

Oceania Cruises to Debut Riviera in Alaska in 2025

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Oceania Cruises is offering more than a dozen immersive explorations of **Alaska** in 2025. In a first for the line, the 1,250-guest **Riviera** will sail its inaugural season in Alaska, making it the first and only cruise ship in the region designed "for foodies by foodies," where travelers will enjoy the best of the 49th state.

The 2025 Alaska season takes place from May through September, offering a variety of itineraries ranging from seven to 12 days that depart from **Seattle**, **Vancouver** and **Whittier**. Each itinerary includes lesser-known and iconic ports such as **Homer**, **Sitka** and **Juneau**, giving travelers plentiful opportunities to engage with the destination through Native tribe site visits, national park excursions, wildlife encounters and more. Each sailing will also have a naturalist on board to offer expert insights into the region's biodiversity.

Good to know: Oceania Cruises' **Alaska Explorer Youth Program** is available on all voyages in the region in 2025. Designed for children between the ages of five and 12 years old, the program will include games, activities and Alaska-inspired special events, where young adventurers will be supervised by experienced youth counselors.

Guests will also have the option to include a pre- or post-cruise land program such as "**Discover Denali**." With over two full days in Denali, guests will revel in a fully escorted experience including travel by domed railcar and along scenic byways through the wilds of Alaska. Wildlife-spotting opportunities abound, including bald eagles, caribou and Dall sheep, alongside marveling at glacial-fed rivers and the chance to see the original ranger's cabin, once the only outpost in the park. The four-day program also includes an Alaskan Native presentation on the history of the land and a natural history tour.

Additionally, the line incorporates Alaska's culinary scene into its guest experience through new hands-on cooking classes in **The Culinary Center** and the **Chef's Market Dinners** in the **Terrace Café** curated by the onboard culinary team using local ingredients from the region. Culinary-focused excursions include:

- **Alaskan Coastal Brunch Escape & Cruise, Juneau** – Cruise through the waters of Juneau and onto a remote speck of an island in **Stephens Passage** for a classic brunch. While cruising to the remote **Colt Island**, look for humpback whales and other marine life. Enjoy a brunch at the seaside **Orca Point Lodge** complete with entrées prepared with locally sourced ingredients.
- **Exclusive Crabbing Experience, Ketchikan** – Set out on a private charter to prime fishing grounds where you'll help the crew set crab pots and reel in Dungeness crabs, an Alaskan delicacy. As the pots settle, enjoy fishing, scenery and insights into sustainable fishing practices. Once the catch is in, head to shore for a campfire feast of crabs in a saffron-infused bouillabaisse, followed by a rhubarb-blueberry crisp and hot coffee.
- **Exclusive Flightseeing & The Taste of Alaska, Ketchikan** – Fly over the **Tongass National Forest** in a **DeHavilland Beaver** floatplane, landing at **Salmon Falls Resort** for a feast of Alaskan dishes. Soar over America's largest national forest, with views of sea cliffs, fjords and misty peaks. You may even spot black bears and humpback whales. After landing in **Clover Pass Inlet**, tour the fishing resort before enjoying a classic Alaskan lunch of crab cakes, soy-glazed salmon and baked halibut.
- **Sitka Culinary Adventure** – As Alaska's second-largest seafood exporter, Sitka is a culinary hub with cultural influences. Sample locally brewed beers made with glacial water, taste versatile sea salts from **Alaska Pure Sea Salt Company** and enjoy Russian dumplings at **Sitka Pelmeni**, honoring the city's Russian heritage. Additional tastings may include cod tips, reindeer hot dogs, ceviche and chowder.
- **Succulent Seafood Sampling, Juneau** – Sample seafood at downtown spots while learning about Alaska's sustainable fishing practices. Start at a memorial honoring commercial fishermen before tasting smoked king salmon at **Taku Smokeries**. At **Tracy's King Crab Shack**, enjoy king crab bisque and a crab cake, followed by smoked salmon dip, caviar and kelp salsa at **Taste Alaska!** At **Deckhand Dave's**, savor rockfish tacos, then finish with halibut ceviche and a blueberry mojito at the **Crystal Saloon**.
- **Hook & Cook at Salmon Falls, Ketchikan** – Ketchikan offers the chance to reel in chum, sockeye, king, silver, pink salmon, and possibly halibut, cod or rockfish. Fish the waters off Ketchikan in a boat, and enjoy fresh catch, cooked at **Salmon Falls Resort**, prepared at **Timbers Restaurant** and paired with side dishes.

