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**PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES AWARDED BEST SMALL-SHIP CRUISE LINE BY *GLOBAL TRAVELER* MAGAZINE**

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**BELLEVUE, WASH. – May 20, 2016** – **Paul Gauguin Cruises** ([www.pgcruises.com](http://www.pgcruises.com)), operator of the highest-rated and longest continually sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific, the m/s *Paul Gauguin*, received the award for “Best Small-Ship Cruise Line” during *Global Traveler’s* 4th Annual Leisure Lifestyle Awards ceremony on May 19, 2016, at the Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills.

*Global Traveler* is a monthly magazine written exclusively for frequent business and luxury travelers. Awards were given to the best leisure destinations, airlines, cruise lines, hotels, and tour operators voted by *Global Traveler* and its readers. The entire list of winners will be announced in the *Leisure Lifestyle* edition of *Global Traveler* available in May 2016 and online at [www.globaltravelerusa.com](http://www.globaltravelerusa.com).

“We are thrilled to be voted ‘Best Small-Ship Cruise Line,’” remarked Alicia Cummings, Vice President of Marketing for Paul Gauguin Cruises, who accepted the award at the ceremony. “Thank you to *Global Traveler* and its readers for this prestigious honor. It’s a testament to our dedicated staff, who delivers extraordinary service aboard our voyages in Tahiti, French Polynesia, Fiji, and the South Pacific.”

Paul Gauguin Cruises was also recently voted #2 in the category of “Top Small Cruise Lines” in the *Condé Nast Traveler* 2015 Readers’ Choice Awards and recognized on the publication’s 2016 “Gold List.” In addition, the line was voted “#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line” and “#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line for Families” by readers in *Travel + Leisure*’s 2014 World’s Best Awards. Readers also voted Paul Gauguin Cruises as the “#2 Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Line” in the *Travel + Leisure* 2015 World’s Best Awards.†

For more information about Paul Gauguin Cruises, please contact a Travel Professional, call 800-848-6172, or visit [www.pgcruises.com](http://www.pgcruises.com).

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**About Paul Gauguin Cruises**

Owned by Pacific Beachcomber S.C., French Polynesia’s leading luxury hotel and cruise operator, Paul Gauguin Cruises operates the 5+-star cruise ship, the 332-guest m/s *Paul Gauguin*, providing a deluxe cruise experience tailored to the unparalleled wonders of Tahiti, French Polynesia, Fiji, and the South Pacific.

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