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# TravelAge West Announces Its 2024 Editor's Pick Recipients

March 5, 2024 (Los Angeles) — Celebrity Cruises has been honored with a *TravelAge West* 2024 Editor's Pick Award in a record eleven categories as part of the magazine's 2024 WAVE Awards.

Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, the goal of *TravelAge West's* WAVE Awards is to give travel advisors in the U.S. the opportunity to recognize the outstanding qualities and services of their travel-supplier partners.

The Editor's Picks were chosen by Publisher/Editor-in-Chief Ken Shapiro and the entire editorial team of *TravelAge West*. Review methods included product analysis, on-site visits and a survey of a select group of travel advisors and industry experts.

With this distinction, Editor's Pick honorees are also in the running for a WAVE Award, to be determined by a *TravelAge West* readers' choice poll conducted during the month of April. The voting is open to readers of the print and online publication and will be available at www.travelagewest.com/wave-awards.

"TravelAge West's annual WAVE Awards celebrate the best travel companies in the industry," said Kenneth Shapiro, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of TravelAge West. "We give travel advisors the opportunity to acknowledge the partners who support their efforts day in and day out, providing travelers with amazing vacations and lifetime memories. With travel still booming since the end of the pandemic, these suppliers are true economic and industry superstars, and we are so happy to give them their due."

Editor's Pick recipients will be celebrated in person at the WAVE Awards Gala on June 13 at The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey, in Marina del Rey, Calif., where the award winners will be announced as well. *TravelAge West* will include a special WAVE Awards section in the July 15 issue, highlighting award winners.

## **About Celebrity Cruises:**

Celebrity Cruises' iconic "X" is the mark of a fleet of 16 resorts at sea taking guests to the world's best places on the world's best places. Celebrity revolutionized the industry with its cool, contemporary design and accommodation; dining, spa, and entertainment experiences for modern tastes; and culturally rich and diverse destination experiences, all complemented by

warm, personalized service. Driven by wanderlust and a passion for opening the world, Celebrity journeys to all seven continents, visiting nearly 300 destinations in more than 70 countries. Celebrity Cruises is one of five cruise brands owned by global cruise company Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL). For more information about Celebrity Cruises, please visit www.celebrity.com.

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# 2024 WAVE AWARDS WAVE CATEGORIES & EDITOR'S PICKS

## **AIR**

#### **Best Airline Vacation Brand**

American Airlines Vacations Delta Vacations JetBlue Vacations Southwest Vacations United Vacations

## **Best Airline, Domestic**

Alaska Airlines American Airlines Delta Air Lines JetBlue United Airlines

## **Best Airline, International**

Air France Emirates Fiji Airways Qatar Airways Singapore Airlines Turkish Airlines

## **Best International First/Business Class**

Air France Emirates Etihad Airways Qatar Airways Singapore Airlines

## **Best Airline Loyalty Program**

Alaska Airlines

American Airlines

Delta Air Lines

Southwest Airlines

**United Airlines** 

#### **CAR RENTAL**

# Car Rental Company Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

Avis

Enterprise

Hertz

Sixt Rent a Car

# Car Rental Company Providing the Highest Client Satisfaction

Avis

Enterprise

Hertz

Sixt Rent a Car

# **CRUISE**

# Cruise Line with the Highest Client Satisfaction (less than 1,300 passengers)

**Explora Journeys** 

Oceania Cruises

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Seabourn

Silversea

Viking

Windstar Cruises

# **Cruise Line with the Highest Client Satisfaction (more than 1,300 passengers)**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Disney Cruise Line

Norwegian Cruise Line

**Princess Cruises** 

Royal Caribbean International

Virgin Voyages

## **Cruise Company Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support (ocean-going)**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Norwegian Cruise Line

**Princess Cruises** 

Royal Caribbean International

Viking

Virgin Voyages

## **Expedition Cruise Line Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Atlas Ocean Voyages

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Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

Scenic Luxury Cruises

Seabourn

Silversea

Viking

# **Expedition Cruise Line with the Highest Client Satisfaction**

Atlas Ocean Voyages

Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

Scenic Luxury Cruises

Seabourn

Silversea

UnCruise Adventures

Viking

## Small-Ship Cruise Line Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

Azamara Cruises

Celestyal Cruises

**Emerald Cruises** 

**Ponant** 

SeaDream Yacht Club

Windstar Cruises

## Best New Ocean-Going Ship (less than 1,300 passengers)

Emerald Sakara, Emerald Cruises

Explora I, Explora Journeys

Seven Seas Grandeur, Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Silver Nova, Silversea

