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## Crystal River Cruises Named Best Luxury River Cruise Line in 2021 Wave Awards

**Miami, October 20, 2021** – [Crystal River Cruises](https://www.crystalrivercruises.com), the World’s Most Luxurious River Cruise Line™, has earned top recognition as Best Luxury River Cruise Line in the 2021 Wave Awards held earlier this week in the UK. Presented by *World of Cruising Magazine* and *Cruise Trade News*, the Wave awards recognize excellence across wide variety of product- and service-related categories. Celebrating the very best of the travel industry, the awards are presented based on a panel of esteemed judges comprised of industry leaders, travel experts and members of the press.

“This is a wonderful accolade and a testament to our amazing onboard Crystal Family who provide the genuine and authentic service that makes the Crystal River Cruises’ experience come to life,” said Walter Littlejohn, senior vice president and managing director of Crystal River Cruises. “I want to congratulate and thank them as they have created a new standard of luxury along Europe’s rivers that is resonating with those who know best and are trusted by travelers for their expertise.”

Crystal River Cruises fleet comprises the most spacious and luxurious ships sailing Europe’s rivers with 2 attentive crew for every 3 guests, the highest crew to guest ratio in the industry; Crystal’s acclaimed Michelin-inspired cuisine served in multiple open-seating restaurants; and the largest guest accommodations, all of which are suites featuring butler service and king-size beds.

*Crystal Mozart* sets the standard for space and features suites for solo travelers with no supplement on all sailings, a wrap-around Promenade Deck, the largest onboard spa, two onboard fitness centers, four restaurants and four lounges. Crystal’s four Rhine Class ships – *Crystal Bach*, *Crystal Debussy*, *Crystal Mahler* and *Crystal Ravel* – accommodate just 106 guests with an intentional focus on maximizing personal and public spaces throughout their 135-meter hulls (a size typically designed to accommodate twice the number of guests). The ships are the industry’s first and only all-balcony, all-suite, butler-serviced vessels in Europe, with every category of guest accommodation positioned above the waterline. All suites feature

Panoramic Balcony-Windows™ and walk-in closets and dual vanity bathrooms are featured in most categories.

All Crystal's River ships feature private butler service in every room category, king-sized beds, Caudalie amenities, robes and slippers, and wall-mounted flat-screen HD TVs. Additional enticing features include Michelin-inspired cuisine in multiple, open-seating eateries: the elegant Waterside Restaurant, namesake Bistro cafés, Blue (on *Crystal Mozart*) and the exclusive Vintage Room; and the Palm Court for entertainment, enrichment presentations and sweeping views of the riverside scenery. Crystal's attention to detail reaches ashore, as guests are transported on the days' adventures in luxury motor coaches equipped with complimentary water and Wi-Fi for added convenience and comfort.

### **About Crystal**

Only the world-renowned Crystal Experience offers an unwavering, unparalleled standard of excellence and luxury across three distinct cruising options: Crystal Cruises, the World's Most Awarded Luxury Cruise Line; Crystal River Cruises, the World's Most Luxurious River Cruise Line; and Crystal Expedition Cruises, taking Crystal's acclaimed elegance to the farthest reaches of the world on bold adventures. Crystal has been recognized with top honors in the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards for a record 27 years including, in 2019, for Best Medium-Ship Cruise Line for Crystal Cruises and Best River Cruise Line for Crystal River Cruises. Crystal was also voted "World's Best" by the readers of *Travel + Leisure* for 24 years, including, in 2017 and 2020, Best River Cruise Line for Crystal River Cruises; 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.

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