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CRYSTAL RIVER CRUISES NAMED BEST IN LUXURY, DINING & SERVICE IN CRUISE CRITIC U.S. & U.K. EDITORS' PICKS AWARDS

MIAMI, December 4, 2019 – Continuing to lead as the definitive leader in luxury on Europe's rivers, Crystal River Cruises has won top honors for luxury, dining and service from the industry experts of Cruise Critic and Cruise Critic U.K. The online cruise guides' annual Editors' Picks Awards were announced today, highlighting the fine nuances of the Crystal River Experience that set it apart from all others.

Cruise Critic editors praised the luxury river cruise line noting:

Best for Luxury (River Category) – Cruise Critic U.S.

"Want to feel spoiled on the rivers? Crystal has you covered, with butler service, spacious suites and delicious, round-the-clock dining. Crystal takes the tour element out of river cruising, encouraging passengers to choose-their-own-adventure with sumptuous extras such as indoor fitness pools, meals prepared à la minute, concierge shore excursion service -- flightseeing in Europe! -- and signature events."

Best Dining (River Category) – Cruise Critic U.S. & U.K.

"Sophisticated dishes, made-to-order meals and an excellent included wine list make Crystal Cruises the perfect choice for foodies. No dining room lines here; on Crystal, there's open seating and plenty of tables for two, allowing passengers to eat on their own schedule. While oenophiles will love splurging for the decadent Vintage Room, casual dining also shines, with delicious burgers and global tapas."

Best Service – Cruise Critic U.K.

"With 24-hour butler service for every cabin and high crew-to-passenger ratios, Crystal delivers impeccable levels of service. Striking just the right balance between seamless and unobtrusive service that caters to every whim, whilst making passengers feel completely at ease in a relaxing and friendly environment the line delivers on every level. Intuitive staff members quickly learn names and favourite cocktails to make everyone feel extra special."

Crystal River Cruises will offer the youngest and most spacious fleet sailing the rivers of Europe with sister ships Crystal Bach, Crystal Debussy Crystal Mahler and Crystal Ravel.

“From the moment we set sail, Crystal River Cruises set an entirely new standard of luxury on Europe’s rivers, one that connects guests authentically with the destinations and offers them the renowned personalize service and stylish elegance and excellence they expect from Crystal,” said Walter Littlejohn, senior vice president and managing director of Crystal River Cruises. “To earn the acclaim of Cruise Critic experts from both the U.S. and the U.K. is an honor that makes us very proud.”

Crystal Bach, Crystal Debussy Crystal Mahler and Crystal Ravel are the first and only all-suite, all-balcony ships on Europe’s rivers, with all guest suites positioned above the water line. The ships feature private butler service in every room category, king-sized beds, ETRO amenities, robes and slippers, and wall-mounted flat-screen HD TVs. Additional enticing features include farm-to-table cuisine in multiple, open-seating eateries: the elegant Waterside Restaurant, namesake Bistro cafés and the exclusive Vintage Room; and the Palm Court for entertainment, enrichment presentations and sweeping views of the countryside.

Ashore, guests can choose from more than 200 inclusive Destination Discoveries that are tailored to suit a variety of personal interests and styles. Culinary explorations, cultural connections, active pursuits and personal perspectives with locals are all on offer, as well as complimentary Signature Events on virtually every voyage that include performances and receptions at historically significant castles, museums and other locales.

About Crystal

Only the world-renowned Crystal Experience offers an unwavering, unparalleled standard of excellence and luxury across four distinct cruising options: Crystal Cruises, the World’s Most Awarded Luxury Cruise Line; Crystal River Cruises, the World’s Most Luxurious River Cruise Line; Crystal Yacht Cruises, offering boutique luxury and bold adventure in the world’s most elite harbors; and Crystal Expedition Cruises, taking Crystal’s acclaimed elegance to the farthest reaches of the world. Crystal has been recognized with top honors in the Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Awards for a record 26 years including, in 2019, for Best Medium-Ship Cruise Line for Crystal Cruises, Best Small-Ship Cruise Line for Crystal Yacht Cruises and Best River Cruise Line for Crystal River Cruises. Crystal was also voted “World’s Best” by the readers of Travel + Leisure for 20 years; and won “Cruise Line of the Year” and “Most Luxurious Guest Experience” by Virtuoso for 2018 & 2019. Crystal is proud to be a platinum partner of the advisors of ASTA.

For more information and Crystal reservations, contact a travel advisor, call 888.799.2437, or visit www.crystalcruises.com. Join the hundreds of thousands who subscribe to the Crystal Insider blog, follow Crystal Cruises’ Facebook page; @crystalcruises on Twitter and Instagram; @crystalrivercruises on Instagram; and engage in the conversation with #crystalcruises, #crystalrivercruises and #WhereLuxuryisPersonal.

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