Viking Saturn, Viking

Vista, Oceania

## Best New Ocean-Going Ship (more than 1,300 passengers)

Carnival Jubilee, Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Ascent, Celebrity Cruises

Icon of the Seas, Royal Caribbean International

MSC Euribia, MSC Cruises

Norwegian Viva, Norwegian Cruise Line

Resilient Lady, Virgin Voyages

# **Best New Expedition Ship**

Ocean Albatros, Albatros Expeditions

Scenic Eclipse II, Scenic Luxury Cruises

Seabourn Pursuit, Seabourn

SH Diana, Swan Hellenic

World Voyager, Atlas Ocean Voyages

#### **Best Onboard Cuisine**

Celebrity Cruises

Explora Journeys

Oceania Cruises

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Silversea

Virgin Voyages

Windstar Cruises

# Best Cruise Line for Shows and Nightlife

Celebrity Cruises

Carnival Cruise Line

Disney Cruise Line

Holland America Line

Norwegian Cruise Line

Royal Caribbean International

Virgin Voyages

## **Best Cruise Line for Families**

Carnival Cruise Line

Disney Cruise Line

MSC Cruises

Norwegian Cruise Line

**Princess Cruises** 

Royal Caribbean International

## **Best Cruise Line for Caribbean Sailings**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Norwegian Cruise Line

**Princess Cruises** 

Royal Caribbean International

Virgin Voyages

## **Best Cruise Line for Alaska Sailings**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Holland America Line

Norwegian Cruise Line

**Princess Cruises** 

**UnCruise Adventures** 

Windstar Cruises

# **Best Cruise Line for Antarctica Sailings**

Atlas Ocean Voyages

Aurora Expeditions

HX

Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

**Quark Expeditions** 

Seabourn

Silversea

Viking

## **Best Cruise Line for European Sailings**

**Azamara Cruises** 

Celebrity Cruises

Norwegian Cruise Line

Oceania Cruises

**Princess Cruises** 

Royal Caribbean International

Viking

# **Best Cruise Line for Hawaii Sailings**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Disney Cruise Line

Holland America Line

Norwegian Cruise Line

**Princess Cruises** 

Royal Caribbean International

## **Best Cruise Line Private Island**

CocoCay, Royal Caribbean International

Disney Castaway Cay, Disney Cruise Line

Half Moon Cay, Holland America Line

Great Stirrup Cay, Norwegian Cruise Line

Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve, MSC Cruises

Princess Cays, Princess Cruises

## **Best World Cruise**

Cunard

Holland America Line

Oceania Cruises

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Royal Caribbean International

Seabourn

Silversea

Viking

# **Best Cruise Line for Luxury**

Crystal

Cunard

Explora Journeys

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Seabourn

Silversea

Viking

## **Best Onboard Wellness Program**

Celebrity Cruises

Oceania Cruises

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Seabourn

Silversea

Viking

Virgin Voyages

## **Best Ship Within a Ship Concept**

Cunard Grill Suites, Cunard

MSC Yacht Club, MSC Cruises

Royal Suite Class by Royal Caribbean, Royal Caribbean International

The Haven by Norwegian, Norwegian Cruise Line

The Retreat, Celebrity Cruises

#### **RIVER CRUISE**

# River Cruise Line With the Highest Client Satisfaction

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Riverside Luxury Cruises

Tauck

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Viking

# River Cruise Line Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Riverside Luxury Cruises

Scenic Luxury Cruises and Emerald Cruises

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Viking

# **Best New River Cruise Ship**

Amadeus Riva, Amadeus River Cruises

American Serenade, American Cruise Lines

Viking Aton, Viking

Viva Two, Viva Cruises

## **Best River Cruise Line for Luxury**

AmaWaterways

**Avalon Waterways** 

Riverside Luxury Cruises

Riviera River Cruises

Scenic Luxury Cruises and Emerald Cruises

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Viking

## Best River Cruise Line for U.S. Sailings

American Cruise Lines

Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

UnCruise Adventures

Viking

## **Best River Cruise Line for Multigenerational Groups**

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Riverside Luxury Cruises

Tauck

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

## **Best River Cruise Line for Onboard Cuisine**

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Riverside Luxury Cruises

Scenic Luxury Cruises and Emerald Cruises

Tauck

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Viking

## **RAIL**

#### **Best Rail Vacation Provider**

Alaska Railroad

**Amtrak Vacations** 

Railbookers

Rocky Mountaineer

Via Rail Canada

#### **TOUR OPERATOR**

# **Escorted Tour Operator Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Abercrombie & Kent

Collette

G Adventures

Globus Family of Brands

Tauck

Trafalgar

# Packaged Tour Operator Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

**Apple Vacations** 

**Avanti Destinations** 

Classic Vacations

**Delta Vacations** 

**Funjet Vacations** 

Pleasant Holidays

# **Best Escorted Tour Operator, Europe**

Abercrombie & Kent

Adventures by Disney

Collette

Globus Family of Brands

**Insight Vacations** 

Tauck

Trafalgar

# **Best Packaged Tour Operator, Europe**

**Apple Vacations** 

Classic Vacations

**Europe Express** 

IWorld of Travel

Journese

## **Travel Impressions**

# **Best Tour Operator, Africa**

Abercrombie & Kent

African Travel, Inc.

