

The Best Cruise Lines of the Year Named by Cruise Critic

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MSC Seaside named Best New Ship; Carnival named Best Value for the fourth year; Viking Cruises receives five awards across River and Luxury Awards

EWING, N.J., Dec. 12, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Cruise Critic®, the world's leading cruise reviews site and online cruise community, has named the winners of its 10th annual Cruise Critic Editors' Picks Awards, naming the best cruise lines of the year across dozens of categories, as chosen by the site's international team of editors.



2017 Best New Ship: MSC Seaside (Photo Credit: MSC Cruises)

"More now than ever, there really is a cruise for every interest," explains Colleen McDaniel, Senior Executive Editor of Cruise Critic. "You can sail to remote areas of the world aboard a small expedition vessel, or in the comfort of a luxury ship complete with spa treatments and gourmet food. You can travel to the Caribbean on a brand-new ship with bells and whistles like water parks and bumper cars, or on a five-masted sailing ship. The options are endless, and this list highlights the lines that have stood out as the best of the best over the past year."

Award Highlights

Ocean Awards

- MSC Seaside was named the **Best New Ship** of 2017, with editors raving that the ship has the potential to be "one of the best Miami-based ships around."
- Celebrity Cruises received awards for both **Best Cabins** and **Best for Romance** with editors praising the line's modern and functional cabins, and various places onboard for a romantic escape – including a real lawn for picnics under the stars.
- The award for **Best for Families** was given to Disney Cruise Line for the second year in a row for its wide array of activities for kids, plus plenty of adults-only venues for parents. The line was also awarded **Best Entertainment**.
- Carnival Cruise Line was named **Best for Value** for the fourth year running for its affordable fares and wealth of fee-free dining venues and activities. Carnival also received the award for **Best Service**, a new category in the awards.

River Awards

- AmaWaterways was named the **Best River Cruise Line** for the second year in a row for its continued dedication to innovation. The line was also awarded **Best for Active Cruisers**.
- Uniworld's Joie de Vivre received the award for **Best New River Ship**, with editors naming this ship the line's "finest yet," for its tasteful décor, opulent cabins and exceptional crew. The line also received the award for **Best Service**.
- Viking River Cruises received three awards – **Best for First-Timers**, **Best Shore Excursions** and **Best Enrichment** – a testament to their programming onboard and on land.

Luxury Awards

- Silversea's newest luxury ship, Silver Muse, received the award for **Best New Luxury Ship** for "offering nearly everything a luxury cruiser could crave." Silversea also won **Best for Adventure**.
- Regent Seven Seas was named **Best Luxury Cruise Line**, and also received an award for **Best Cabins**.
- Viking Ocean Cruises received the award for **Best for Value** across luxury lines, and also received a nod for having the **Best Spa** for the second year.

2017 Cruise Critic Editor's Picks Awards

Ocean Category

Best New Ship: MSC Seaside

Best Ship Refurbishment: Holland America Line Westerdam

Best for Adventure: Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

Best Cabins: Celebrity Cruises

Best Dining: Holland America Line

Best Entertainment: Disney Cruise Line

Best for Families: Disney Cruise Line

Best Itineraries: Princess Cruises

Best Nightlife: Norwegian Cruise Line

Best for Romance: Celebrity Cruises

Best Service: Carnival Cruise Line

Best Shore Excursions: Celebrity Cruises

Best for Solo Travelers: Norwegian Cruise Line

Best Suites: Royal Caribbean International

Best Value for Money: Carnival Cruise Line

Best North American Homeport: Quebec City

River Category

Best River Cruise Line: AmaWaterways

Best New River Cruise Ship: Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection's Joie de Vivre

Best Ship Refurbishment: Scenic Diamond/Scenic Sapphire

Best for Active Cruisers: AmaWaterways

Best for Adventure: Pandaw River Cruises

Best Cabins: Avalon Waterways

Best Dining: Crystal River Cruises

Best Enrichment: Viking River Cruises

Best for Families: Adventures by Disney

Best for First-Timers: Viking River Cruises

Best Itineraries: CroisiEurope

Best for Luxury: Tauck River Cruising

Best Shore Excursions: Viking River Cruises

Best Value for Money: Emerald Waterways

Luxury Category

Best Luxury Cruise Line: Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Best New Luxury Ship: Silversea's Silver Muse

Best Refurbishment: Crystal Cruises' Crystal Symphony

Best for Adventure: Silversea Cruises

Best Cabins: Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Best Dining: Oceania Cruises

Best Enrichment: Seabourn Cruise Line

Best Itineraries: Azamara Club Cruises

Best for Romance: Windstar Cruises

Best Service: Crystal Cruises

Best Shore Excursions: Azamara Club Cruises

Best for Solo Travelers: Crystal Cruises

Best Spa: Viking Ocean Cruises

Best Value for Money: Viking Ocean Cruises

To view the full details on each category, visit the [2017 Cruise Critic Editors' Picks Awards](#). For photos of this year's winners, [click here](#).

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