



**PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES HONORED IN *TRAVEL + LEISURE*'S WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2015
IN THE CATEGORY OF WORLD'S BEST SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES**



BELLEVUE, WASH. – July 9, 2015 – Paul Gauguin Cruises (www.pgcruiises.com), operator of the highest-rated and longest continually sailing luxury cruise ship in the South Pacific, the m/s *Paul Gauguin*, and the 88-guest m/v *Tere Moana*, which sails Europe, the Caribbean, and Latin America, is pleased to announce that the line was honored in *Travel + Leisure*'s World's Best Awards 2015, ranking #2 in the category of "World's Best Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Lines." Paul Gauguin Cruises had the second-highest score in all categories of ocean cruising lines.

"We are thrilled to be on this esteemed list of 'World's Best Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Lines,'" said Diane Moore, President of Paul Gauguin Cruises. "Thank you to the readers of *Travel + Leisure*. It's a testament to our dedicated staff, who deliver extraordinary service aboard our voyages every day."

The magazine's prestigious annual readers' survey reveals favorite cities, hotels, islands, cruise lines, spas, airlines, airports, and more. Cruise ships were rated in categories of cabins/facilities, restaurants/food, service, itineraries/destinations, excursions/activities, and value. The full list of World's Best Awards winners is available at www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best and in the August issue of *Travel + Leisure* magazine.

Paul Gauguin Cruises was awarded "#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line" and "#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line for Families" in *Travel + Leisure*'s 2014 World's Best Awards. The line has also been honored by other notable names in travel by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* with *The Gauguin* named one of the "Top 20 Small Cruise Ships" in 2013 (her 15th year in row), by *Travel Weekly* with a Gold Magellan and two Silver Magellan awards in the small-ship category, by *Porthole Cruise Magazine* for "Best South Pacific Itinerary," by Women's Choice Award in 2015 and 2014 in the categories of "America's Most Recommended Brand for Small Ship Cruising" and "America's Most Recommended Brand for South Pacific Destinations," and by *Cruise Critic* for dining, fitness, entertainment, value, and shore excursions.

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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, and the South Pacific. The m/v *Tere Moana* offers voyages in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe, accommodating 88 guests with a staff of 62.

For additional information on Paul Gauguin Cruises, please visit www.pgcruiises.com.

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