



VICTORY CRUISE LINES® WELCOMES PHOTOGRAPHER GARY BOGDON ABOARD VICTORY I FOR APRIL 2026 TORONTO–CHICAGO VOYAGE



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New Albany, Ind. (Nov. 26, 2025) – Victory Cruise Lines, committed to all-inclusive, small ship, coastal cruising on The Great Lakes and Canadian Coasts, is pleased to announce that acclaimed photographer Gary Bogdon will join the *Victory I* as guest lecturer and host of interactive photography lessons on the [April 25 – May 5, 2026 Toronto to Chicago](#) voyage. This journey marks Victory Cruise Lines’ second season of exploration following its celebrated debut in 2025.

“Claudette and I enjoyed sailing from Toronto on our inaugural season, and the voyage to Chicago calling on all five Great Lakes is Victory Cruise Lines’s most popular for a reason as it showcases so many postcard-worthy moments,” said John Waggoner, chairman and founder of Victory Cruise Lines. “As an avid photographer myself, I am confident having Gary aboard to share photography tips and stories of the many events he has captured will be a treat for everyone.”

An award-winning photographer whose work has appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*, Gary Bogdon brings more than three decades of experience capturing some of the world’s most memorable moments. He has a wide range of experience photographing major news stories including Pope John Paul and Mother Teresa’s visits to the USA, as well as US Presidents Reagan, Carter, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Clinton and Obama.

His work for *Sports Illustrated* (including eight covers) sent him to many Super Bowls, World Series, NCAA Football and Basketball Championships, Summer and Winter Olympic Games, The Masters, NHL Stanley Cup, Kentucky Derby and much more. Onboard, Bogdon will lead workshops on how to capture stunning travel photos using only a smartphone camera, as well as personalized tips for photographing nature, architecture, and people.

Guests will also have the unique opportunity to join Bogdon during select shore excursions, where he will provide hands-on guidance in framing, lighting, and storytelling through images—helping travelers return home with professional-quality memories.

The itinerary on *Victory I* is a 10-night journey from Toronto to Chicago that sails all five Great Lakes and showcases the region's most iconic destinations. Beginning with a pre-cruise hotel night in Toronto, guests will experience the majesty of Niagara Falls from Port Colborne, the cultural highlights of Cleveland and Detroit, the historic charm of Mackinac Island, and the engineering marvels of Sault Ste. Marie. The itinerary also features stops in Escanaba and Milwaukee, before concluding at Chicago's Navy Pier.

Victory Cruise Lines voyages include a 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay, complimentary ground transfers, and all-inclusive amenities such as an included shore excursion in every port, regionally inspired cuisine, unlimited beverages including fine wines and spirits, open bars and lounges, Wi-Fi, and live entertainment and enrichment programming. For more details on the Toronto to Chicago voyage, contact your travel advisor or call 1-855-556-7193. Visit www.VictoryCruiseLines.com.

About Victory Cruise Lines

Victory Cruise Lines® is committed to delighting travelers with the joy of all-inclusive, small ship, coastal cruising on The Great Lakes and Canadian Coasts. Comprising the Victory I® and Victory II®, the 190-guest ships are purpose-built to cruise on all five Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the French-Canadian Maritimes. Service and cuisine. Entertainment and enrichment. Discovery and adventure. Explore legendary lakes and coastal ports showcased with captivating insight and intimate perspectives with Victory Cruise Lines—Discover Beyond®.

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