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WORLD'S

BEST

AWARDS
2023



CRUISE LINES

Today's passengers are seeking out innovative new ships and itineraries that deliver both convenience and quality of experience.

5 BEST MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- Virgin Voyages**
93.01
The playful, inclusive, adults-only atmosphere endeared readers to Virgin, which welcomed a third ship, *Resilient Lady*, to its fleet in 2023.
- Celebrity Cruises**
86.05 ★
- Princess Cruises**
82.20 ★
- Royal Caribbean International**
82.06 ★
- Norwegian Cruise Line**
80.03 ★

5 BEST LARGE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- Cunard**
88.00 ★
The line, which has been sailing for 180 years, won praise for the exceptional guest speakers on its vessels, which include the legendary *Queen Mary 2*.
- Holland America Line**
86.44 ★
- Disney Cruise Line**
86.31 ★
- Celebrity Cruises**
84.56 ★
- Princess Cruises**
82.13 ★

5 BEST MIDSIZE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- Viking**
93.73
The ever-growing brand, which also operates river and expedition ships, impressed voters because its vessels are all designed with verandas for every room. The newest in the fleet, *Viking Saturn*, debuted this summer.
- Seabourn**
93.39 ★
- Regent Seven Seas Cruises**
91.33 ★
- Silversea**
89.65 ★
- Oceania Cruises**
87.10 ★

5 BEST SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- Viking**
95.35
Voters raved about the brand's twin expedition ships, *Viking Polarix* and *Viking Octantis*, which operate in Antarctica as well as throughout Central and South America—and even the U.S. Great Lakes.
- Windstar Cruises**
92.72 ★
- Paul Gauguin Cruises**
92.56 ★
- Seabourn**
92.51 ★
- Silversea**
90.56 ★

- Windstar Cruises**
92.72 ★
- Paul Gauguin Cruises**
92.56 ★
- Seabourn**
92.51 ★
- Silversea**
90.56 ★

- Ponant**
92.19
- Celebrity Cruises**
91.48 ★
- SeaDream Yacht Club**
91.43

10 BEST INTIMATE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- Quasar Expeditions**
99.29
Quasar's two luxury yachts, including the 16-passenger *Grace*, named for the Monegasque princess who traveled aboard the vessel on her honeymoon, offer intimate wildlife safaris in the Galápagos Islands.
- Ecoventura**
98.23
- Aqua Expeditions**
97.19
- Overseas Adventure Travel**
95.86
- Variety Cruises**
94.02
- Windstar Cruises**
92.89 ★
- Silversea**
92.57 ★

10 BEST RIVER CRUISE LINES

- Aqua Expeditions**
99.09
With trips on two of the world's most iconic rivers, the Amazon and the Mekong, Aqua stands out for its small vessels—none larger than 20 suites—and excellent cuisine.
- Tauck**
95.69 ★
- Grand Circle Cruise Line**
94.97
- Viking**
94.75 ★
- Uniwold Boutique River Cruises**
94.36 ★
- Oberoi**
92.37
- Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours**
90.15
- AmaWaterways**
90.14
- Avalon Waterways**
89.20
- Emerald Cruises**
86.21

NO. 1 MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE

Virgin Voyages' *Vallant Lady* splits its time between the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.