2027 WORLD CRUISE: STORIES OF THE SOUTH SEAS

Embark on a 140-Night Pacific Rim Journey Across 29 Countries and Four Continents



MIAMI (Jan. 14, 2025) — Crystal, the leader in exceptional cruise experiences, announced today the 2027 World Cruise aboard *Crystal Serenity*. The 140-night journey spans 83 destinations, inviting travelers to discover the rich cultures of Central and South America, the idyllic islands of French Polynesia, New Zealand and Australia, the ancient wonders across Asia, and the majestic scenery of Alaska. Open for booking on Jan. 27, 2025, with a waitlist now available, this bucket-list voyage promises a blend of cultural discovery, world-class service and curated global itineraries crafted exclusively for Crystal guests.

Departing from San Diego on Jan. 8, 2027, and culminating in Vancouver, British Columbia, on May 28, 2027, the Pacific Rim World Cruise, "Stories of the South Seas," offers an unforgettable expedition to 29 countries, four continents and will cross the International Date Line twice. Revisiting standout destinations, such as Tasmania, American Samoa, and Indonesia from Crystal's acclaimed 2019 itinerary, the 2027 voyage will feature several immersive experiences curated by Crystal's sister brand Abercrombie & Kent. Highlights include guided culinary tours in Thailand, private access to Indonesia's historic temples, and intimate cultural moments such as Fijian firewalking ceremonies. Guests will also journey to Mexico's vibrant coasts, uncover Central America's hidden gems, marvel at the mysterious statues of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and bask in French Polynesia's turquoise lagoons. The adventure continues with stops in

New Zealand, Australia, Southeast Asia, China, South Korea and Japan, before winding down in Alaska with visits to Sitka, Ketchikan and Hubbard Glacier.

"Crystal continues to redefine what it means to embark on the journey of a lifetime, offering innovative and educational ways to explore the world while delivering the highest levels of service," said Cristina Levis, CEO of A&K Travel Group. "This thoughtfully designed World Cruise itinerary, developed in collaboration with Abercrombie & Kent, exemplifies our commitment to create exceptional experiences that inspire at every turn."

World Cruise Itinerary Highlights

- January: Depart from San Diego, sailing down Mexico's vibrant coasts before exploring Central America's cultural gems, such as El Salvador's Acajutla and Costa Rica's natural beauty. Visit South America with stops in Manta and Guayaquil, Ecuador.
- **February:** Cross the South Pacific to French Polynesia's Bora Bora, Tahiti and Moorea, famed for their lagoons and volcanic landscapes. Continue to Samoa and Fiji for cultural ceremonies, tropical beaches and lush rainforests.
- March: Explore New Zealand's fjords, Maori heritage, and cities including Auckland and Christchurch. Sail on to Australia, visiting Tasmania, Sydney's harbor and the Great Barrier Reef.
- April: Discover Southeast Asia's treasures, from Indonesia's ancient temples to the vibrant streets of Singapore and Bangkok. Experience Thailand's cuisine's, Vietnam's history in Ho Chi Minh City, and China's landmarks in Shanghai and Xiamen.
- May: Visit Busan, South Korea, then explore Japan's Hiroshima, Kobe and Tokyo. End in Alaska and visit glaciers, forests and ports such as Sitka before arriving in Vancouver, BC.

Fernando Barroso de Oliveira, Crystal's chairman and brand ambassador, will accompany the 2027 World Cruise voyage, sharing his expertise and passion for travel.

"Sailing on more than 30 world cruises has been the journey of a lifetime," said Barroso de Oliveira, who is currently on the 2025 World Cruise aboard *Crystal Serenity*. "Each voyage is unique—a tapestry of unforgettable destinations, inspiring cultures and the cherished connections made along the way. No matter how often I embark on a world cruise, the sense of wonder and discovery remains just as vivid as the first."

World Cruise Benefits

Travelers on the full 2027 World Cruise can look forward to a range of benefits, including:

- Business Class Included Air or Air Credit
- \$1,500 'As You Wish' shipboard credit
- Unlimited dining at Osteria d'Ovidio, Beefbar and Umi Uma (reservations required)
- Themed onboard events
- Private transfers and Luggage Valet service
- Complimentary laundry and pressing (second-day service)
- Exclusive shoreside events for full World Cruise guests
- Complimentary initial onboard medical visit

Pricing for the 2027 World Cruise starts at \$69,000 per person, based on double occupancy. For more information or to reserve a place on this once-in-a-lifetime journey, 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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