



EXPLORA JOURNEYS UNVEILS DETAILS OF THE UPCOMING EXPLORA III: A NEW ERA IN LUXURY OCEAN TRAVEL



Geneva, Switzerland, 4 December 2024 – Explora Journeys today announced details of EXPLORA III, setting sail for her inaugural journeys in Summer 2026. Designed to offer a refined home-away-from-home, EXPLORA III will feature 463 spacious Ocean Suites, Penthouses, and Residences, complemented by award-winning culinary offerings and ocean-inspired wellness experiences.

During her inaugural season, EXPLORA III will take guests on scenic journeys through Northern Europe’s dramatic coastlines, the magical landscapes of Iceland and Greenland, and the vibrant scenery of North America’s East Coast, before positioning to the Caribbean for the winter of 2026/2027. Throughout, guests will be invited to embrace the Ocean State of Mind while experiencing a redefined meaning of luxury ocean travel.

Anna Nash, President, Explora Journeys said: *“With EXPLORA III, we are thrilled to reach the halfway point in the launch of our fleet of six luxury ships, each designed to redefine the standards of ocean travel. This milestone represents more than just growth; it underscores our dedication to offering guests unparalleled access to some of the world’s most breathtaking destinations. By expanding our fleet, we are able to offer a greater variety of itineraries, immersing travelers in diverse cultures, landscapes, and unique moments across the globe.”*



A Spacious Haven at Sea

EXPLORA III has been designed with the guest experience in mind, offering more space than ever before. The ship features one of the highest ratios of total public space per guest, as well as expanded outdoor public spaces. The ship offers 18.7 sqm of public space per guest, one of the highest ratios in the industry. With 463 spacious suites, slightly more than EXPLORA I and II despite the ship's increased size, EXPLORA III ensures a relaxed and airy atmosphere for all who step aboard.

The ship's layout includes a focus on higher suite categories, offering more luxurious, inclusive, and spacious accommodations. Among these are the Ocean Penthouses, which now account for 24% of the suite inventory, and the Ocean Residences, which have increased to 9% of the total inventory. EXPLORA III also introduces an additional Owner's Residence on Deck 7, as well as redefined Cove Residences, allowing guests to select their ideal suite configuration. EXPLORA III will feature 313 Ocean Suites, 109 Ocean Penthouses, 39 Ocean Residences, and 2 Owner's Residences.

Unmatched Culinary and Dining Experiences

Explora Journeys' signature dining concepts return on EXPLORA III to elevate the onboard experience along with additional new concepts. Guests will indulge in a wide variety of gourmet dining options, including favourites such as Anthology, Sakura, Fil Rouge, Med Yacht Club, Marble & Co. Grill, and Emporium Marketplace. Culinary exploration will continue to be a highlight, with guests enjoying both casual and fine dining in a variety of inspiring venues.

Wellness and Fitness, Redefined

Ocean Wellness and Fitness, the bespoke ocean-inspired wellbeing concept, has been thoughtfully reimaged to offer a unified space dedicated to wellbeing. The enhanced area includes Ocean Wellness – The Spa, a serene sanctuary offering experiences inspired by the power of the sea, alongside a state-of-the-art Fitness Centre and Fitness Studio, created in partnership with Technogym. The space features the latest cutting-edge training equipment. Further enhancing this unique wellness experience is the Open-Air Fitness area on Deck 14, where guests can train outdoors while enjoying breathtaking ocean views, and an extended running track along Deck 12. The expanded Sports Court now offers Pickleball, Paddle, and Basketball, providing a variety of activities to energise and inspire.

Family and Young Guests

The Nautilus Club on EXPLORA III has been thoughtfully enhanced with dedicated spaces and curated experiences designed for children and teens. A dedicated team of expert hosts ensures unforgettable moments for younger guests, fostering creativity, fun, and engagement.

- *Nautilus Club Juniors*: Tailored for children aged 3 to 5 years, this area will also include six hours of daily baby care services. For children under 3 years old, parents can enjoy time together or take advantage of supervised care without their children.
- *Nautilus Club Teens*: Created for children aged 6 to 17, this space offers activities and experiences designed to inspire and entertain older children and teenagers.



