**Scenic Gem is Awarded Best River Ship for 2020 in Cruise Critic’s Cruisers’ Choice Awards**

Boston & Vancouver, July 2020 – [Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours](http://www.scenicusa.com)’ *Scenic Gem,* which sails the Seine river in France, has been awarded Best River Ship for 2020 in Cruise Critic’s Cruisers’ Choice Awards. Launched in 2014, [*Scenic Gem*](https://www.scenicusa.com/our-ships/our-space-ships/scenic-gem) broke new ground as it was custom-built to sail all the way to the port commune of Honfleur and the tidal stretch of river that reaches Rouen. Thanks to a special design and cutting-edge technologies, the Scenic Space Ship was the first passenger river ship to be certified to navigate that far along the Seine and is still one of only a handful able to do so.

The award is based entirely on Cruise Critic’s customer reviews and rankings from 2019 sailings. This is the second Cruise Critic award Scenic has won this year, earlier receiving Best New Ship for *Scenic Eclipse*, the world’s first Luxury Discovery yacht.

*Scenic Gem* carries 126 guests in spacious luxury between Paris and Honfleur, stopping in a variety of ports such as Rouen, Vernon and Les Andelys. Normandy is always a highlight for guests, both for its historic sites relating to Joan of Arc and its medieval villages as well as being the setting for major battles in WWI and WWII. Rich in visual treasures, the cruise showcases palaces, cathedrals, Monet’s former residence and gardens, the English Channel’s Alabaster Coast, and an array of scenic French countryside vistas. Guests enjoy an exclusive classical concert performed by the region’s top musicians in Vernon’s Château de La Roche-Guyon, overlooking the river and the small village bearing the same name.

The 5-star *Scenic Gem*’s suites range up to 455 ft² with private walk-out balconies and private butler service. The all-inclusive luxury experience also includes unlimited complimentary beverages and spirits including mini-bar re-stocked daily, up to six on-board dining options, a wellness and fitness center, and spacious public areas. And guests will never have to reach for the wallet or purse as everything (except a haircut or massage) is included: tips and gratuities, expert local guides, all Scenic Freechoice activities that allow for a more personalized vacation, plus Scenic Enrich events which are exclusive to Scenic and its guests.

Guests booking by August 14, 2020 receive a complimentary pre-cruise overnight stay at Hilton Opera Paris\* as well as a city tour in a classic Citroën 2CV car and transfers between airport, hotel and ship. Free and reduced fare flights and a free Book with Confidence program that offers guests additional flexibility and includes Deposit Protection (value $125) and reduced deposits is also offered.

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours has grown over its 34-year history to include award-winning, all-inclusive river and ocean cruises and handcrafted land tours that take participants to many of the world’s most fascinating destinations. Since 2008, Scenic has offered river cruises in Europe, SE Asia and Russia on its 15 Space-Ships and Egypt on a luxury charter. In 2019, Scenic introduced the world’s first luxury Discovery Yacht, the 228-guest *Scenic Eclipse*. Sister brand Emerald Cruises, parent brand of Emerald Waterways and the newly formed Emerald Yacht Cruises, has nine branded Star-Ships offering river sailings in Europe and on the Mekong, as well as the chartered river ship along the Volga River in Russia (MS *Nizhny Novgorod*). In 2021, the *Emerald Azzurra* will be the first yacht to launch under the Emerald Cruises brand - a 100-guest super yacht that will ply the warm waters of the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Red seas.

Additional information can be obtained via travel agents in the US or on its website: [www.scenicusa.com](http://www.scenicusa.com); phone 844-788-7985; or email: [info@scenicusa.com](mailto:info@scenicusa.com), or in Canada at [www.scenic.ca](http://www.scenic.ca); phone (866) 689-8611; or email: [info@scenic.ca](mailto:info@scenic.ca).

\*Hotels may be subject to change.

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