



## **Explora Journeys Introduces New 2027-2028 Journeys Collection Spanning South America, The Mediterranean And The Atlantic Islands**

### **At a glance:**

- New itineraries aboard EXPLORA I and EXPLORA V replace the previously planned Middle East and Red Sea sailings.
- EXPLORA I traces South America's summer shores with 10 Journeys, visiting 37 destinations including 20 maiden ports.
- EXPLORA V launches her inaugural winter season with 21 Journeys across a quieter Mediterranean, exploring North Africa's coastline and the sunlit Atlantic Islands.
- The two new Journey Collections offer a dual-hemisphere perspective of a single season – two ships, one season of discovery.

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 10 September 2026** - Explora Journeys introduces two new Journey Collections for the traditional Northern Winter 2027-2028 season, offering guests a distinct choice of horizons: a sun-soaked summer escape into the wild frontiers of South America aboard EXPLORA I, or an embrace of quiet, atmospheric light and richer connections across the Mediterranean and Atlantic Islands aboard EXPLORA V.

*“We see travel differently at Explora Journeys. It is not simply about how many places you can visit, but about how you experience them,” said Anna Nash, President of Explora Journeys. “With EXPLORA I, we are bringing together the extraordinary contrasts of South America, from the vibrancy of Brazil to the breathtaking landscapes of Patagonia. At the same time, EXPLORA V will reveal a quieter, more atmospheric side of the Mediterranean in winter before continuing into the Atlantic Islands. Both collections give guests the freedom to explore further, with every detail designed to create a seamless and enriching experience from one destination to the next.”*

These new Journey Collections join the previously announced programme, complementing EXPLORA II and EXPLORA IV in the Caribbean and EXPLORA III in Asia.

### **EXPLORA I - South America: A Continent of Contrasts**

From December 2027 to March 2028, EXPLORA I takes full advantage of the Southern Hemisphere’s summer months, charting a course through the contrasting landscapes and natural wonders of Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, the Falkland Islands and Chile.

Guests will experience the vibrant energy of tropical shores, golden coastlines and festive celebrations, including Christmas at sea and New Year’s Eve on the Brazilian seafront. Five overnight stays in ports such as Buenos Aires, Puerto Madryn and Rio de Janeiro promise lingering evenings, complemented by eight late departures in coastal cities ranging from Balneário Camboriú and Port Stanley, to Rio and Maceió. Unveiling 20 maiden destinations along the way – including 12 in Brazil – the ship will move effortlessly from lively cultural hubs into the raw, untamed majesty of the far south.

Sweeping towards Patagonia – fabled as the very edge of the world – the itinerary connects Montevideo and the wildlife-rich waters of the Beagle Channel with Puerto Williams, Punta Arenas and the legendary shores of Cape Horn. The route passes glaciers, fjords and isolated archipelagos, delivering pristine wilderness alongside refined oceanfront living.

### **EXPLORA V - The Inaugural Journeys Collection**

Unfolding across three distinct chapters from December 2027 to April 2028, EXPLORA V’s inaugural season begins by exploring the Western and Central Mediterranean and North Africa’s ancient coastline. In January, the ship sails into the sun-kissed Atlantic, before returning to the Mediterranean in March.

Away from peak-season bustle, winter reveals these regions’ true characters through softer light, gentle warmth and a quieter pace.

Guests discover Calabria during a maiden call to Crotona, while late departures in Salerno, Livorno, Palma de Mallorca, Kotor and Ibiza invite exploration into the evening. Istanbul offers time to discover historic neighbourhoods and grand bazaars after sunset, while Pauillac, France provides access to Bordeaux’s renowned wine estates. Memorable celebrations include Christmas at sea and New Year’s Eve off the coast of Naples, with spectacular views of the city’s fireworks from the ship’s open decks.

Sailing towards the Atlantic Islands, ancient forests, striking coastlines and distinctive island cultures await. Los Cristianos in Tenerife boasts volcanic hiking trails and rugged coastal scenery, while the Canary Islands and Madeira reveal striking natural formations and lush, terrace-carved hillsides. Overnight stays in

Casablanca and Lisbon further enrich the collection, offering additional time to discover two of the Atlantic coast's most captivating cities.

### **A Journey Beyond the Shore**

Across both Journey Collections, time on board complements the destinations visited. Oceanfront suites with private terraces, expansive outdoor spaces, award-winning dining and ocean wellness experiences ensure the experience on board is as enriching as the places visited. Together, these elements frame an extraordinary dual-hemisphere season, transforming a choice of distinct horizons into unforgettable new Journeys.

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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 entered the fleet in 2023 and 2024, respectively, and were joined in 2026 by EXPLORA III, the brand's first LNG-powered ship. EXPLORA IV will follow in early 2027, with EXPLORA V and EXPLORA VI joining the fleet through 2027 into 2028, incorporating advanced environmental technologies as part of the brand's commitment to sustainability.

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