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**Breaking News:
Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp to Join VACAYA's 2026 Caribbean Cruise**

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VACAYA is thrilled to announce that two Broadway legends, Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp – stars of the original Tony Award-winning *Rent* – will be joining its 2026 Caribbean Cruise to celebrate the musical's 30th Anniversary.

Adam Pascal, renowned for his Tony-nominated performance as Roger in *Rent*, has also starred in *Aida*, *Pretty Woman: The Musical*, and numerous other stage and screen productions. Anthony Rapp, who originated the role of Mark Cohen, continues to captivate audiences with his extensive Broadway, film, and television work, including his portrayal of Lieutenant Cmdr. Paul Stamets in *Star Trek: Discovery*. Their iconic performances helped define *Rent* and have inspired generations of theater lovers.

VACAYA's 2026 Caribbean Cruise takes place during the 30th Anniversary year of *Rent* and provides the perfect stage to celebrate one of the most influential musicals in history. The voyage will feature special performances, exclusive events, and behind-the-scenes experiences.

Adam and Anthony will be under the music direction of the legendary Michael Orland, whose impressive career includes being one of the original music directors for *American Idol*, arranging and conducting for countless artists, and working with stars like Ariana Grande, Idina Menzel, Bernadette Peters, and Jennifer Holliday. His unparalleled experience promises an unforgettable musical experience on board.

Anthony Rapp shares: "It's hard to believe *Rent* debuted 30 years ago, and what a ride it's been! Adam and I can't imagine a more perfect place to celebrate this milestone than with VACAYA, performing for the community that championed *Rent* from day one. It's sure to be an unforgettable anniversary!"

Randle Roper, CEO of VACAYA, shares: "*Rent* changed the world by daring to tell the truth with heart and unflinching joy. Hosting Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp on our voyage isn't just a celebration, it's a tribute to the courage, community, and art that continue to inspire so many of us day in and day out."

Patrick Gunn, VACAYA's Chief Marketing Officer and self-proclaimed *Rent* fan, shared his enthusiasm: "For a closeted male in the late '90s, *Rent* turned shame into song and fear into freedom. *Rent* showed the world that queer lives were worthy of melody, spotlight, and applause. Having Adam and Anthony on this cruise is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for fans and theater lovers alike."

Sailing from Fort Lauderdale on Holland America Line's Nieuw Statendam February 14-21, 2026, this 7-night adventure through the Caribbean features stops in Turks and Caicos, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the Bahamas.

Get ready to relive the magic and celebrate *Rent*'s legacy with the stars themselves. Visit [VACAYA.com](https://www.vacaya.com) for cruise details and to reserve your spot today! Fewer than 100 staterooms remain.

About *Rent*

Rent is a groundbreaking musical by Jonathan Larson that premiered on Broadway at the Nederlander Theater on April 29, 1996. Inspired by Puccini's opera *La Bohème*, it tells the stories of a diverse group of young artists, musicians, and friends struggling to survive and pursue their dreams amidst poverty, addiction, and love in New York City's East Village. The show's raw honesty, powerful themes of acceptance, love, and rebellion, and its focus on the LGBTQ+ community made it an anthem of hope and resilience. *Rent* revolutionized musical theater by amplifying marginalized voices and celebrating LGBTQ+ identity. It received numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and four Tony Awards, including Best Musical, solidifying its place as a landmark in American theater and a cultural touchstone that continues to inspire inclusivity and change.

About VACAYA

VACAYA is the first and only large-scale travel company built exclusively for the entire LGBTQIAPK community and their allies. Through full-ship charters, full-resort takeovers, and exclusive tours, VACAYA reimagines the travel experience, offering curated journeys to extraordinary destinations with world-class entertainment, elevated hospitality, and a welcoming, inclusive environment. By creating spaces where guests are free to express their authentic selves, VACAYA fosters meaningful connection, celebration, and exploration. VACAYA's all-encompassing approach brings travelers together to share in unforgettable experiences, whether they're seeking adventure, relaxation, or community. Founded on the principles of dignity, visibility, and joy, VACAYA stands at the forefront of global queer travel, setting a new standard for inclusivity and excellence. [VACAYA.com](https://www.vacaya.com)

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