

EXPLORA JOURNEYS UNVEILS UNFORGETTABLE DESTINATION EXPERIENCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA, US & CANADA PACIFIC COAST AND HAWAII

Explora Journeys introduces captivating Destination Experiences allowing guests to immerse themselves into the culture of the Pacific Coast and Hawaii



Geneva, Switzerland, 14 December 2023 - Explora Journeys, the luxury lifestyle ocean travel brand of the MSC Group, unveils its latest Destination Experiences, inviting travellers to immerse themselves in the unparalleled beauty and culture of Central America, the US & Canada Pacific Coast and Hawaii between March to May 2024.

A 14 night journey from Amador, Panama to Los Angeles, USA (29 March – 12 April 2024) visiting ports such as Quepos, Costa Rica, San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, offers guests the chance to immerse themselves into Central American cultures.

During a 6 night journey from Los Angeles, USA to Vancouver, Canada (12-18 April 2024) with highlights including stops in San Francisco and Astoria in the USA, allows for discoveries along the American West Coast.

Guests have the chance to absorb the energizing atmosphere of Hawaii during two extraordinary journeys: 9 nights from Vancouver, Canada, to Honolulu, USA (18-27 April 2024) and 9 nights from Honolulu, USA, to Vancouver, Canada (27 April – 6 May 2024).

Key ports of call include Hilo (Hawaii), Honolulu (Oahu), Kailua-Kona (Hawaii), Nawiliwili (Kauai), Los Angeles, San Francisco and Panama offering a unique and enriching exploration of the Pacific Coast, Hawaii and Central America.

As travellers embark on these journeys, they will be able to immerse themselves into local heritage, culture, and cuisine. From royal residencies and volcanic landscapes to sandy beaches and pristine reefs, the experience encompasses protected natural wonders, intriguing art, and historical sites of Hawaii and the Pacific Coast.

Connecting with the forces of nature that define the Hawaiian Islands, explorers embrace local customs of peace and compassion through music, dance, the arts, and environmental responsibility. The deep-rooted native traditions, marked by kindness, love, appreciation of the land, and a love for one another, unfold.

Highlight Destination Experiences include:

A captivating journey in Cabo San Lucas with the Tantalizing Temazcal Immersion: Guests are invited to partake in a traditional Temazcal ceremony, an ancient healing ritual practiced by Mayans, Aztecs, and Toltecs for millennia. Led by a shaman, participants enter the candlelit Temazcal, where water is poured onto hot stones, providing both physical detoxification and spiritual restoration. Post-ceremony, guests can savour local delicacies before unwinding at the luxury spa with hot tubs and cold plunges.

Hollywood Hills Hike in Los Angeles: Embarking on an invigorating hike through Griffith Park, travellers summit Mount Lee for an up-close encounter with the iconic Hollywood Sign. Led by knowledgeable guides, they learn about Hollywood's rich history, discover landmarks and famous studios, and indulge in a picnic lunch in Griffith Park with breathtaking views of the LA skyline.

Volcanic Marvels and a Celestial Odyssey in Off-grid Hawaii in Hilo: Travellers can discover the enchanting Rainbow Falls nestled in lush Hawaiian rainforest, explore Boiling Pots and the Kaumana Caves, and venture into the captivating world of two of Big Island's five volcanoes with a National Park Service expert. Witnessing celestial observations during the day and night with state-of-the-art telescopes and highly experienced astronomers, offering views of galaxies, planets, and more, is a highlight.

Behind the Scenes: Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum and USS Missouri Memorial in Honolulu: Exclusive guided tours of historic hangars, outdoor exhibits, and the Raytheon Pavilion await. Explorers can delve into the USS Missouri Memorial above and below deck, hearing captivating tales of WWII dogfights and civilian aviation history. An exclusive experience of the Lower Control Tower, not available to the public, is also part of the journey.

Explora Journeys invites all those seeking extraordinary discoveries to embark on these unparalleled Destination Experiences during their journey with EXPLORA I.

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Notes to Editors:

For full details of the newly launched Destination Experiences, visit www.explorajourneys.com

A seamless and efficient booking process is available for guests via their preferred travel advisor, who can use the dedicated digital booking suite for travel advisors at [explorajourneys.com/travel advisors](http://explorajourneys.com/travel-advisors), or the Explora Journeys website: www.explorajourneys.com as well as a team of multilingual Explora Experience Ambassadors are available to personally assist and support.

With The Total Luxury Offer, guests receive up to 40% savings on their journey fare with Explora Journeys when booking an Ocean Terrace Suite or Ocean Grand Terrace Suite category, for bookings between 12 December 2023 and 31 January 2024 on selected journeys.

Guests also receive a Journey Experience Credit (JEC) of EUR 200 per person to add to their booking. The Journey Experience Credit (JEC) can be used towards all onboard experiences including dining experiences, the ultra-exclusive selection of wines, cocktails and beverages, our collection of Destination Experiences, treatments at Ocean Wellness – The Spa, curated shopping at The Journey, as well as towards onboard suite upgrades.