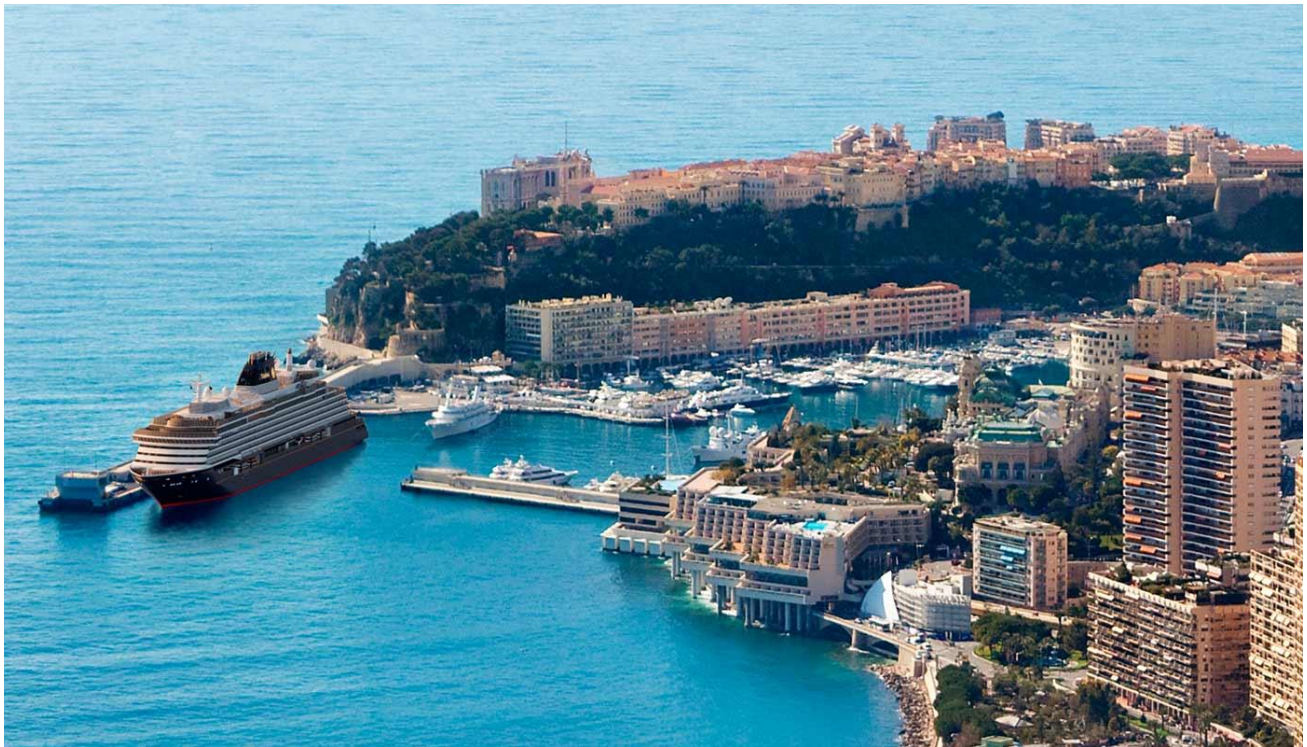




EXPLORA JOURNEYS AND FORMULA 1® ANNOUNCE EXPLORA II AT FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025



Geneva, Switzerland, 8 August 2024 – Explora Journeys, the luxury lifestyle ocean travel brand of the MSC Group, today announced that in 2025, EXPLORA II is coming to the FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025. The latest ship in Explora Journeys' fleet will be docked in the heart of Monaco's famous Port Hercule, offering a prime position throughout race week. She will play host to a series of spectacular events, providing a fitting venue for the most anticipated race and its star-studded crowd, as well as being an elegant Monegasque home-away-from-home for guests across the weekend.

Guests will be able to enjoy the ultimate FORMULA 1® experience, with EXPLORA II docked just 150 metres from the racetrack.

The ship will serve as a luxury boutique hotel at sea during the iconic race event in Monaco. Conveniently situated at the end of the harbour beyond the F1® Paddock, this unique offering allows guests to immerse themselves in the excitement of FORMULA 1® and witness the adrenaline-pumping action of the races, while enjoying the ultimate European luxury and comfort.



Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy elegant suites and residences with a private ocean-front terrace, eleven unforgettable culinary experiences, unlimited premium beverages, high-speed Wi-Fi via Starlink connectivity, vibrant entertainment, and ocean-inspired wellness.

Pierfrancesco Vago, Executive Chairman, Cruise Division of MSC Group, said: *“We are delighted to showcase our second luxury ship EXPLORA II for the very first time during the FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025. FORMULA 1® is synonymous with cutting-edge technology, precision, and a relentless pursuit of excellence – values that we share with MSC Cruises and of course our luxury lifestyle brand Explora Journeys.*

This is one of the most prestigious events in the calendar, and it is only fitting that this would be where we offer sporting enthusiasts an unforgettable experience that brings together the world of motor sports with the luxury of maritime travel.”

Stefano Domenicali, President and CEO of Formula 1, also commented on the partnership: *“At Formula 1 we always strive to offer our fans new and incredible experiences that align with our values and elevate our sport. The arrival of EXPLORA II to the Monaco Grand Prix for the first time will offer fans a truly unique and luxury experience that will make this iconic event even more special”.*

Leading up to the FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025, the Explora Journeys brand will be present trackside at major upcoming FORMULA 1® events.

In 2022, MSC Cruises signed a multi-year deal to become a FORMULA 1® Global Partner, which was established to bring together two leaders in their respective fields to drive change through their shared passion for excellence and global entertainment. Through this unique partnership, MSC Cruises is able to showcase its extensive offering of quality holidays at sea to FORMULA 1®’s growing global fanbase and bring the thrill of FORMULA 1® to MSC Cruises’ global audience. This collaboration is now extending to Explora Journeys with the presence of the ship as a floating luxury boutique hotel in Monaco next year.

Guests can now book their exclusive experience on board EXPLORA II including Grandstand Tickets or register their interest in F1® Paddock Club™ access via the Explora Experience Centre, on explorajourneys.com or via their preferred Travel Advisor.

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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. Equipped with the latest environmental and marine technologies, 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 is currently under construction and will come into service in 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.

To learn more about Explora Journeys, visit explorajourneys.com or follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About FORMULA 1®

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Note to Editors: FORMULA 1® Experiences on board EXPLORA II

EXPLORA II at the Heart of FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025

Guests can stay onboard EXPLORA II for 5 days, enjoying luxurious accommodations and world-class amenities while experiencing the races in the heart of Monaco. Perfect for FORMULA 1® enthusiasts seeking a quick yet unforgettable getaway on a floating hotel.

Embarkation: Monte Carlo, Monaco

- **Disembarkation:** Monte Carlo, Monaco
- **Duration:** 5 Nights / 6 Days
- **Dates:** May 21, 2025 - May 26, 2025

A Journey from Duomo Domes to the Heart of FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025

Guests have the chance to visit stunning Mediterranean destinations, before anchoring in Monaco for FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025.

- **Embarkation:** Barcelona, Spain
- **Disembarkation:** Monte Carlo, Monaco
- **Duration:** 13 Nights / 14 Days
- **Dates:** May 13, 2025 - May 26, 2025

A Journey from the Heart of FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025 to the Blessed Balearics

Following the FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025 guests can enjoy 7 days of relaxation and discovery sailing the Mediterranean, offering a perfect blend of excitement and tranquillity.

- **Embarkation:** Monte Carlo, Monaco
- **Disembarkation:** Barcelona, Spain
- **Duration:** 12 Nights / 13 Days
- **Dates:** May 21, 2025 - June 2, 2025

An Extended Journey at the Heart of FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025, from Riviera Dreams to the Blessed Balearics

Guests can immerse themselves fully with 8 days pre-FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO 2025, 5 days during the sporting event, and 7 days after the racing event on board EXPLORA II. This all-inclusive journey offers unparalleled luxury and extensive exploration of the Mediterranean.

- **Embarkation:** Barcelona, Spain
- **Disembarkation:** Barcelona, Spain
- **Duration:** 20 Nights / 21 Days
- **Dates:** May 13, 2025 - June 2, 2025