- **Tongass Hike & Taste of Alaska, Ketchikan** – Hike a challenging two-mile coastal gravel trail through the Tongass National Forest, led by a guide who will point out native species. The steep, rocky **Coast Guard Beach** trail offers beach views. Enjoy a three-course seafood lunch at Salmon Falls Resort of locally sourced salmon, halibut and crab cakes, paired with a local craft beer or wine.

Alaska Voyage Highlights

- Eight-day "**Alaska Reflections**" from Vancouver to Whittier visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, **Skagway**, **Hoonah** and Sitka, departing May 13
- Eight-day "**Explorer's Alaska**" from Whittier to Vancouver visiting Hoonah, Skagway, Sitka, Ketchikan and **Prince Rupert**, departing May 21
- 12-day "**Wilds of Alaska**" from Vancouver to Whittier visiting **Klawock**, Ketchikan, **Wrangell**, Hoonah, **Haines**, Juneau, Sitka, **Kodiak** and Homer, departing May 29
- Seven-day "**Alaskan Accolades**" from Whittier to Vancouver visiting Hoonah, Haines, Juneau and Ketchikan, departing June 10
- Nine-day "**Majestic Alaska**" from Vancouver to Seattle visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, Haines, Wrangell and **Victoria**, departing June 17
- 12-day "**Gems of The Last Frontier**" from Seattle to Seattle visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, Hoonah, Haines, Sitka, Wrangell, Klawock and Victoria, departing June 26 & July 17
- Nine-day "**Wonders of Alaska**" from Seattle to Seattle visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Sitka and Victoria, departing July 8
- 10-day "**Radiant Alaska**" sailing round-trip from Seattle, visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Hoonah, Sitka and Victoria, departing July 29
- 10-day "**Frontier Adventures**" sailing round-trip from Seattle, visiting Ketchikan, Sitka, Haines, Juneau, Wrangell and Victoria, departing August 8

For more information, www.oceaniacruises.com (<https://www.oceaniacruises.com>).

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Cruise Updates: Labor Action Looms, CLIA's Craighead to Depart, New Luna

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New York City is one of many major U.S. ports from Maine to Texas that could see a potential strike by the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA). That could start October 1, 2024, if the workers can't come to terms with the United States Maritime Alliance, representing companies doing business at the ports. Among their job tasks, those workers typically resupply cruise ships. (Photo by bloodua/iStock/Getty Images Plus/Getty Images)

The cruise industry is carefully monitoring a [labor dispute that has the potential to impact U.S. ports and thus cruise operations from Maine to Texas](https://ilaunion.org/ila-rank-and-file-members-ready-to-take-ultimate-stand-to-win-fair-contract-they-will-strike-on-october-1-for-wages-and-benefits-they-believe-they-deserve/) (<https://ilaunion.org/ila-rank-and-file-members-ready-to-take-ultimate-stand-to-win-fair-contract-they-will-strike-on-october-1-for-wages-and-benefits-they-believe-they-deserve/>). The **International Longshoremen's Association (ILA)** and the **United States Maritime Alliance (USMX)** have not yet agreed on a new contract. ILA workers resupply both cargo and cruise ships at many Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico ports, among them Miami, New York, Boston, New Orleans and others.

