



EXPLORA JOURNEYS ANTICIPATES AN UNFORGETTABLE CARIBBEAN SEASON

Revealing the region's many worlds through multi-island Journeys

At a glance:

- EXPLORA I and EXPLORA III sail the Caribbean from late October 2026 through March 2027
- EXPLORA III makes her debut Caribbean season, sailing between Miami and San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Sail to sought-after destinations including Saint Barthélemy, Saint Lucia and the British Virgin Islands, alongside the Caribbean's iconic islands and quieter shores
- A new approach to the traditional Caribbean escape, combining the space, service and experiences of an exceptional resort with the freedom to wake to a different horizon each morning
- Festive season Journeys bring together sun-drenched settings, local traditions and celebrations filled with warmth and light

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND – 7 September 2026 – Beyond its iconic turquoise waters and pristine beaches lies a Caribbean of extraordinary contrasts – a collection of distinct islands, cultures and landscapes best experienced through a Journey that moves seamlessly between them. From mid-October 2026 through March 2027, Explora Journeys' upcoming Caribbean season brings this diversity to life across two ships, combining the elevated service, spaciousness

and experiences of the region's most refined resorts with the freedom to discover multiple destinations with ease; no unpacking, repacking or complicated logistics. From celebrated shores such as Saint Barthélemy, Saint Lucia and the British Virgin Islands to lesser-known destinations, each Journey reveals a different facet of the Caribbean, bringing together its varied landscapes, cultures and coastal character.

EXPLORA I departs Miami on 17 November 2026 to begin her Caribbean sailings, following her transatlantic Journey from Barcelona. Meanwhile, the newly launched EXPLORA III makes her debut in the region, departing Québec City on 15 October 2026 and sailing south down the Atlantic seaboard to reach San Juan, Puerto Rico on 1 November. Both ships pair oceanfront suites, sunlit decks and open-air living with intuitive hospitality and signature inclusions, creating a seamless transition between days ashore and time at sea, as each new horizon brings another side of the Caribbean into view.

“There is no single Caribbean,” said Anna Nash, President of Explora Journeys. “It is a collection of different worlds, each with its own character, traditions and natural beauty. Our approach is to bring these worlds together in one smooth Journey – giving our guests the elevated service, space and experiences they expect from an exceptional Caribbean resort, while allowing them to discover multiple sought-after destinations such as Saint Barthélemy, Saint Lucia and the British Virgin Islands. This is the Ocean State of Mind: the freedom to experience more, effortlessly.”

A Caribbean of many worlds

Explora Journeys' immersive Destination Experiences reveal the natural wonders, rich character and dramatic coastlines that define this part of the world. Guests can discover the British Virgin Islands and swim through the sea pools and giant granite boulders of The Baths on Virgin Gorda, witness humpback whales in their ancient breeding grounds in Samana Bay, trek through primordial rainforest to hidden waterfalls in Dominica, or powerboat along Grenada's coastline to snorkel among the wonders of the Underwater Sculpture Park.

In Port of Spain, the rhythms of Trinidad and Tobago come alive through soca and steelpan performances, while intimate boat trips reveal the secluded shores of Anguilla's Little Bay. In Guadeloupe, peaceful paths wind through the botanical gardens of Deshaies, while in Saint Barthélemy, jet ski to Coco Island and experience panoramic views of the island's shoreline. In Saint Lucia, guests can work alongside a master chocolatier, discovering the island's rich culinary heritage through a hands-on experience.

Complementing these coastal encounters, immersive culinary and local craft experiences offer deeper connections to the destination's culture. Guests can savour a beachside lobster lunch following a morning of snorkelling in Antigua, create a bespoke rum blend in Saint Kitts, or work alongside a master chocolatier in Saint Lucia.

The Caribbean, experienced onboard

Life onboard reflects the spirit of this part of the world, with culinary creations drawing inspiration from fresh seafood, sun-ripened produce and the spices and flavours of the Caribbean. Guests might move from a leisurely lunch overlooking the ocean to an afternoon by the pool, a wellness treatment or a quiet moment on their private terrace, before coming together for dinner as the next coast reveals itself over the horizon. With thoughtful inclusions and no fixed dining times, each day can take its own shape – whether that means exploring ashore, lingering over a meal, or simply enjoying the ocean around them.

The festive season adds another dimension, with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year celebrated beneath tropical skies. As the season unfolds, the ship becomes the setting for gatherings and celebrations, allowing guests to simply arrive, be present and enjoy the moment. From intimate gatherings and destination-inspired culinary moments to time spent with loved ones overlooking the ocean, the season invites guests to embrace the warmth and light of the Caribbean. For New Year's Eve, guests aboard EXPLORA III can welcome the year with fireworks over San Juan, creating a memorable finale against the backdrop of the Puerto Rican capital.

Multiple islands. One seamless Journey.

In this way, Explora Journeys brings together the hallmarks of an exceptional Caribbean resort with the freedom of a Journey: spacious oceanfront suites, award-winning dining, holistic ocean wellness, intuitive hospitality and thoughtful inclusions. Across two ships and a diverse collection of destinations, guests can experience the Caribbean on their own terms – moving from the elegant shores of Saint Barthélemy to the natural beauty of the British Virgin Islands and the volcanic landscapes of Saint Lucia, with a new horizon each morning.

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About Explora Journeys

Explora Journeys is the privately owned luxury ocean travel brand of the MSC Group, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Rooted in Swiss precision, understated European elegance and the Aponte-Vago family's 300 years of maritime heritage, the brand has grown from a long-held vision to redefine the ocean experience for a new generation of discerning guests. At its heart is a unique 'Ocean State of Mind' that connects guests with the sea, themselves and like-minded others, while immersive itineraries blend iconic destinations with lesser-travelled ports for unhurried Journeys inspiring discovery.

Marrying the refined essence and service of the world's finest boutique hotels with the boundless freedom of the ocean, the fleet prioritises a profound sense of space. Each ship features generously proportioned oceanfront Suites, Penthouses and Residences, where abundant natural light, generous outdoor living space and uninterrupted sea views create an unrivalled sense of openness. Guests enjoy a sophisticated collection of distinct dining destinations, world-class wellness facilities, heated pools designed for all seasons and premium retail spaces, all reflecting the brand's effortless sense of understated European luxury.

EXPLORA I and EXPLORA II are already welcoming guests, having launched in July 2023 and September 2024 respectively. The brand's first LNG-powered ship, EXPLORA III, launched on 24 July 2026, with EXPLORA IV following in early 2027. EXPLORA V and EXPLORA VI are set to join the fleet in 2027 and 2028, incorporating advanced environmental technologies as part of the brand's commitment to sustainability.

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