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2025 Was a Record-Breaking Year for American Cruise Lines



Guilford, CT—December 15, 2025—American Cruise Lines is pleased to announce that 2025 was a record-breaking year for the company, winning 23 awards—cementing the company’s place as **The Most Awarded U.S. Cruise Line**—and furthering America’s prominence as the hottest destination for river cruising around the world.

The company’s new ship, **American Patriot**, was named a top finalist for *Best New River Cruise Ships* by **Travel Weekly**, and some of American’s most notable 2025 awards included: **Cruise Critic’s Best for Solo Travelers** award, **Cruiseline.com’s** award for *Best River Cruise Lines*, **Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best River Cruise Lines** award, two **Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Awards**, three **World Travel Awards**, and four **USA Today 10Best Awards**, among many others.

American Cruise Lines was also lauded as one of the “9 Top River Cruise Lines for 2025,” by **U.S. News & World Report**; “Top 10 Cruise Lines,” by **Southern Living** magazine; “11 Best River Cruise Lines Around the World,” and “7 Best Mississippi River Cruises,” by **The Points Guy**; and “The World’s Best River Cruises 2025,” by **Forbes**.

American’s affiliated company, Pearl Seas Cruises, also received 2025 accolades including a **Travel Weekly Magellan Award** for *Best Great Lakes Itineraries* and a *Readers’ Choice Award* from **Condé Nast Traveler** for *Best Small Ships*.

As the year comes to a close and we look ahead to 2026, American would like to express sincere thanks to all the company’s travel advisors and industry partners, and to our employees and crew for their dedication to excellence—ensuring that the 2025 cruise season was a resounding success.

About American Cruise Lines:

American Cruise Lines is the largest river cruise line in the U.S.A. with 28 small ships and 50+ domestic itineraries on the [Mississippi River](#), the [Columbia and Snake Rivers](#), and protected waterways around the country from Alaska to Florida. The company has 50-year history of introducing award-winning small ships that sail exclusively in the United States. Today, American has the only 100% U.S.-flagged fleet of riverboats and small ships in the world. Operating in 35+ states year-round, American’s 2026 itineraries include bucket-list National Parks cruises and [Extended Cruises](#) honoring the country’s 250th birthday.

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