If no labor agreement is reached on increasing wages and changes in workplace policies, an ILA strike could potentially start October 1, 2024. A labor walk-out could result in some ship departure delays, or if the labor action is extended, even the possibility of some cancelled sailings. While the two parties had ceased labor talks, [USMX last week issued a media statement](https://www.usmx.com/assets/content/public-resources/9-17-24_USMX_RESPONSE_TO_JOINT_ASSOCIATION_COALITION_LETTER.pdf) (https://www.usmx.com/assets/content/public-resources/9-17-24_USMX_RESPONSE_TO_JOINT_ASSOCIATION_COALITION_LETTER.pdf) advocating for resumption of the negotiations. What exactly will occur is yet unknown, so stay tuned for any updates.

In major personnel news, **Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)** is now in the market for a new president and CEO to begin service by year's end. "After nearly six years, Kelly Craighead has decided to depart the association, at the end of the year as part of a thoughtful transition," said CLIA in a media statement sent to *Travel Agent*. In that statement, Jason Liberty, chair of CLIA's executive committee, also said that "Kelly has worked tirelessly and overseen incredible accomplishments in her five-plus years at CLIA—from navigating an unprecedented industry shutdown to aligning our ambitious sustainability initiatives to positioning cruise at the forefront of responsible tourism and championing the unparalleled growth in our industry and record-breaking passenger numbers."

More Cruise News

Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) shared a [first look at Norwegian Luna](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/africa-indian-ocean/first-look-norwegian-cruise-lines-upcoming-norwegian-luna), (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/africa-indian-ocean/first-look-norwegian-cruise-lines-upcoming-norwegian-luna>) its new *Prima*-plus-class ship that will sail roundtrip from Miami from April 4, 2026, through November 2026. Separately, late last week, **Virgin Voyages** told *Travel Agent* that it's sending *Scarlet Lady* into drydock later this fall. Starting in November, guests will discover 24 new suites; a new evening menu concept and fresh interiors in Razzle Dazzle; luxury cabanas overlooking the Aquatic Club; transformation of the ship's coffee bar into a stylish new nighttime spot; and even a new mermaid symbol on the ship's bow.

Marking the start of **Viking's new series of fall voyages targeted at English speaking guests**, (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/viking-celebrates-return-china-new-routes-2025>) last week the 930-passenger *Viking Yi Dun* (formerly the *Viking Sun*) completed its inaugural voyage from Shanghai to Hong Kong (Shenzhen). Calls were made at multiple Chinese ports. Other new *Viking Yi Dun* voyages will cater to the Japanese market, and the line will continue to offer many voyages for Chinese travelers as well.

In other Asia news, **Silversea's Silver Nova will set sail in Asia and the Pacific region for the first time** (<https://www.luxurytraveladvisor.com/cruises/silverseas-new-ship-silver-nova-set-debut-asia-pacific>) in late 2024 and in 2025, as reported in sister publication *Luxury Travel Advisor*. In addition, Silversea announced that its 2025 Venetian Society Reunion voyage aboard *Silver Spirit* will sail from Fusina (Venice), Italy, to Piraeus (Athens), Greece, on October 17, 2025. It will be hosted by Silversea's President Bert Hernandez.



For the first time in late 2024 and 2025, Silversea's Silver Nova will set sail on Asia and Pacific region itineraries. (Silversea)

Carnival Cruise Line, which celebrated 30 years sailing from Tampa, FL, this past weekend, unveiled [new 2026-27 cruises from both U.S. East Coast and West Coast ports](https://www.carnivalcorp.com/node/75576/pdf) (<https://www.carnivalcorp.com/node/75576/pdf>). Among them are voyages from Miami and Port Canaveral, FL; Norfolk, VA; and San Francisco. Sister brand **Holland America Line** is introducing [new stateroom décor packages](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/holland-america-line-rolls-out-stateroom-decor-packages-onboard-celebrations) (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/holland-america-line-rolls-out-stateroom-decor-packages-onboard-celebrations>) for guests who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries.

