



## **VIRTUOSO® TRAVEL WEEK CONTINUES ITS TRADITION OF HONORING THE NETWORK'S TOP DESTINATION, CRUISE AND LIFESTYLE PARTNERS**

**LAS VEGAS (August 13, 2019)** – Global luxury travel network [Virtuoso®](#) took the opportunity this week to fete 18 outstanding destination, cruise and lifestyle partners with awards for their exceptional products and service as well as their strong collaboration with network member agencies. Winners were announced at two events taking place during the 31st annual Virtuoso Travel Week.

Virtuoso's Destination Showcase Dinner, held August 12 at Bellagio before an audience of more than 1,800 of luxury travel's finest, saw 10 awards presented to suppliers who embody the term "partnership" when it comes to working with Virtuoso advisors to deliver client experiences that exceed expectations:

- Best Tour Partner: **Belmond Trains & Cruises**
- Destinations & Experiences Ambassador of the Year: **Javier Eche copar, Abercrombie & Kent USA**
- Destinations & Experiences Partner of the Year: **Made for Spain & Portugal**
- Best Multi-Generational Program – Cruise: **Royal Caribbean International**
- Best Culinary Experience – Cruise: **Oceania Cruises**
- Most Luxurious Guest Experience – Cruise: **Crystal Cruises**
- Best River Cruise Line: **AmaWaterways**
- Best Expedition Cruise Line: **Silversea Expeditions**
- Best On-Site Partner: **Calvados Club Luxury Travel – Croatia**
- Tourism Board of the Year: **Switzerland Tourism**

The Alliance Partner Awards took place during an August 11 luncheon, also at Bellagio, and recognized eight exceptional preferred destinations and lifestyle partners:

- Most Engaged Tourism Board – US/Canada: **Tourism Australia**
- Most Engaged Tourism Board – Global: **Visit California**
- Most Innovative Alliances Partner: **El Corte Ingles**
- Most Comprehensive Advisor Program: **Austrian Tourist Office**
- Hottest Destination of the Year: **Slovenian Tourist Board**
- Top Destination of the Year: **Italian National Tourist Board**
- Virtuoso Alliances Ambassador of the Year: **Elisabeth Hakim, PromPeru**
- Lifestyle Partner of the Year: **Galleries Lafayette Paris**

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### **About Virtuoso**

**Virtuoso®** is the leading international travel agency network specializing in luxury and experiential travel. This by-invitation-only organization comprises over 1,000 travel agency partners with 20,000 elite travel advisors in 50 countries throughout North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Middle East. Drawing upon its preferred relationships with over 1,800 of the world's best hotels and resorts, cruise lines, airlines, tour companies and premier destinations, the network provides its upscale clientele with exclusive amenities, rare experiences and privileged access. More than (U.S.) \$26.4 billion in annual travel sales makes Virtuoso a powerhouse in the luxury travel industry. For more information, visit [www.virtuoso.com](http://www.virtuoso.com).

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