

## Disney Cruise Line Recognized as the No. 1 Cruise Line in Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards for the Eighth Consecutive Year

**ORLANDO, Fla. (Oct. 7, 2019)** – *Condé Nast Traveler* today announced the results of its annual Readers' Choice Awards with Disney Cruise Line recognized as the No. 1 Top Large Cruise Line in the World for the eighth consecutive year.

This year, more than 600,000 *Condé Nast Traveler* readers from across the globe rated their travel experiences. In the cruise category, voters evaluated more than 400 cruise ships across a multitude of brands.

"It is our goal at Disney Cruise Line to create unforgettable vacations for every guest who sails with us," said Jeff Vahle, president of Disney Cruise Line. "Being recognized once again by the readers of Conde Nast Traveler is a source of great pride for our team, whether they make their magic on our ships, at our private island Castaway Cay or behind the scenes. This award speaks to their commitment to always going above and beyond – and making every guest's experience truly special."

The *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards are one of the longest-running and most prestigious recognitions of excellence in the travel industry and are commonly known as "the best of the best of travel." The 2019 Readers' Choice Awards are published on Condé Nast Traveler's <u>website</u> and in the November issue of Condé Nast Traveler US and UK print editions.

Disney Cruise Line blends the magic of Disney entertainment with the excitement of ocean cruising, offering incredible onboard experiences and itineraries to the sun-drenched destinations of the Caribbean year-around and awe-inspiring seasonal sailings throughout Alaska and Europe. Most Caribbean itineraries also include a stop at Castaway Cay, Disney Cruise Line's award-winning private island in The Bahamas. Plus, for the first time next year, Disney Cruise Line will set sail from New Orleans onboard the *Disney Wonder*. The world of "The Princess and the Frog" is brought to life like never before onboard the *Disney Wonder*, which features exciting new enhancements, including the addition of a New Orleans-themed lounge that transports guests deeper into the heart of the city's iconic French Quarter.

Disney Cruise Line continues to expand its horizons, with new ships scheduled for delivery in 2021, 2022 and 2023. The name of the highly anticipated fifth Disney Cruise Line ship, *Disney Wish*, was recently announced along with the ship's featured stern characters – Rapunzel and her feisty sidekick Pascal. The *Disney Wish* is scheduled for delivery in late 2021 and will set sail in January 2022. All three new ships will be powered by liquefied natural gas and, at approximately 144,000 gross tons and 1,250 guest staterooms, be slightly larger than the *Disney Dream* and *Disney Fantasy*. For a look at the latest concepts, visit the <u>Disney Parks Blog</u>.

To learn more about Disney Cruise Line or to book a vacation, guests can contact their travel agent, visit <u>disneycruise.com</u> or call Disney Cruise Line at 888-DCL-2500. Travel agents can call Disney Cruise Line at 888-325-2500 or visit disneytravelagents.com.

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## **About Disney Cruise Line**

Since its launch in 1998, Disney Cruise Line has been recognized as the leader in family cruising, offering guests the magic of Disney entertainment combined with the relaxation of tropical, sun-drenched beaches and adventure of ocean cruising. Disney Cruise Line continues to expand its horizons, with new ships scheduled for delivery in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Disney Cruise Line has received hundreds of distinguished awards from the travel industry praising all aspects of the experience from dining to entertainment.

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