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***TravelAge West* Announces Its 2023 Editor’s Pick Recipients**

**March 1, 2023 (Los Angeles)** — [COMPANY] has been honored with a *TravelAge West* 2023 Editor’s Pick Award in the category of [name of category here] as part of the magazine’s 2023 WAVE Awards.

Now in its 18th year, the goal of *TravelAge West’s* WAVE Awards is to give travel advisors in the U.S. the opportunity to recognize the outstanding qualities and services of their travel-supplier partners.

The Editor’s Picks were chosen by Publisher/Editor-in-Chief Ken Shapiro and the entire editorial team of *TravelAge West.* Review methods included product analysis, on-site visits and a survey of a select group of travel advisors and industry experts.

With this distinction, Editor’s Pick honorees are also in the running for a WAVE Award, to be determined by a *TravelAge West* readers’ choice poll conducted during the month of April. The voting is open to readers of the print and online publication and will be available at www.travelagewest.com/wave-awards.

“With travel once again booming, there are a lot of suppliers who deserve recognition for treating their customers and their partners the right way,” Shapiro said. “The WAVE Awards give travel advisors the opportunity to acknowledge the best of the best, and reward companies that stood by them during tough times.”

Editor’s Pick recipients will be celebrated in person at the WAVE Awards Gala on June 8 at The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey, in Marina del Rey, Calif., where the award winners will be announced as well. *TravelAge West* will include a special WAVE Awards section in the July 10 issue, highlighting award winners.

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*TravelAge West* is the leading trade media outlet for travel advisors and the travel industry in the 15 Western U.S. states. Serving more than 21,000 readers for 54 years, the brand is a main source of news and product information for the region’s agents and travel executives. TravelAgeWest.com is a two-time winner of a Gold Award from the North American Travel Journalists Association for Best Travel Journalism Website. *TravelAge West* is a part of Northstar Travel Group LLC, a worldwide provider of information, news and data for the travel and hospitality industry. Northstar Travel Group is based in Rutherford, N.J.

2023 WAVE AWARDS

WAVE CATEGORIES & EDITOR’S PICKS

**AIR**

**Best Airline Vacation Brand**

American Airlines Vacations

Delta Vacations

JetBlue Vacations

Southwest Vacations

United Vacations

**Best Airline, Domestic**

Alaska Airlines

American Airlines

Delta Air Lines

Hawaiian Airlines

United Airlines

**Best Airline, International**

Air France

Emirates

Fiji Airways

Qatar Airways

Singapore Airlines

Turkish Airlines

**Best International First/Business Class**

Air France

Emirates

Etihad Airways

Qatar Airways

Singapore Airlines

Turkish Airlines

**Best Airline Loyalty Program**

Alaska Airlines

American Airlines

Delta Air Lines

Southwest Airlines

United Airlines

**CRUISE**

**Cruise Line with the Highest Client Satisfaction (less than 1,300 passengers)**

Azamara

Oceania Cruises

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Seabourn Cruise Line

Silversea Cruises

Viking

**Cruise Line with the Highest Client Satisfaction (more than 1,300 passengers)**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Disney Cruise Line

Norwegian Cruise Line

Royal Caribbean International

Virgin Voyages

**Cruise Line Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support (ocean-going)**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Norwegian Cruise Line

Princess Cruises

Royal Caribbean International

Viking

Virgin Voyages

**Expedition Cruise Line Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Atlas Ocean Voyages

Hurtigruten Expeditions

Lindblad Expeditions - National Geographic

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours

Seabourn Cruise Line

Silversea Cruises

**Small-Ship Cruise Line Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

American Cruise Lines

Ponant

SeaDream Yacht Club

UnCruise Adventures
Windstar Cruises

**Best New Ship (ocean-going)**

Carnival Celebration, Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Beyond, Celebrity Cruises

