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Cruise ship environmental ranking 2023 published by German Environmental NGO NABU

German NGO NABU has published its 2023 cruise ship environmental ranking. Rising greenhouse gas emissions and heavy air pollutions remain the gravest problems of the cruise ship industry. NABU's annual cruise ship ranking, presented on 28 June in Hamburg, delivers renewed evidence that change is needed. But hope is on the horizon.

The forerunners of this year's ranking are still a long way off from the ideal of a cruise that travellers could take in good conscience. However, there are initial promising signals that give hope for the ultimate realisation of an environmentally friendly cruise. In particular, providers of smaller cruise ship experiences are making progress on climate and environmental protection, as seen with this year's ranking leaders, the Norwegian companies Hurtigruten and Havila.