



RESERVATIONS OPEN FOR EXPLORA II'S 'A SERENE MEDITERRANEAN' DESTINATION EXPERIENCES, ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS AND AN EXCLUSIVE PRESIDENT'S JOURNEY

Explora Journeys has opened reservations for the curated destination experiences defining 'A Serene Mediterranean' – EXPLORA II's Winter 2026-2027 Journeys Collection – as well as select additional Journeys. Highlights include:

- **New Collection of Curated Destination Experiences:** Exclusive experiences ashore rich in heritage, character and quiet allure
- **President's Journey:** Explora Journeys President, Anna Nash, welcomes guests on board EXPLORA II from 9 to 15 December 2026, for a unique ocean Journey
- **Shorter Journeys available:** Curated 4-to-9-night escapes designed for effortless exploration

Geneva, Switzerland – 21 May 2026 – As the high-summer crowds disperse, the new Journeys Collection sailing from November 2026 through March 2027 captures a soulful and authentic perspective of the region through softer light, quieter streets and deeper cultural

connections. The luxury ocean travel brand has also unveiled a dedicated President's Journey personally hosted onboard by Anna Nash, together with more flexible shorter itineraries and a new collection of curated experiences designed to offer guests a deeper perspective on the Mediterranean.

“The Mediterranean reveals an entirely different character as summer’s intensity wanes, offering a beauty that invites a Journey slowly unfolding and deeply experienced,” said Anna. *“I am looking forward to being onboard EXPLORA II this December to share this contemplative season with our guests and to savour this more personal way to explore.”*

A President’s Perspective at Sea

Anna Nash welcomes guests onboard EXPLORA II from 9 to 15 December 2026, during *A Journey of Atlantic Light & Volcanic Shores* from Barcelona to Lisbon. This President's Journey offers a privileged opportunity to bring the heart of the brand and its most dedicated community closer together.

Hosting valued guests, this unique Journey creates space for genuine connection and shared conversation. Throughout the sailing, Anna will personally host a series of thoughtfully curated moments, bringing guests closer to the ideas, the people and the considered details that define Explora Journeys’ approach to modern luxury ocean travel. Through meaningful conversations and enriching experiences, guests are invited into a uniquely personal perspective, with rare opportunities to engage directly and connect more deeply with the brand, experiencing Explora Journeys from the inside out.

Shorter Journeys: More Flexibility, The Same Ocean State of Mind

Created for guests discovering Explora Journeys for the first time, returning to reconnect with the Ocean State of Mind, or for those seeking a refined Mediterranean escape with fewer days away, the new collection of shorter Journeys offers a more flexible way to experience ocean travel through immersive 4-9 night itineraries. Thoughtfully curated across the Serene Mediterranean Journeys Collection, highlights include the volcanic landscapes of Lanzarote, cliffhanging villages of Oia and Fira in Santorini, the cultural richness of Sicily and Tunisia, overnight stays in Casablanca, Málaga and Madeira, as well as quieter moments in destinations such as Patmos, La Gomera and Siracusa. From the Greek Islands to the Atlantic coastlines of Portugal and Morocco, each Journey preserves the depth, elegance and slower rhythm that define Explora Journeys, inviting guests to experience the Mediterranean through more authentic encounters and meaningful connections.

New Collection of Curated Destination Experiences Now Open for Reservations.

Across the Mediterranean, guests can immerse themselves in the region’s living heritage through art, gastronomy and history. In Málaga, Picasso’s legacy unfolds through the streets of his birthplace before an exclusive opening of the Picasso Museum offers a deeper perspective on his work. In Lisbon, a historic convent reveals the artistry behind Portugal’s *azulejos*, inviting guests into centuries of ceramic heritage through museum visits and hands on workshops. While in Reus, Catalonia’s creative spirit is explored through the world that first shaped Gaudí’s imagination.

Selected experiences also offer a more intimate perspective on iconic destinations, away from the rhythm of the crowds. Near Naples, Pompeii unfolds in layers, where ancient ruins, vivid frescoes and the remarkable mosaics of the Villa of the Mysteries emerge beneath the shadow of Mount Vesuvius, complemented by wines shaped by volcanic soils rich in minerals and character.

Through flavour, tradition and shared experience, gastronomy becomes a pathway to connection. In Palermo, a historic palazzo welcomes guests into the world of the Duchess of Palma and Sicily's refined culinary traditions. In Tangier, the sensory rhythm of the souks introduces the essence of Moroccan cuisine through the preparation of a traditional tagine. Meanwhile, along Tuscany's iconic Viale dei Cipressi near Livorno, landscapes of quiet and timeless beauty lead to experiences rooted in local estates and wines that reflect the character of the land and its heritage.

With 'A Serene Mediterranean', Explora Journeys offers a more contemplative perspective on the region and ocean travel, where off-peak seasons reveal deeper connections, authentic encounters and the enduring beauty of the Mediterranean.

NA : Reservations are now open, with guests also able to benefit from the current Memorial / Victoria Day edition of 'An Invitation to Explora', including up to 35% savings available through 27 May.

ROW : Reservations are now open, with guests also able to benefit from the current 'An Invitation to Explora' offer, including up to 30% savings through 27 May.

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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.

Built on the Aponte family's 300-year maritime heritage, **Explora Journeys** redefines luxury ocean travel with its signature *Ocean State of Mind* – a philosophy that connects discerning guests with the sea, with themselves and with one another. Immersive itineraries balance celebrated destinations with lesser-known ports, creating Journeys that inspire curiosity and discovery.

Each private-yacht-inspired ship serves as a floating luxury hotel, whose address is the ocean, with all oceanfront suites, featuring private terraces, floor-to-ceiling windows and spacious European-designed interiors that evoke a sense of relaxed, contemporary elegance – a true Home at Sea.

Guests can choose from 11 distinct culinary experiences – including six restaurants, an experiential Chef's Kitchen, 12 bars and lounges, and 24-hour in-suite dining. 'Ocean Wellness – The Spa' is complemented by five heated indoor and outdoor pools, an extensive holistic wellness programme, generous outdoor deck spaces, and refined entertainment designed to deliver the perfect mood for every moment.

Inspired by its European roots and guided by elevated Swiss hospitality, **Explora Journeys** offers intuitive service and a modern, effortless approach to luxury.

The brand launched its first ship, **EXPLORA I**, in July 2023, followed by **EXPLORA II** in September 2024. The LNG-powered **EXPLORA III** will join the fleet in July 2026, with **EXPLORA IV** arriving in 2027. **EXPLORA**

V and **EXPLORA VI** will follow in 2027 and 2028, each incorporating advanced environmental technologies as part of the brand's commitment to sustainability.

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