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**NO. 1
RESORT HOTEL
IN THE CARIBBEAN**

*The overwater spa at
Kamalame Cay, in the Bahamas.*

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You, our discerning readers, will often plan your next adventure before the one you're on has even ended. Your love of exploring the world has helped sustain the travel industry during these tumultuous times, and as the world began to reopen, you were among the first to get back out there. Your insights on those trips—and on your pre-pandemic journeys, too—informed these rankings of the World's Best hotels, islands, tour operators, U.S. national parks (a first!), and more. Cheers to you, to the winners—and to brighter days ahead.

Cruise Lines

Though many operators were forced to put trips on hold over the past year, readers had plenty of fond memories to consider when rating their favorite ships. Now the anticipation of new routes and vessels is giving them fresh reason to sail.



NO. 1 SMALL-SHIP CRUISE LINE

Guests on Quasar Expeditions' yacht Grace can take in views of the Galápagos from the aft dining deck.

TOP 10 MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

1. **Disney Cruise Line**
89.35 ★
An ability to delight guests of all ages with flawless service and dazzling entertainment accounted for this line's continued success.
2. **Cunard**
87.76 ★
3. **Holland America Line**
86.69 ★
4. **Celebrity Cruises**
85.14 ★
5. **Princess Cruises**
83.15 ★
6. **Royal Caribbean International**
82.88 ★
7. **Costa Cruises**
82.77

8. **Norwegian Cruise Line**
81.93
9. **Carnival Cruise Line**
80.17
10. **MSC Cruises**
79.49

TOP 10 LARGE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

1. **Seabourn**
94.74 ★
Readers praised the luxury operator's food and well-appointed cabins. On the horizon: a new fleet of expedition ships, the first of which will launch next year.
2. **Viking Cruises**
93.67
3. **Regent Seven Seas Cruises**
92.08 ★

4. **Crystal Cruises**
91.10 ★
5. **Silversea**
89.27 ★
6. **Oceania Cruises**
88.74 ★
7. **Cunard**
85.87 ★
8. **Azamara**
85.41 ★
9. **Holland America Line**
83.48 ★
10. **Costa Cruises**
83.18

TOP 5 MIDSIZE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

1. **Windstar Cruises**
93.17
The line earned plaudits for excursions into small ports like castle-rich Monemvasia in Greece.
2. **Regent Seven Seas Cruises**
92.68 ★

3. **Paul Gauguin Cruises**
92.32
4. **Seabourn**
91.59 ★
5. **Silversea**
90.80 ★

TOP 10 SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

1. **Quasar Expeditions**
97.99
Amiable crew members foster a sense of camaraderie during Quasar's signature Galápagos voyages, which relaunched last December and have helped bring back tourism in the islands.
2. **Ponant**
93.42
3. **Crystal Cruises**
93.33 ★
4. **Lindblad Expeditions**
92.97

5. **Windstar Cruises**
92.90
6. **Silversea**
92.15 ★
7. **SeaDream Yacht Club**
87.28
8. **Australis**
83.72
9. **Celebrity Cruises**
83.69 ★
10. **Alaskan Dream Cruises**
83.57

TOP 10 RIVER CRUISE LINES

1. **Uniworld Boutique River Cruises**
96.79 ★

An encyclopedic roster of itineraries, coupled with refined service, gives this luxury brand broad appeal.

2. **Tauck**
96.30 ★
3. **Viking Cruises**
93.65 ★
4. **Aqua Expeditions**
92.69
5. **American Queen Steamboat Company**
92.68
6. **Belmond**
92.07
7. **Avalon Waterways**
91.29
8. **Scenic Cruises**
91.08
9. **AmaWaterways**
90.64
10. **Crystal Cruises**
88.23