

PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES RECOGNIZED FOR "BEST SOUTH PACIFIC ITINERARIES" IN PORTHOLE CRUISE MAGAZINE'S 2014 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS



BELLEVUE, WASH. – November 18, 2014 – Paul Gauguin Cruises (<u>www.pgcruises.com</u>), 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*, was recognized by *Porthole Cruise Magazine* as having the "Best South Pacific Itineraries" in the 16th Annual Readers' Choice Awards. 2014 marks the fifth consecutive year that Paul Gauguin Cruises has received this accolade.

The magazine's annual awards poll asked readers to evaluate the world's cruise lines and determine the industry's leaders. The full list of winners can be found on the magazine's website, www.porthole.com, and is featured in the December 2014 issue of *Porthole Cruise Magazine*.

"We are thrilled to receive this award," said Diane Moore, President of Paul Gauguin Cruises. "The Gauguin has been delivering enchanting and authentic experiences on voyages in Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific for many years, and we look forward to continuing to share our expertise in this region with our guests."

"When it comes to cruising the South Pacific, it's hard to top the experience and options offered by Paul Gauguin Cruises," said Bill Panoff, publisher and editor-in-chief of Porthole Cruise Magazine. "Savvy cruisers have continually recognized this stellar experience by consistently voting for the line for Best South Pacific Itineraries. I congratulate Paul Gauguin on its much-deserved win."

The Gauguin's itineraries in French Polynesia and the South Pacific feature a host of exquisite islands with white-sand beaches, aqua lagoons, mist-laden mountains, and warm Polynesian culture. Itineraries in 2015 include: 7-night <u>Tahiti & the Society Islands</u>; 10-night <u>Society Islands & Tuamotus</u>; 11-night <u>Cook Islands & Society Islands</u>; 12-and 13-night <u>Fiji, Tonga, Cook & Society Islands</u>; and 14-night <u>Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands</u>. New for 2015 is an exotic 10-night <u>Roundtrip Fiji</u> voyage.

Paul Gauguin Cruises offers extraordinary value with savings of 50% off standard all-inclusive cruise fares on all 2015 voyages, plus included airfare from Los Angeles on itineraries on *The Gauquin*.

For rates or more information on Paul Gauguin Cruises, please contact a Travel Professional, call 800-848-6172, or visit www.pgcruises.com.

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About Porthole Cruise Magazine

Porthole Cruise Magazine is published bimonthly in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Now in its 18th year, it is the nation's leading consumer cruise publication, featuring cruise and destination articles for both first-time and experienced cruisers. Available bimonthly on newsstands as well as by both print and digital subscriptions, each issue includes ship reviews, cruise destination features, and other editorial about cruise trends, food and wine, spa and wellbeing, entertainment, kids activities, and other onboard amenities. To learn more, visit Porthole.com.

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 Gauguin's accolades include recognition as one of the "Top 20 Small Cruise Ships" in 2013 for the 15th year in a row by readers of Condé Nast Traveler. The m/v Tere Moana offers voyages in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe, accommodating 88 guests with a staff of 62. In 2013, The Moana received "Best New Small Ship" and "Best Way to See the Greek Isles" in Cruisereport.com's Editors' Choice Awards. This year, Paul Gauguin Cruises was voted "#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line" and "#1 Small-Ship Cruise Line for Families" in Travel + Leisure's 2014 World's Best Awards. For more information about Paul Gauguin Cruises, visit www.pgcruises.com.

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