Flexible Meeting and Event Spaces

EXPLORA III also offers sophisticated meeting rooms on Deck 11, ideal for seamless business events, functions, and video conferences. These versatile spaces can be divided into three separate rooms, making them perfect for corporate gatherings or private functions while enjoying the luxurious surroundings of the ship.

Unforgettable Itineraries

EXPLORA III is set to take guests on extraordinary journeys to some of the world's most breathtaking and dramatic landscapes. From the icy beauty of Iceland and Greenland to the vibrant East Coast and New England regions of the United States and Canada, every journey promises to create unforgettable memories, all in the utmost comfort and style.

In summer 2026 the ship will start sailing through Western Europe with a visit to Bordeaux, France, before heading to Northern Europe. Starting in Southampton on 17 August 2026, the ship will visit destinations the Netherlands, Norway, Estonia, Sweden, and Germany, before making its way to Iceland and Greenland. Along the way, guests have the chance to explore off-the-beaten-path ports such as Rønne in Denmark, Nanortalik and Paamiut in Greenland and Seyðisfjörður in Iceland.

On 27 September, EXPLORA III will arrive in Quebec City, Canada, before continuing her journey towards the US and Canada's East Coast, including New York City, USA, and the Magdalen Islands, Canada. The ship will arrive in Miami on 25 October 2026 before setting sail to the Caribbean for the winter season, offering an exceptional escape to tropical destinations.

Sustainability and Innovation

EXPLORA III is the first LNG-powered ship in the fleet and reflects the brand's efforts to decarbonise its marine operations to reduce the environmental impact.

Explora Journeys considers LNG a fuel that facilitates a direct transition towards drop-in bio-LNG and synthetic LNG, which have the potential to reduce well-to-wake greenhouse gas emissions by more than 80%.

The brand's ongoing efforts to decarbonise marine operations and minimise its impact on air quality are focused on the development of new and improved technologies, innovative ship designs, the implementation of energy efficiency practices, and the transition to renewable fuels.

EXPLORA III has been designed in alignment with this strategy. The ship is equipped with shore power capabilities, advanced energy efficiency features, and is the first LNG-powered vessel in the Explora Journeys fleet, enabling the direct transition to drop-in bio- and synthetic LNG.

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About Explora Journeys

Explora Journeys is the privately-owned luxury lifestyle brand of the MSC Group, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, created at the heart of Swiss luxury hospitality. The brand stems from the long-held vision to redefine the ocean experience for a new generation of discerning luxury travellers, drawing on the Aponte family's 300 years of maritime heritage. The brand's aspiration is to create a unique 'Ocean State of Mind' by connecting guests with the sea, with themselves, and like-minded others, while remarkable itineraries blend renowned destinations with lesser-travelled ports, for a journey that inspires discovery in all its forms.

A fleet of six luxury ships will be launched from 2023 to 2028, starting with EXPLORA I's delivery that took place on 24 July 2023. Explora Journeys introduces a new style of transformative ocean travel. EXPLORA I offers 461 oceanfront suites, penthouses and residences designed to be 'Homes at Sea' for guests, all with sweeping ocean views, private terrace, a choice of eleven distinct culinary experiences across six vibrant restaurants plus in-suite dining, Chef's Kitchen, twelve bars and lounges (eight indoor and four outdoor), four swimming pools, extensive outdoor decks with 64 private cabanas, wellness facilities, and refined entertainment. Inspired by the company's European heritage, Explora Journeys will provide guests with an immersive ocean experience and respectful and intuitive hospitality.

EXPLORA II was delivered on 12 September 2024. EXPLORA III will come into service in 2026 and EXPLORA IV in 2027 with both ships being LNG-powered. EXPLORA V and EXPLORA VI will enter service in 2027 and 2028, respectively.

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Note to Editors: Exclusive Sale Extended

The exclusive sale has been extended until 06:00 GMT on 18 December 2024, offering travellers the opportunity to save up to 50% on select journeys, with a reduced deposit of only 5%. Available for bookings made between 20 November and 4 December 2024, the offer applies to all suite categories on journeys departing from 29 November 2024 onwards.