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# **CRYSTAL CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF BEING EXCEPTIONAL AT SEA**

Celebrate More Than Three Decades of Unparalleled Cruising and Culinary Excellence Aboard Crystal Ships Featuring Chef Nobu Matsuhisa, Abercrombie & Kent's Geoffrey Kent and Crystal Veteran Captains and Cruise Directors



**MIAMI (Jan. 10, 2025)** — Crystal, the leader in exceptional cruise experiences, is pleased to announce its first selection of 2025-themed cruises aboard *Crystal Symphony* and *Crystal Serenity* with exclusive voyages commemorating the brand's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. These unique sailings are designed to delight and inspire while enjoying Crystal's signature entertainment, award-winning service, and celebrated dining experiences.

Guests will sail alongside luminaries like Michelin-star Chef Nobuyuki (Nobu) Matsuhisa and Abercrombie & Kent Founder Geoffrey Kent, while mingling with esteemed Crystal veteran Captains (John Oekland and Egil Giske) and Cruise Directors (Paul McFarland and Gary Hunter) on itineraries curated to capture the essence of Crystal's legacy. In honor of the year-long celebration, *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony* will host a series of sailings featuring some of the brand's most popular partners, performers and comedians. Both ships will host a Crystal anniversary gala, special events and Crystal Society reunions, as well as the world-class dining experiences and showstopping performances for which Crystal is known.

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"Our guests deeply appreciate our themed voyages, as they offer a truly immersive experience," said VP of Entertainment and Enrichment Keith Cox. "Whether it's indulging in their passion for music, culinary delights or cultural enrichment, our carefully curated itineraries and exclusive events bring their interests to life in an extraordinary way. We look forward to celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with our loyal guests and some of our most beloved partners and former officers throughout 2025."

# 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sailings

### **Crystal Symphony**

### Tarragona (Barcelona) to Civitavecchia (Rome): June 4-13, 2025

Guests will have the opportunity to sail with Geoffrey Kent, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Abercrombie & Kent, former Captain John Oekland and Cruise Director Paul McFarland on a nine-night Mediterranean journey from Tarragona. Stops include Palma de Mallorca, Mahón, Cinque Terre, Livorno for visits to Pisa and Florence, Porto Santo Stefano, and the cruise concludes with an overnight stay in Civitavecchia.

### Thessaloniki to Civitavecchia (Rome): July 10-18, 2025

This eight-night Mediterranean voyage will feature former Cruise Director Paul McFarland, Broadway actress Christine Andreas, and singer and multi-instrumentalist Salvatore Hasard. The journey begins in Greece's Halkidiki Peninsula, with stops in Mykonos, Santorini, and Heraklion on Crete, followed by a day at sea before visiting Italy's Lipari and Naples and culminating in Rome.

## **Crystal Serenity**

#### Roundtrip Copenhagen: July 15-22, 2025

This seven-night journey includes an overnight stay in Copenhagen and features long-time Crystal partner Chef Nobuyuki Matsuhisa, former Captain Egil Giske and Cruise Director Gary Hunter. While onboard, Chef Nobu will participate in cooking demonstrations and an exclusive Vintage Room dinner, which guests may purchase tickets in advance to attend. "It has been an incredible journey partnering with Crystal for so many years, and I am truly honored to be a part of the anniversary sailing," said Chef Nobu. "Sailing with Crystal feels like coming home—our shared commitment to excellence and providing unforgettable experiences for guests is what makes this partnership so special. I look forward to celebrating this milestone together, surrounded by the warmth and hospitality that Crystal is known for."

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## Québec City to New York City: October 22-31, 2025

Guests will embark on a nine-night voyage showcasing the vibrant fall foliage of Canada and New England, featuring an overnight stay in Québec City, stops in Baie-Comeau and Gaspé, the historic charm of Halifax, and culminating with overnight stays in Boston and New York City. This special sailing will also feature beloved former Cruise Director Gary Hunter.

As part of the celebration, Crystal Society members will enjoy double Society Savings, 5% rather than the standard 2.5% on these commemorative sailings. To book one of Crystal's anniversary voyages or explore its itineraries, contact your travel advisor, visit crystalcruises.com or call 1-800-446-6620.

### **About Crystal**

For more than three decades, Crystal has been synonymous with exceptional, award-winning voyages. In 2022, A&K Travel Group (AKTG) acquired the Crystal brand and its two vessels, Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony, ushering in a new era of being Exceptional at Sea. The globally renowned cruise line offers discerning travelers industry-leading, authentic, and enriching experiences both onshore and at sea. Crystal's pioneering partnership with Abercrombie & Kent provides guests with unparalleled access to the most sought-after experiences and destinations around the world. The reimagined ships boast larger, updated suites with artisanal finishes, and almost one member of crew per guest. Crystal is home to the first-ever Casino de Monte-Carlo at sea as part of an exclusive collaboration with Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer (SBM), and world-class dining includes Umi Uma®, the only dining experience at sea by Michelin-rated chef Nobu (Nobuyuki Matsuhisa), and the only Beefbar on the ocean, a collaboration with visionary restaurateur Riccardo Giraudi. The ships also feature cutting-edge wellness at the Aurōra Spa, and spectacular entertainment including Broadway-standard shows. With a legacy of unrivaled service and commitment to sophistication and elegance at every touchpoint, once onboard guests feel as if they are perfectly at home.

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