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The Gulf of Naples as seen from Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria, the No. 1 resort in Italy (page 110). Photograph by Serena Eller Vainicher.



THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS

For the 29th edition of the World's Best Awards survey, we asked you, our trusted readers, to share your opinions on cities, safari outfitters, national parks, hotels—including inns—and more. This year, you sought out one-of-a-kind experiences, and found them across the globe. Now that's something to celebrate.

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CRUISE LINES

As fleets and itineraries adapt to rising demand, one thing remains the same: the No. 1 winners from last year have continued to reign supreme in 2024.

5 BEST MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- 1. Virgin Voyages 89.71
This fleet of three adults-only ships sails the Caribbean and the Mediterranean, offering diverse entertainment, a variety of onboard restaurants, enriching shore excursions, and—yes—plenty of partying.
- 2. Celebrity Cruises ★ 85.85
- 3. Princess Cruises ★ 82.58
- 4. Norwegian Cruise Line ★ 80.90
- 5. Royal Caribbean International ★ 80.81

5 BEST LARGE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- 1. Cunard ★ 89.06
No. 1 for its second consecutive year, Cunard recently welcomed *Queen Anne* to its august fleet, proof that tradition and modernity can blissfully coexist.
- 2. Disney Cruise Line ★ 85.79
- 3. Holland America Line ★ 84.02
- 4. Celebrity Cruises ★ 82.28
- 5. Princess Cruises ★ 80.24



No. 1

SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE

Viking

VIKING'S EXPEDITION VESSELS, EACH OF WHICH HAS 189 CABINS, SAIL TO ANTARCTICA, GREENLAND, AND OTHER OUT-THERE DESTINATIONS. ONBOARD OCEANOGRAPHERS, ORNITHOLOGISTS, AND RESEARCHERS LEAD EXCURSIONS BY LAND AND SEA.

10 BEST MIDSIZE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- 1. Viking 94.09
The brand's nine ocean ships—each with 465 cabins—blend chic Scandinavian design with a relaxed atmosphere on itineraries that crisscross the globe. A 10th ocean ship, *Viking Vela*, is slated to sail in December.
- 2. Explora Journeys 92.81
- 3. Crystal 90.16
- 4. Regent Seven Seas Cruises ★ 89.68
- 5. Seabourn ★ 88.90

- 6. Silversea ★ 87.96
- 7. Oceania Cruises ★ 87.31
- 8. Holland America Line ★ 86.27
- 9. Azamara 86.13
- 10. Celestyal Cruises 82.63

5 BEST SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- 1. Viking 96.69
- 2. HX (formerly Hurtigruten Expeditions) 96.08

- 3. Windstar Cruises ★ 92.99
- 4. Paul Gauguin Cruises ★ 91.26
- 5. Silversea ★ 88.49

10 BEST INTIMATE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

- 1. Quasar Expeditions 97.81
This longtime winner specializes in trips to the Galápagos Islands that “challenge the mind, body, and spirit,” as past guest and T+L editor in chief Jacqui Gifford put it. A third ship is scheduled to join the fleet in 2025.

- 2. Overseas Adventure Travel 97.55
- 3. Aqua Expeditions 94.81
- 4. Lindblad Expeditions 94.40
- 5. Seabourn ★ 94.35
- 6. Celebrity Cruises ★ 93.94
- 7. The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection 92.86
- 8. Variety Cruises 92.35
- 9. Ponant 91.73
- 10. Silversea ★ 91.33

10 BEST RIVER CRUISE LINES

- 1. Aqua Expeditions 98.85
None of the three river ships in this brand's fleet has more than 20 cabins, meaning guests can sail the Peruvian Amazon (with occasional chef-led excursions) or navigate the Mekong through Cambodia and Vietnam in an intimate, low-key setting.
- 2. Avalon Waterways 95.91
- 3. The Oberoi Cruisers 95.75
- 4. Tauck ★ 95.71
- 5. Grand Circle Cruise Line 95.61
- 6. Uniworld Boutique River Cruises ★ 94.83
- 7. Viking ★ 94.73
- 8. Riverside Luxury Cruises 94.62
- 9. Scenic 91.00
- 10. AmaWaterways 90.09

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