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Cruising is a booming industry, but the resistance against the floating towns is growing.

An estimated 30 million passengers are travelling around the world on a cruise ship - and the numbers are rising. What's the effect on our environment? Venice wants to ban the big ships from the historic city. Environmental organizations criticize the high pollutant emissions of the luxury liners, that pollute the oceans with oil. This is why more and more companies are focusing on sustainability: liquefied gas propulsion, efficient energy management and measures against food waste are to get cruise ships out of the negative headlines. Are these just fine words or is something really changing?

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