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## **EXPLORA I ARRIVES IN MIAMI FOR HER MAIDEN CALL AHEAD OF THE CARIBBEAN SEASON**

*Explora Journeys' first ship calls at Port Miami to begin her inaugural Caribbean and Central America itineraries*

**Miami, November 3, 2023** – PortMiami welcomed EXPLORA I for her maiden call marking the ship's debut in South Florida. The ship is the first of a fleet of six for the luxury ocean travel brand of the MSC Group.

*"We take immense pride in introducing our remarkable new ship, EXPLORA I, to the Magic City," said **Michael Ungerer, CEO of Explora Journeys**. "Miami is a paramount destination and important gateway to the Caribbean for ocean travel and it is a privilege to showcase our new ship and immersive journeys to this market. Our team has spared no effort in pushing the limits of innovation and delivering a product that we're thrilled for guests to experience as they embark in South Florida."*

The maritime tradition of a crest exchange to celebrate a ship's first visit to a destination took place on November 3, 2023, at PortMiami. The crest exchange was attended by the ship's master Captain Diego Michelozzi, Michael Ungerer, CEO Explora Journeys, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, and Hydi Webb, PortMiami Director and CEO, among others.

*"As the cruise industry continues to rebound and make a strong comeback, we are grateful for our new partnership with Explora Journeys," said **Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava**. "Their commitment to providing a world-class experience to passengers and a net zero-carbon emissions target by 2050 is critical to keeping PortMiami on the cutting edge of the cruise industry."*

**Hydi Webb, PortMiami Director and CEO** added, *"As we continue to expand our operations and partnerships, we look forward to cruise activity growth with Explora Journeys, which will benefit all of our passengers."*

Following her maiden call, EXPLORA I set sail from Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico. From November through March, the luxury ship will explore the Caribbean and Central America, calling on ports like Samana/Dominican Republic and Bridgetown/Barbados, with stops in Antigua and Barbuda, Turks and Caicos, Cartagena, Saint Barthélemy and the Grenadines, among others, before heading to the U.S.' West Coast.

*"Journeys aboard EXPLORA I aim to transport guests to an 'Ocean State of Mind' by delivering best-in-class service, exquisite onboard offerings and immersive destination experiences, authentic to the places the ship serves," commented **Ungerer**. "A harmonious mix of well-known and hidden gems on the itinerary for EXPLORA I will provide our guests with opportunities to savor genuine cultural encounters and a more leisurely travel pace, leaving them refreshed and filled with inspiration."*

EXPLORA I is equipped with the latest environmental and marine technologies, including selective catalytic reduction technology, shore power plug-in connectivity, underwater noise management



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systems to protect marine life, and a comprehensive range of onboard energy-efficient equipment to optimize engine use to further reduce emissions.

EXPLORA I first set sail in July 2023. EXPLORA II will enter service in summer 2024 and operate until April 2025 in the Mediterranean Sea and the Middle East. EXPLORA III and EXPLORA IV will both be powered by liquefied natural gas and enter service in 2026 and 2027 respectively. EXPLORA V and EXPLORA VI will both be powered by hydrogen and enter service in 2027 and 2028 respectively.

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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 owners' long-held vision to redefine the ocean experience for a new generation of discerning luxury travellers, drawing on the 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 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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