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Pearl Seas Cruises Opens 2026 Cruise Season



GUILFORD, CT – May 5, 2026 – Pearl Seas Cruises is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 cruise season this week. The first departure is May 7th along Pearl’s [15-Night Canadian Maritimes & St. Lawrence Seaway](#) cruise from Portland, Maine to Toronto, Ontario. The 2nd cruise, on May 22nd, follows Pearl’s [11-Night Great Lakes & Georgian Bay](#) itinerary from Toronto, ON to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and marks the beginning of the company’s Great Lakes season.

Pearl Seas Cruises has been exploring the Great Lakes and surrounding U.S. and Canadian coastal regions since 2014 with small ship, [Pearl Mist](#). The *Pearl Mist* is the only 100% private balcony, fully stabilized small ship in the region and was completely renovated in 2022.

“We are so pleased to begin our 12th season cruising the Great Lakes aboard *Pearl Mist*. Our crew is the most seasoned team in the region, and their years of experience enhances each of our itineraries on the Lakes immeasurably for our guests,” said Carter Robertson, President of Pearl Seas Cruises.

Pearl’s summer cruises on the Great Lakes and spring and fall itineraries throughout the Canadian Maritimes and New England are essentially sold out for 2026 and already filling up fast for 2027 and

2028. This year, the company is featuring four different itineraries on the Great Lakes, including an exceptional [14-Night Great Lakes Explorer](#) itinerary that sails all five Lakes in a single journey, operating between Toronto, ON and Duluth, Minnesota. Pearl Seas has also just introduced a brand-new [8-Night Prince Edward Island & Maine Coast](#) cruise sailing between Charlottetown, PEI and Portland, ME, which begins operating in 2028.

Pearl's itineraries throughout the region highlight bucket-list destinations from Mackinac Island and Niagara Falls to Prince Edward Island and Montreal. Each day, guests enjoy shoreside excursions from exhilarating sea plane rides and kayaking to museum visits and quaint tours in horse-drawn carriages. Cruises also feature daily onboard enrichment, illuminating the region's geography and diverse cultural history, influenced by Native American tribes, early explorers, traders, and European settlers.



All cruises aboard the company's 210-passenger ship, [Pearl Mist](#), feature all-inclusive fine dining, complimentary cocktails, beer & wine, award-winning enrichment programs, onboard entertainment, and guided shore excursions at every port. Cruises also include new Starlink WiFi and private transportation to all excursions. Pearl offers *Pre-Cruise Hotel Packages* for departures from Milwaukee, WI; Duluth, MN; Toronto, ON; and Québec City, QC.



About Pearl Seas Cruises:

Pearl Seas Cruises has been awarded *Cruise Critic's* Cruisers Choice Award for *Best Small Ship Line in the U.S. & Canada*, *Condé Nast Traveler's* Readers' Choice Award for *Best Small Ships*, and *Travel Weekly's* Magellan Awards for *Best Small Ship Line in the U.S. & Canada*, *Best Great Lakes Itinerary*, and *Best Contemporary Small Ship*. The company has been consistently recognized for delivering highly personalized service and culturally focused cruises on the Great Lakes, and throughout the Canadian Maritimes and New England.

To learn more about Pearl Seas Cruises call **800-983-7462** or visit: www.PearlSeasCruises.com