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CRUISE THE WORLD'S GREATEST EVENTS

2027-2028 FESTIVAL & EVENT CRUISE CALENDAR

Special events • cultural festivals • sporting spectacles • seasonal wonders

Start with the moment you want to experience. Then choose the cruise that puts you there.

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2027 EVENT CRUISE CALENDAR

Eight standout ways to let the event choose the itinerary.

WHEN	EVENT	WHERE	CRUISE LINE / SHIP	MARKETED SAILING	WHY IT FITS
JAN-FEB	**Rio Carnaval**	Brazil	Azamara Journey	10-night Rio de Janeiro, Paraty & Sao Paulo Feb 7-17, 2027	Samba Parade experiences available during the cruise. EVENT-FOCUSED
FEB	**Mardi Gras**	New Orleans, USA	Margaritaville at Sea Islander	8-Night Mardi Gras Overnight & Mexico Mardi Gras Day: Feb 9, 2027	Overnight New Orleans call deliberately timed to Carnival. EVENT-FOCUSED
MAR-APR	**Tulip Season**	Netherlands & Belgium	Viking	Tulips & Windmills - 10 days, roundtrip Amsterdam Spring 2027 departures	Keukenhof Gardens and Low Countries spring bloom. SEASONAL
APR	**Cherry Blossoms**	Japan	Silversea - Silver Moon	Japan Cherry Blossoms Featuring Kobe & Hokkaido Apr 3-17, 2027	Sakura-focused itinerary following the bloom north. SEASONAL
JUN	**Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix**	Monaco	Explora Journeys - EXPLORA I	Monaco F1 Race Weekend, Reimagined Jun 2-7, 2027	Ship positioned in Port Hercule; race access packages available. EVENT-FOCUSED
JUL-AUG	**Total Solar Eclipse**	Mediterranean	Holland America Line	14-Day Mediterranean Solar Eclipse with Malta Overnight Jul 31-Aug 14, 2027	Total eclipse viewing at sea on Aug 2 with astronomer programming. EVENT-FOCUSED
AUG	**Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**	Scotland	Azamara Journey	12-night Scotland Intensive: Edinburgh, Aberdeen & Glasgow Aug 17-29, 2027	Sailing overlaps the Aug 6-28 Tattoo; event tickets separate. TIMED PAIRING
NOV-DEC	**Christmas Markets**	Germany	AmaWaterways - AmaCerto	Magical Christmas Markets of Germany Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8 & Dec 15 departures	Dedicated Christmas-market themed river sailings. EVENT-FOCUSED

PLANNING NOTE Event access may require separate tickets or shore experiences. Inventory, ports and event dates can change; confirm at booking.

2028 EVENT CRUISE CALENDAR

A strong year for Japan, European spring blooms and holiday river cruising.

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MAR-APR	**Tulip Season**	Netherlands & Belgium	Viking	Tulips & Windmills - 10 days, roundtrip Amsterdam Spring 2028 departures	Keukenhof and springtime Low Countries itinerary already on sale. **SEASONAL**
MAR-APR	**Cherry Blossoms**	Japan	Silversea - Silver Moon	Japan Cherry Blossoms Featuring Kobe & Hokkaido Mar 29-Apr 13, 2028	15-day sailing designed around sakura season. **SEASONAL**
APR-MAY	**Golden Week**	Japan	Silversea - Silver Moon	Japan Featuring Osaka & Hiroshima Apr 28-May 8, 2028	Silversea explicitly markets the voyage around Golden Week celebrations. **EVENT-FOCUSED**
JUL-AUG	**Japan Summer Festivals**	Japan	Princess - Diamond & Sapphire Princess	Festival-focused Japan summer voyages Summer 2028	Access to Nebuta, Hakodate Minato, Yosakoi, Awa Odori, Bon Odori & Kumano Fireworks. **EVENT-FOCUSED**
NOV-DEC	**Christmas Markets**	Germany	AmaWaterways - AmaPrima / AmaCerto	Magical Christmas Markets of Germany Nov 29 & Dec 13, 2028 departures	Marketed Christmas-market themed departures between Frankfurt and Nuremberg. **EVENT-FOCUSED**
DEC	**New Year on the Rhine**	Switzerland-Germany-Netherlands	AmaWaterways - AmaMaria	Enchanting Rhine Dec 27, 2028 departure	Basel-to-Amsterdam sailing designated as a New Year's Celebration. **EVENT-FOCUSED**

2028 SPOTLIGHT: JAPAN

Princess is marketing its largest-ever Japan summer season for 2028, with festival-focused voyages timed to six major celebrations and late-night stays for better access.

PLAN AROUND THE MOMENT

Event-driven trips reward early planning - because the date is often the least flexible part of the vacation.

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BOOK EARLIER	**CHECK EVENT ACCESS**	**BUILD THE WHOLE TRIP**
Special-event sailings can sell quickly, and the best staterooms, flights and hotels may disappear first.	A cruise may be timed to an event without including admission. Confirm tickets, transfers and operating hours.	Consider pre/post hotels, air, rail, private touring and travel insurance as part of one coordinated itinerary.

OFFICIAL PLANNING SOURCES

- Azamara - 2027 Rio Carnaval cruises
- Margaritaville at Sea - Mardi Gras Overnight & Mexico
- Viking - Tulips & Windmills 2027/2028
- Silversea - Japan Cherry Blossoms 2027
- Explora Journeys - Monaco F1 2027
- Holland America - 2027 Solar Eclipse cruises
- Azamara - Scotland Intensive 2027
- AmaWaterways - Magical Christmas Markets of Germany
- Silversea - Golden Week 2028
- Princess - Japan cruises 2026-2028

READY TO BUILD A TRIP AROUND ONE OF THESE MOMENTS?

Castle & Compass Adventures can coordinate the cruise, air, hotels, transfers, event experiences and the details in between.

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Important: Itineraries, event dates, port calls and availability are subject to change. Event admission may not be included in cruise fare. Examples reflect published cruise-line information available in October 2026.