



EXPLORA JOURNEYS CELEBRATES THE KEEL LAYING OF EXPLORA II

A further construction milestone for Explora Journeys' second ship with delivery set for summer 2024

Geneva, Switzerland, 5 May 2022 – Explora Journeys, the new luxury lifestyle travel brand of the MSC Group, today marked the keel laying for the second of four luxury ships, EXPLORA II, at the Fincantieri shipyard in Castellammare di Stabia, Italy.

The GT 63,900 vessel will be delivered in summer 2024. The first ship, EXPLORA I is currently being built at Fincantieri's shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy and is on schedule to set sail by the end of May 2023.

The event today at Castellammare di Stabia was attended by senior executives of both shipowner and shipbuilder.

Michael Ungerer, Chief Executive Officer, Explora Journeys, said, "We are thrilled to witness this key milestone for Explora Journeys, which signals our firm commitment to launch a luxury lifestyle brand that incorporates effective sustainability planning and maximises social and economic benefits for the communities that our ships will visit and leave a positive legacy for the next generation."

EXPLORA II will be fitted with 461 oceanfront suites, penthouses and residences and feature nine restaurants, 10 indoor and outdoor bars and lounges, four swimming pools, extensive outdoor decks with private cabanas, wellness facilities and refined entertainment.

All four ships in Explora Journeys' fleet will be equipped with the latest environmental and marine technologies.



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About Explora Journeys

Explora Journeys is redefining ocean travel for a new generation of discerning travellers. With the first of four luxury ships scheduled to set sail in 2023, remarkable itineraries will blend renowned destinations with lesser-travelled ports for a journey that celebrates discovery. Its ships equipped with the latest in environmental-supporting and marine technologies, Explora Journeys will introduce a unique all-inclusive luxury travel experience for those who want to explore differently.

Whether on board or ashore, guests will reconnect with what matters most—themselves, their loved ones, and the world around them. With 461 oceanfront suites, every guest will enjoy sweeping sea views and a private terrace, while being spoilt for choice with nine distinct culinary experiences, four pools, private cabanas, spa, and redefined entertainment.

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