AndBeyond

Big Five Tours & Expeditions

Collette

**Kensington Tours** 

# Best Tour Operator, Asia

**Avanti Destinations** 

Exoticca

**G** Adventures

Goway Travel

MT Sobek

Trafalgar

# Best Tour Operator, Australia/New Zealand/South Pacific

Collette

Down Under Answers

Goway Travel

Intrepid Travel

**Kensington Tours** 

Pleasant Holidays

# **Best Tour Operator, Caribbean**

Apple Vacations

Delta Vacations

**Funjet Vacations** 

Pleasant Holidays

**Travel Impressions** 

# **Best Tour Operator, Central/South America**

Abercrombie & Kent

Exoticca

G Adventures

Globus Family of Brands

Intrepid Travel

Trafalgar

# Best Tour Operator, Hawaii

Apple Vacations

Blue Sky Tours

Classic Vacations

**Delta Vacations** 

Pleasant Holidays

# **Best Tour Operator, Mexico**

**Apple Vacations** 

Classic Vacations

Delta Vacations

Funjet Vacations Pleasant Holidays

# **Best Tour Operator, USA**

**Austin Adventures** 

Collette

Globus Family of Brands

**Insight Vacations** 

Tauck

Trafalgar

# **Best Tour Operator for Adventure Travel**

**Austin Adventures** 

Backroads

**Exodus Adventure Travels** 

G Adventures

Intrepid Travel

National Geographic Expeditions

# **Best Tour Operator for Multigenerational Travel**

Adventures by Disney

**Austin Adventures** 

Big Five Tours & Expeditions

**G** Adventures

Tauck Bridges

Trafalgar

# **Best Luxury Tour Operator**

Abercrombie & Kent

Audley Travel

Journese

**Insight Vacations** 

**Kensington Tours** 

Tauck

## **Best Tour Company Foundation for Responsible Travel**

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, Abercrombie & Kent

Globus Family of Brands Lighthouse Project, Globus Family of Brands

Planeterra, G Adventures

The Collette Foundation, Collette

The Intrepid Foundation, Intrepid Travel

The TreadRight Foundation, The Travel Corporation

## Best DMC, Europe

AliveXperiences

**Curated Greece** 

Olive Tree Escapes

Queen of Clubs

**Titanium Tours** 

Via Croatia

#### **RESORT/HOTEL**

## Hotel/Resort Chain Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

Accor Group

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

**Hyatt Hotels Corporation** 

**IHG Hotels & Resorts** 

Marriott International

## All-Inclusive Hotel/Resort Chain Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

AIC Hotel Group

Club Med

Inclusive Collection, part of World of Hyatt

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Playa Hotels & Resorts

Sandals Resorts

## Best All-Inclusive Hotel Chain, Caribbean

Club Med

Inclusive Collection, part of World of Hyatt

Majestic Resorts

Melia Hotels International

Palladium Hotel Group

Playa Hotels & Resorts

Sandals Resorts

#### **Best All-Inclusive Hotel Chain, Mexico**

AIC Hotel Group

Fiesta Americana Travelty Collection

Hoteles Xcaret

Inclusive Collection, part of World of Hyatt

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Playa Hotels & Resorts

RIU Hotels & Resorts

Velas Resorts

# Best New Resort or Major Renovation, Mexico

Andaz Mexico City Condesa

Grand Velas Boutique Hotel Los Cabos

Hilton Cancun Mar Caribe All-Inclusive Resort

Impression Isla Mujeres by Secrets

Margaritaville Island Reserve by Karisma Riviera Maya

Maroma, a Belmond Hotel, Riviera Maya

The St. Regis Kanai Resort, Riviera Maya

# Best New Resort or Major Renovation, Caribbean

Bahia Principe Luxury Esmeralda

Hideaway at Royalton Blue Waters, an Autograph Collection All-Inclusive Resort

Curtain Bluff

Dreams Flora Resort & Spa

Sandals Dunn's River

The Westin Beach Resort & Spa at Frenchman's Reef

## Best New Resort or Major Renovation, Hawaii

1 Hotel Hanalei Bay

AC Hotel Honolulu

Kona Village, a Rosewood Resort

Romer Waikiki at The Ambassador

Sheraton Waikiki Beach Resort

Wayfinder Waikiki

## Best All-Inclusive Resort Brand for Romance, Mexico

Hoteles Xcaret

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Marival Resorts

Playa Hotels & Resorts

Secrets Resorts & Spas

The Excellence Collection

Velas Resorts

## Best All-Inclusive Resort Brand for Romance, Caribbean

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Melia Hotels International

Playa Hotels & Resorts

Royalton Luxury Resorts

Sandals Resorts

Secrets Resorts & Spas

## **Best Hotel Brand, USA**

Accor Group

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

**Hyatt Hotels Corporation** 

**IHG Hotels & Resorts** 

Marriott International

