

Explora Journeys unveils design of luxury accommodations onboard Explora I cruise ship



Explora 1's maiden voyage is scheduled for July 2023

[Explora Journeys](#) has unveiled the design of its Ocean Penthouses and Ocean Residences onboard EXPLORA I, the first of a planned fleet of up to six luxury ships.

According to a press release, "Ahead of its maiden journey departing from Southampton, UK on July 17, this is the second unveiling of the unique design philosophy for its 461 ocean-front 'Homes at Sea' after sharing the plans for its entry-level Ocean Suites last year."

Designed to "stimulate the senses and reflect the brand's philosophy of creating an 'Ocean State of Mind' owing to carefully considered elements such as natural light, color, space, privacy, and connection with the sea, Explora Journeys has worked meticulously to ensure every guest experiences an opulent, yet intimate retreat as they embark on their own ocean journey."

Jason Gelineau, Head of Product of Explora Journeys, said, "Environmental respect and sustainability have been key in design choices, ensuring a balance between the tactile and visual experience of every material used. Eco-friendly details such as refillable bathroom amenities have also been

weaved into the suite offering and where feasible, we are sourcing sustainable products including B Corp-certified items. We will also have a no single-use plastic policy on board."

Ocean Penthouses range from 43 to 68 square meters (463 - 732 square feet), while Ocean Residences range from 70 to 149 square meters (753 - 1604 square feet), making them among the largest in the industry.

"The Ocean Penthouses of EXPLORA I offer a sumptuous retreat with ocean-front floor-to-ceiling windows and expansive terraces to unwind and relax. Each of the four penthouse types offers a distinctive private dining area for four and a large seating area that provides an inviting space for guests to entertain in their suite, as well as a calm, comfortable place to spend time and relax."

All comprise a walk-in wardrobe with a seated vanity area and feature a Dyson Supersonic hairdryer, heated floors in the bathrooms, personal binoculars, wireless bed-side charging, a personal mini-bar replenished according to the guests' preferences, an espresso machine with bio-degradable pods, a kettle and teapot, and a complimentary personal refillable water bottle for each guest. There are also 24-hour guest services available.

"The spacious Ocean Residences will offer effortlessly elegant spaces with separate living, dining and sleeping areas. The Ocean Residences offer a panoramic ocean-front terrace with a private outdoor whirlpool, a dining table and sun loungers. The materials showcase the care, attention and calibre of the design, such as Calacatta Macchia Vecchia marble used in the bathrooms of Cocoon, Serenity and Retreat Residences. With four unique types of residences to choose from within the category, their names, Cocoon, Cove, Retreat and Serenity, reflect the calming effects of the ocean and the Home at Sea feeling. The Cocoon and Serenity Residences feature unique wrap-around terraces, while Cocoon, Serenity and Retreat Residences offer a separate bathtub and walk-in-shower. All Ocean Residences are served by a dedicated team of Residence Hosts providing bespoke butler services 24 hours a day."

EXPLORA I will feature in-suite fitness equipment by [Technogym](#). Ocean Penthouses will be equipped with the Technogym Kit, while Ocean Residences will have an additional Technogym Bench available for guests.

"Fusing Swiss precision with the finest European craftsmanship and conscious, respectful design, Explora Journeys has worked with luxury brands such as Molteni&C, part of the [Molteni Group](#), the leading independent group in the high-end furniture sector with 100% Italian production. The identity of Molteni&C lives in all the suites of EXPLORA I through iconic sofas and chairs as well as the new Molteni&C outdoor collection for selected terraces, all marked by the core values of Molteni: tradition, quality, durability and reliability, supported by research and innovation.

"Further enhancing the magnificent outdoor spaces, suite terraces have been furnished with exquisite pieces by [Manutti](#), one of the world's leading luxury outdoor furniture brands. Luxury bed and bath linens are from [Frette](#), who use the most skilled Italian artisans to craft products that embody luxury, comfort and creativity. Future thinking design and lighting brand [Astep](#) has been used within the Ocean Residences for their bedside sconce lights and elegant chandelier."

Additional to the beverage offerings on board, guests will be welcomed to their Home at Sea with a chilled bottle of champagne: Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label in Ocean Suites, Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage 2015 in Ocean Penthouses and Dom Pérignon Vintage 2013 in Ocean Residences.