Discovery Princess, Princess Cruises

Disney Wish, Disney Cruise Line

MSC Seascape, MSC Cruises

Norwegian Prima, Norwegian Cruise Line

Silver Dawn, Silversea Cruises

Valiant Lady, Virgin Voyages

Viking Mars, Viking

Wonder of the Seas, Royal Caribbean International

**Best New Expedition Ship**

Ocean Victory, American Queen Voyages

Seabourn Venture, Seabourn Cruise Line

SH Vega, Swan Hellenic

Sylvia Earle, Aurora Expeditions

Viking Octantis, Viking

World Traveller, Atlas Ocean Voyages

**Best Onboard Dining Venue**

Jacques, Oceania Cruises

Le Voyage by Daniel Boulud, Celebrity Cruises

Pink Agave, Virgin Voyages

Rudi’s Sel de Mer, Holland America Line

S.A.L.T. Kitchen, Silversea Cruises

The Grill by Thomas Keller, Seabourn Cruise Line

**Best Cruise Line for Shows and Nightlife**

Celebrity Cruises

Disney Cruise Line

MSC Cruises

Norwegian Cruise Line

Royal Caribbean International

Virgin Voyages

**Best Cruise Line for Families**

Carnival Cruise Line

Disney Cruise Line

Norwegian Cruise Line

Princess Cruises

Royal Caribbean International

**Best Cruise Line for Caribbean Sailings**

Carnival Cruise Line

Celebrity Cruises

Norwegian Cruise Line

Princess Cruises

Royal Caribbean International

Virgin Voyages

**Best Cruise Line for Alaska Sailings**

Celebrity Cruises

Holland America Line

Norwegian Cruise Line

Princess Cruises

Royal Caribbean International

UnCruise Adventures

Windstar Cruises

**Best Cruise Line Private Island**

CocoCay, Royal Caribbean International

Disney’s Castaway Cay, Disney Cruise Line

Half Moon Cay, Holland America Line

Harvest Caye, Norwegian Cruise Line

Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve, MSC Cruises

Princess Cays, Princess Cruises

**Best World Cruise**

Cunard

Holland America Line

Oceania Cruises

Princess Cruises

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Seabourn Cruise Line

Silversea Cruises

Viking

**Best Cruise Line for Luxury**

Cunard

Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours

Seabourn Cruise Line

Silversea Cruises

The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection

**Best Cruise Line for Antarctica Sailings**

Atlas Ocean Voyages

Aurora Expeditions

Hurtigruten Expeditions

Lindblad Expeditions - National Geographic

Ponant

Quark Expeditions

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours

Seabourn Cruise Line

Silversea Cruises

Swan Hellenic

Viking

**RIVER CRUISE**

**River Cruise Line With the Highest Client Satisfaction**

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours

Tauck

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Viking

**River Cruise Line** **Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours

Tauck

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Viking

**Best New River Cruise Ship**

American Symphony, American Cruise Lines

Avalon View, Avalon Waterways

Emerald Luna, Emerald Cruises

Viking Hervor, Viking

Viking Mississippi, Viking

Viking Osiris, Viking

**Best River Cruise Line for U.S. Sailings**

American Cruise Lines

American Queen Voyages

Lindblad Expeditions - National Geographic

UnCruise Adventures

Viking

**Best River Cruise Line for Families**

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Tauck

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

**Best River Cruise Line for Luxury**

AmaWaterways

Avalon Waterways

Riviera River Cruises

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours

Tauck

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises

Viking

**RAIL**

**Best Rail Vacation Provider**

Alaska Railroad

Amtrak Vacations

Railbookers

Rocky Mountaineer

VIA Rail Canada

**TOUR OPERATOR**

**Escorted Tour Operator Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Abercrombie & Kent

Collette

G Adventures

Globus Family of Brands

Tauck

Trafalgar

**FIT Tour Operator Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Classic Vacations

Delta Vacations

Funjet Vacations

Pleasant Holidays

Travel Impressions

**Best FIT Tour Operator, Europe**

Avanti Destinations

Classic Vacations

Europe Express

Journese

Travel Impressions

**Best Escorted Tour Operator, Europe**

Abercrombie & Kent

Adventures by Disney

Collette

Globus Family of Brands

Insight Vacations

Tauck

Trafalgar

**Best Tour Operator, Africa**

Abercrombie & Kent

African Travel, Inc.

