



EXPLORA JOURNEYS APPOINTS CAPTAIN DIEGO MICHELOZZI FOR FIRST SHIP, EXPLORA I



Geneva, Switzerland, 12 October 2022 – Explora Journeys today announced the appointment of Captain Diego Michelozzi as Master of EXPLORA I, the first of six ships to join the luxury travel brand’s fleet in 2023. The company already announced earlier this year the appointment of Captain Serena Melani, who will alternate with Captain Diego Michelozzi to helm the fleet’s first ship.

Captain Michelozzi spent the last two and a half years as Master for a luxury line and has worked for more than 20 years at major cruise companies, following a period with the Italian navy.

Michael Ungerer, Chief Executive Officer, Explora Journeys, said, *“Captain Michelozzi will steer EXPLORA I to both familiar and off the beaten path destinations across the world with his experience, passion for exploration and respect for the ocean and nature, which reflects our own. We are delighted to welcome him onboard as we continue to build momentum and prepare EXPLORA I to soon take to the seas.”*

Captain Michelozzi added, *“It is an honour for me to join Explora Journeys and to play a part to bring to life the foresight and vision of the family. I was born on the Tuscan coastline in Italy, I come from four generations of seafarers, and I naturally value the company’s commitment to preserve the mesmerising beauty of our oceans and marine life.”*



Captain Michelozzi studied at the Artiglio nautical school in Italy, obtained an associate art degree at the University of Phoenix in the USA, a diploma in leadership and management at the University of Kent in the UK and an MBA at Coventry's Arden University, also in the UK.

EXPLORA I's journeys in her first 12 months of operation will visit over 138 ports in more than 40 different countries. Sailings start from six-night journeys and culminate in a 44-night Northern Europe Grand Journey.

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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 of the family 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 people, while remarkable itineraries will blend renowned destinations with lesser-travelled ports, for a journey that inspires discovery in all its forms.

A fleet of six ships, two of which are under construction, will be launched from 2023 to 2028. Equipped with the latest environmental and marine technologies, Explora Journeys will introduce a new style of transformative ocean travel. EXPLORA I offers 461 oceanfront suites, penthouses and residences designed to be 'Homes at Sea' for our guests, all with sweeping ocean views, private terrace, a choice of eleven distinct culinary experiences, across six vibrant restaurants plus in-suite dining, twelve bars and lounges, (eight indoor and four outdoor) Chef's Kitchen, four swimming pools, extensive outdoor decks with private cabanas, wellness facilities, and refined entertainment. Inspired by the company's European heritage, Explora Journeys will provide guests with an immersive ocean experience respectful and intuitive hospitality.

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