard NOW is the must watch destination for all things travel, presented in a positive, informative and entertaining format. Emmy-award winning host Erik The Travel Guy inspires viewers to plan and safely embark on their next adventure. Each 30 minute episode reminds viewers that travel is rewarding and vital to a healthy lifestyle. Beyond Your Backyard NOW is an industry disruptor, breaking today's mold of conventional (and often boring) travel "infotainment". During the current pandemic, Beyond Your Backyard NOW (currently available on YouTube) includes relevant information pertaining to the health crisis and its impact on travel.

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