AndBeyond

Big Five Tours & Expeditions

G Adventures

**Best Tour Operator, Asia**

Avanti Destinations

Exoticca

G Adventures

Goway Travel

MT Sobek

Trafalgar

**Best Tour Operator, Australia/New Zealand/South Pacific**

Collette

Goway Travel

Kensington Tours

Pleasant Holidays

Swain Destinations

Trafalgar

**Best Tour Operator, Caribbean**

Apple Vacations

Delta Vacations

Funjet Vacations

GOGO Vacations

Pleasant Holidays

Travel Impressions

**Best Tour Operator, Central/South America**

Abercrombie & Kent

Exoticca

G Adventures

Globus Family of Brands

Insight Vacations

**Best Tour Operator, Hawaii**

Apple Vacations

Blue Sky Tours

Classic Vacations

GOGO Vacations

Pleasant Holidays

**Best Tour Operator, Mexico**

Apple Vacations

Classic Vacations

Delta Vacations

Funjet Vacations

GOGO Vacations

Pleasant Holidays

**Best Tour Operator, USA**

Collette

Globus Family of Brands

Insight Vacations

Tauck

Trafalgar

**Best Tour Operator for Adventure Travel**

Austin Adventures

Boundless Journeys

G Adventures

Intrepid Travel

National Geographic Expeditions

**Best Tour Operator for Multigenerational Travel**

Adventures by Disney

Austin Adventures

Big Five Tours & Expeditions

G Adventures

Tauck Bridges

Trafalgar

**Best Luxury Tour Operator**

Abercrombie & Kent

Audley Travel

Journese

Kensington Tours

Tauck

**Best Tour Company Foundation for Responsible Travel**

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, Abercrombie & Kent

Planeterra, G Adventures

The Collette Foundation, Collette

The Intrepid Foundation, Intrepid

The TreadRight Foundation, The Travel Corporation

**Best DMC, Europe**

Celebrated Experiences

Curated Greece

I.D.I. Travel

Olive Tree Escapes

Queen of Clubs

Titanium Tours

**CAR RENTAL**

**Car Rental Company Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Avis

Enterprise

Hertz

Sixt Rent a Car

**Car Rental Company Providing the Highest Client Satisfaction**

Avis

Enterprise

Hertz

Sixt Rent a Car

**RESORT/HOTEL**

**Hotel/Resort Chain Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Accor Live Limitless

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

Hyatt Hotels Corporation

IHG Hotels & Resorts

Marriott International

**All-Inclusive Hotel/Resort Chain Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

AIC Hotel Group

Club Med

Inclusive Collection, part of World of Hyatt

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Playa Hotels & Resorts

Sandals Resorts

**Best All-Inclusive Hotel Chain, Caribbean**

Club Med

Inclusive Collection, part of World of Hyatt

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Majestic Resorts

Playa Hotels & Resorts

Sandals Resorts

**Best All-Inclusive Hotel Chain, Mexico**

AIC Hotel Group

Hoteles Xcaret

Inclusive Collection, part of World of Hyatt

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Playa Hotels & Resorts

Velas Resorts

**Best New Resort or Major Renovation, Mexico**

Dreams Cozumel Cape Reosrt & Spa

Four Seasons Resort Tamarindo, Mexico

Hilton Tulum Riviera Maya All-Inclusive Resort

Riu Palace Kukulkan Hotel

Hyatt Zilara Riviera Maya

Royalton Splash Riviera Cancun

Secrets Moxche Playa del Carmen

Waldorf Astoria Cancun

**Best New Resort or Major Renovation, Caribbean**

Falcon’s Resort by Melia - All Suites Punta Cana

Jewel Punta Cana Resort & Spa

Rock House Turks and Caicos Resort

Sandals Royal Bahamian

Sandals Royal Curacao

Zoetry Marigot Bay St. Lucia

**Best New Resort or Major Renovation, Hawaii**

Fairmont Kea Lani

