



## **Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Welcomes American Cruise Lines!**

**Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach, FL** – *December 20, 2023* – [The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau \(VCB\)](#) is thrilled to announce American Cruise Lines' newest ship, American Glory, will begin its seasonal sailing from St. Pete to Key West, with a stop into Punta Gorda during an 8-day excursion.

On January 2, 2024, the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau will be hosting a welcome event to greet American Glory passengers as they come ashore in Charlotte County at the Fishermen's Village docks. This will be American Cruise Lines second visit with their first inaugural cruise arriving on Christmas Day. Passengers will disembark the tender boat at 9am at the Fishermen's Village docks, adjacent to King Fisher Fleet. Other tender boat arrivals will follow allowing passengers the opportunity to explore and visit local establishments throughout Punta Gorda on this day and other scheduled cruises throughout 2024.

Guests attending this special event on January 2, will enjoy live steel drum music as the VCB greets passengers and hand out goody bags. The ship's Captain will also come ashore to receive two new books, [Painting the Town](#) and [In Old Punta Gorda](#), signed by Mayor Lynne Matthews and Commissioner Bill Truex that will be added to the ship's library.

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau's Executive Director, Sean Doherty stated, "We are excited to welcome the passengers of American Cruise Lines to our charming destination. Between all the events and activities that take place throughout the Punta Gorda area, as well as the unique attractions including the brand new Sunseeker Resort just across the river, there is something for everyone to experience and we hope will leave them wanting to come back for more."

For additional information regarding the American Cruise Lines, please reach out to Alexa Paoella, Public Relations Manager at [media@americancruiselines.com](mailto:media@americancruiselines.com) or their website at [Florida Coast & Key West Cruise | American Cruise Lines](#)

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#### **ABOUT PUNTA GORDA / ENGLEWOOD BEACH**

**Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach** is Florida's best-kept secret of a charming natural paradise located on the idyllic Southwest Gulf Coast. This coastal community surrounding the state's second-largest harbor sits conveniently between Tampa and Naples. Outdoor enthusiasts will find a haven of vibrant experiences in the sun-soaked oasis of the Southwest Florida islands, characterized by almost year-round sunshine and sub-tropical weather. Relaxation and discovery await in miles of waterways and inland exploration trails filled with unspoiled natural beauty. From beaches to boating, hiking to harbor tours, fishing to nature paths; to sun, shelling, and fossilized sharks' teeth, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach immerses lively locals and active adventurers in a pure island experience. Most notably known for its 830 miles of pristine unparalleled shoreline, including captivating river passages, a mangrove-edged aquatic preserve, and more than a dozen miles of natural Gulf beaches, the Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast includes the areas of Boca Grande, Don Pedro Island, Englewood-Cape Haze, Little Gasparilla Island, Manasota Key, Knight Island, Placida, Babcock Ranch, Port Charlotte, Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda.

To learn more about Punta Gorda /Englewood Beach, visit [PureFlorida.com](http://PureFlorida.com), call 941.743.1900 or discover the destination on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @RealPureFlorida.

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