

EXPLORA JOURNEYS UNVEILS WINTER 2028-2029 JOURNEYS COLLECTION, WITH SIX SHIPS SAILING FIVE CONTINENTS

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- An expansive collection of Journeys across the Caribbean, South America, Asia, the Mediterranean, the Atlantic Islands and West Africa, and the Red Sea and Arabian Peninsula.
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- Seasonal highlights and distinctive celebrations, including New Year in Rio de Janeiro, Dubai, San Juan and Cannes on the French Riviera

Geneva, Switzerland – 18 November 2026 – Explora Journeys today opens sales for its Winter 2028–2029 Journeys Collection, with six ships sailing to 230 destinations across 74 countries and territories and five continents from September 2028 to May 2029. The collection offers guests an extensive choice of seasonal Journeys, bringing together diverse destinations, cultural experiences and opportunities for deeper exploration around the world. With six ships in operation by 2028 and a programme spanning five continents, Explora Journeys will become the largest operator in luxury ocean travel. This global reach reinforces its position as a category of one, bringing the standards of the world's finest hotels to the freedom of ocean travel.

Introducing 70 maiden ports of call, including Dakar in Senegal, Valparaíso in Chile, Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt, Doha in Qatar, Manila in the Philippines and Dalian in China, the collection invites guests to discover new destinations while finding fresh perspectives in places they may know and love. With 63 late departures and 26 overnight stays in ports as varied as Tokyo, Ushuaia and Muscat, guests have more time to explore and connect with each destination, from its early morning rhythm to its atmosphere after dark.

"This new collection reflects our continued ambition to open up more of the world to our guests, bringing together adiversity of destinations and experiences shaped by the seasons and our Ocean State of Mind," said Anna Nash, President of Explora Journeys. *"Whether admiring Ha Long Bay in the morning light or experiencing Shanghai after dark, each Journey offers opportunities to discover familiar places from a different perspective and encounter destinations that may be entirely new. There is always more to discover, and we want our guests to have the time and freedom to look beyond the familiar, embrace new perspectives and find something unexpected along the way."*

EXPLORA I & EXPLORA IV

With milder temperatures during the winter months, the Red Sea and Arabian Peninsula beckon with Journeys taking in ancient civilisations, modern cityscapes and dramatic coastlines. Guests aboard EXPLORA I and EXPLORA IV will discover destinations that have captivated travellers for centuries, from the wonders of Petra and Luxor to the starkly beautiful desert landscapes of AlUla, while the energy of Dubai and Abu Dhabi showcase a bold vision of the future. Visiting Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan, as well as Oman, Qatar and Bahrain, guests can anticipate New Year's Eve in Dubai, crossing the Suez Canal and an overnight in Safaga.

EXPLORA II

As summer unfolds across the Southern Hemisphere, EXPLORA II visits the dynamic cities of Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires, each with its own colourful character and flair. Beyond these urban centres, South America presents extraordinary contrasts, ranging from the vast wilderness of Patagonia to the remote landscapes of the Falkland Islands and Tierra del

Fuego. Scenic sailings through the Beagle Channel and Chilean Fjords offer awe-inspiring views of Amalia and Pío XI Glaciers and an overnight stay in Ushuaia.

EXPLORA III

Asia's extraordinary diversity spans legendary skylines, ancient temples, tropical islands and iconic harbours. Across the seasons, EXPLORA III will explore the region's many contrasts, from Japan's celebrated spring blossoms to its vibrant autumn foliage, while revealing the highlights and lesser-known treasures of South Korea, China and Southeast Asia, including maiden calls to Dalian, Tianjin (gateway to Beijing), Yantai and Qingdao in China. Borneo and the vast, sun-kissed archipelagos of the Philippines and Indonesia feature across multiple Journeys, while guests can enjoy spectacular scenic sailings through Ha Long Bay, Coron and Komodo, alongside overnight stays in Seoul, Hong Kong and Singapore.

EXPLORA V

Navigating a mosaic of distinctive island identities, each with its own character, heritage and traditions, EXPLORA V charts a course across the Caribbean, moving fluidly between the individual characters and ways of life found throughout the Leeward and Windward chains and the ABC Islands. From the shores of Saint Barthélemy and the Grenadines to Los Roques, Virgin Gorda and Bocas del Toro, the ship unveils cinematic coastlines where guests leaving colder climates trade heavy layers for light linens and grey skies for sunlit horizons. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year take on a different character here, with balmy evenings, outdoor living and the comfort of an oceanfront suite always close at hand, including a memorable New Year's Eve celebration off San Juan. These sun-drenched Journeys are further enhanced by overnight stays in Colón and Oranjestad, offering guests more time to experience the distinctive character of these destinations beyond the daytime hours.

EXPLORA VI

EXPLORA VI brings together an expansive programme across the Mediterranean, Atlantic Islands and West Africa, with an inaugural Journey along the West African coast encompassing Mauritania, The Gambia, Senegal and Cabo Verde. From the volcanic peaks of Madeira and the Canary Islands to the rich cultural traditions of West Africa, these Journeys reveal a region of striking diversity. Highlights include New Year's Eve in Cannes on the French Riviera, alongside overnight stays in Dakar, Casablanca and Lisbon, as well as visits to the Adriatic and the Bay of Kotor.

The Freedom to Explore, the Pleasure of Returning

Across the collection, curated Destination Experiences invite guests to connect with each destination through cultural discoveries, culinary experiences, encounters with nature and opportunities for adventure. On board, oceanfront suites, generous outdoor spaces, award-winning dining and holistic Ocean Wellness come together with intuitive hospitality to offer an experience of ultra-elegant luxury at sea.

Designed with flexibility in mind, the itineraries can be combined to create longer Journeys, with carefully planned routes that allow guests to explore further without repeating ports of call. They can also be experienced in shorter segments, offering greater freedom in how guests choose to explore. Each Journey brings new perspectives on the world, combining enriching discoveries ashore with effortless elegance on board, all from the unique vantage point of the ocean.

The Winter 2028–2029 Journeys Collection is now open for reservations. Guests who reserve by 1 December 2026 can benefit from the 5% Explora Early Booking Benefit combined with The Exclusive Invitation, offering cumulative savings of up to 40% across all suite categories.

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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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