The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua

The Twin Fin

**Best All-Inclusive Resort Brand for Romance, Mexico**

ATELIER Hoteles

Hyatt Zilara

Karisma Hotels & Resorts

La Coleccion Resorts by Fiesta Americana

Palladium Hotel Group

Secrets Resorts & Spas

The Excellence Collection

**Best All-Inclusive Resort Brand for Romance, Caribbean**

Hyatt Zilara

Palladium Hotel Group

Sandals Resorts

Secrets Resorts & Spas

The Excellence Collection

**Best Hotel Brand, USA**

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

Hyatt Hotels Corporation

IHG Hotels & Resorts

Marriott International

**Best Hotel Brand, Hawaii**

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Marriott International

Outrigger Resorts & Hotels

**Best Hotel Brand for Families, Hawaii**

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Marriott International

Outrigger Resorts & Hotels

**Best Hotel Brand for Families, Mexico**

Club Med

Dreams Resorts & Spas

Hoteles Xcaret

Hyatt Ziva

Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts

Paradisus by Melia

**Best Hotel Brand for Families, Caribbean**

Atlantis Paradise Island Bahamas

Beaches Resorts

Club Med

Dreams Resorts & Spas

Hyatt Ziva

Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts

**Best Luxury Hotel Brand**

Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

InterContinental Hotels & Resorts

Rosewood Hotels & Resorts

St. Regis Hotels & Resorts

The Ritz-Carlton

**DESTINATIONS**

**Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, USA**

California

Florida

Hawaii

Las Vegas

New York

**Destination With the Highest** **Client Satisfaction, Mexico**

Cancun

Los Cabos

Mexico City

Puerto Vallarta

Riviera Maya

Riviera Nayarit

**Destination With the Highest** **Client Satisfaction, Caribbean**

Bahamas

Dominican Republic

Jamaica

Puerto Rico

St. Barts

**Destination With the Highest** **Client Satisfaction, Europe**

France

Great Britain

Greece

Ireland

Italy

Portugal

**Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Asia**

Indonesia

Japan

Korea

Philippines

Singapore

Thailand

**Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Pacific**

Australia

Cook Islands

Fiji

New Zealand

Tahiti

**Destination With the Highest Client Satisfaction, Central/South America**

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

Galapagos Islands

Peru

**Destination With the Highest** **Client Satisfaction, Africa**

Botswana

Kenya

South Africa

Tanzania

Uganda

**Destination With the Highest** **Client Satisfaction, Middle East**

Dubai

Egypt

Israel

Jordan

Qatar

**Favorite Three-Night Destination to Sell**

Disneyland Resort

Lake Tahoe

Las Vegas

Los Cabos

Scottsdale

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

**Travel Insurance Company Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Allianz Partners

AON

C&F Travel Insured International

Medjet

Travel Guard

Travelex Insurance Services

**Travel Insurance Company Providing the Highest Client Satisfaction**

Allianz Partners

AON

Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection

C&F Travel Insured International

Travel Guard

Travelex Insurance Services

**TOURISM BOARD**

**U.S. Tourism Board Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

New Orleans & Company

Visit California

Visit Florida

**International Tourism Board Providing the Best Travel Advisor Support**

Jamaica Tourist Board

Japan National Tourism Organization

Jordan Tourism Board

Los Cabos Tourism Board

Switzerland Tourism

Tourism Australia

Tourism Ireland