On Saturday, French protestors from Extinction Rebellion and Stop Croisieres, an environmental group, used a canoe blockade to stop ship traffic into Marseille's cruise port. The blockade caused disruptions in cruise ship and ferry traffic for a few hours, with one ship docking elsewhere, but the port reopened later in the morning.

Small Ship Adventures

On the small-ship front, **UnCruise Adventures** announced a [new Baja holiday sailing](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/uncruise-adventures-unveils-new-baja-holiday-sailing) (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/uncruise-adventures-unveils-new-baja-holiday-sailing>) while **HX**, Hurtigruten's expedition line, unveiled [new itineraries for the 2026-2027 season](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/hx-launches-new-itineraries-202627-season) (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/hx-launches-new-itineraries-202627-season>). **Lindblad Expeditions** has launched a series of new chartered Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic voyages along the Upper Amazon River and Peru (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/lindblad-expeditions-charters-delfin-iii>) aboard the all-suite, 42-guest *Delfin III*.

In addition, **Quark Expeditions** has announced the launch of the "[Antarctica by Helicopter: Icebergs, Mountains, and Remote Lands](https://www.luxurytraveladvisor.com/transportation/quark-expeditions-launches-antarctica-helicopter-itinerary)" (<https://www.luxurytraveladvisor.com/transportation/quark-expeditions-launches-antarctica-helicopter-itinerary>)" itinerary, allowing guests to access rarely visited areas. And in our third and final article about **Viking's** "America's Heartland" itinerary, *Travel Agent* looks at *Viking Mississippi* and the [Upper Mississippi river cruise experience](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/africa-indian-ocean/site-viking-mississippi-lacrosse-red-wing-and-st-paul) (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/africa-indian-ocean/site-viking-mississippi-lacrosse-red-wing-and-st-paul>) at La Crosse, WI, and Red Wing, MN, as well as the post-cruise stay in St. Paul, MN.

Promotions and Trade News

Princess Cruises extended its "[Better than Best Price Guarantee](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/princess-cruises-extends-better-best-price-guarantee-offer)" (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/princess-cruises-extends-better-best-price-guarantee-offer>)" through December 15. So, guests can continue to book their 2025 or 2026 cruise vacation at what the company calls "the absolute best cruise fare available." Sister brand **Seabourn** also unveiled a new "[Sail into Savings](https://www.luxurytraveladvisor.com/cruises/seabourn-unveils-new-sail-savings-promotion)" (<https://www.luxurytraveladvisor.com/cruises/seabourn-unveils-new-sail-savings-promotion>)" promotion for bookings made by October 29, 2024; travelers will be eligible for savings of up to 15 percent on select 2024-2026 Seabourn voyages.

On the trade front, Nexion Travel Group is addressing surging consumer cruise interest by [expanding its Cruise Group Space program](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/nexion-travel-group-host-inaugural-cruise-summit-2025) (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/nexion-travel-group-host-inaugural-cruise-summit-2025>). It's added new supplier partners and introduced a multi-day summit designed to enhance members' cruise sales skills. Joining the program this year are **Azamara Cruises** and **Windstar Cruises**. Other participating partners include Royal Caribbean, Norwegian Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, Oceania Cruises, Cunard, Princess, Regent Seven Seas and Holland America Line.

Carnival Cruise Line has completed its "[Your Peek at Paradise](https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/carnival-concludes-celebration-key-preview-series)" (<https://www.travelagentcentral.com/cruises/carnival-concludes-celebration-key-preview-series>)" events for travel advisors; those provided details about the line's Celebration Key destination which opens on Grand Bahama Island in July 2025. Separately, *Travel Agent* sailed late last week with hundreds of travel advisors on a two-night **HX** (Hurtigruten Expeditions) cruise on the *Fridtjof Nansen*. Look for our article soon.

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