#### Best Hotel Brand, Hawaii

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

**Hyatt Hotels Corporation** 

Marriott International

Outrigger Resorts & Hotels

## Best Hotel Brand for Families, Hawaii

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

**Hyatt Hotels Corporation** 

Marriott International

Outrigger Resorts & Hotels

## **Best Hotel Brand for Families, Mexico**

Club Med

Dreams Resorts & Spas
Fiesta Americana Hotels & Resorts
Hoteles Xcaret
Hyatt Ziva
Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts

Palace Resorts

#### Best Hotel Brand for Families, Caribbean

Atlantis Paradise Island Bahamas Beaches Resorts Club Med Dreams Resorts & Spas Hyatt Ziva Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Sunscape Resorts & Spas

## **Best Luxury Hotel Brand**

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts
Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts
Rosewood Hotels & Resorts
St. Regis Hotels & Resorts
The Ritz-Carlton
Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts

## **Best Resort for Cultural Immersion, Mexico**

Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya
Casa de Sierra Nevada, a Belmond Hotel, San Miguel de Allende
Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection
The Explorean Kohunlich
Hotel Xcaret Arte
One&Only Mandarina
UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya

#### Best Resort for Cultural Immersion, Hawaii

Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa Grand Wailea, a Waldorf Astoria Resort Outrigger Kaanapali Beach Resort Kona Village, a Rosewood Resort The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua

## **Best All-Inclusive Resort Brand for Groups**

Inclusive Collection, part of World of Hyatt
Karisma Hotels & Resorts
Palace Resorts
Palladium
Playa Hotels & Resorts
RIU Hotels & Resorts
Sandals Resorts

# **DESTINATIONS**

Bahamas
Dominican Republic
Jamaica
Puerto Rico
U.S. Virgin Islands
Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Europe
Croatia
France
Great Britain
Greece
Ireland
Italy
Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction Asia
Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Asia Indonesia
Japan Korea
Singapore Taiwan
Thailand
Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Pacific
Australia
Fiji
New Zealand
Tahiti
Tanti
<b>Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Central/South America</b>
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Galapagos Islands
Peru
Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Africa

California Florida Hawaii Las Vegas New York

Cancun Los Cabos Mexico City Puerto Vallarta Riviera Maya Riviera Nayarit

**Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Mexico** 

**Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Caribbean** 

Botswana Kenya

South Africa

Tanzania

Uganda

# Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Middle East

Dubai

Egypt

Israel

Jordan

Qatar

Saudi Arabia

# **Favorite Three-Night Destination to Sell**

Disneyland Resort

Las Vegas

Los Cabos

Park City

Napa Valley

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

# Travel Insurance Company Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

**Allianz Partners** 

**AON** 

Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection

Travel Guard

Travel Insured International

Travelex Insurance Services

# **Travel Insurance Company Providing the Highest Client Satisfaction**

Allianz Partners

**AON** 

Medjet

Travel Guard

Travel Insured International

Travelex Insurance Services

## **TOURISM BOARD**

# U.S. Tourism Board Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support

Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

New Orleans & Company

Travel Alaska

Visit California

Visit Florida

## **International Tourism Board Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Jamaica Tourist Board

Japan National Tourism Organization

Jordan Tourism Board

Los Cabos Tourism Board Switzerland Tourism Tourism Australia Tourism Ireland

# Best Marketing by a Tourism Board, U.S.

Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority New Orleans & Company Visit California Visit Florida

# Best Marketing by a Tourism Board, International

Jamaica Tourist Board
Los Cabos Tourism Board
Tourism Australia
Tourism Authority of Thailand
Tourism Ireland
Tourism New Zealand
VisitBritain