



EXPLORA JOURNEYS CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH 'CURRENTS OF CONNECTION' IN THE CARIBBEAN



Geneva, Switzerland – 24 July, 2025 – With the festive season glimmering on the horizon, Explora Journeys has unveiled its inspiration for enriching, sun-kissed Caribbean journeys aboard EXPLORA I and EXPLORA II this year-end. Each Journey will be imbued with the personal, unhurried and time-rich spirit that defines *Currents of Connection*. This powerful motif will flow through every aspect of the seasonal experiences curated by MSC Group's ultra-elegant ocean travel brand this Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve, while making the most of every moment in between.

Inspired by the ocean currents that link distant shores and carry each of our exceptional ships forward, there is no better or more symbolic way to see out the old and welcome in the new this holiday season. Blending timeless traditions with fresh perspectives and moments of discovery, *Currents of Connection* invites families, couples, and solo guests of all ages to pause, reflect, and reconnect—with loved ones, with themselves, and with the wider world.

While exploring the Caribbean's most enchanting destinations, guests will celebrate aboard their seasonally decorated ocean home. Days will unspool with exquisite festive feasts and gala dinners, delightful rituals like the crafting of gingerbread houses, and ocean-inspired wellness experiences focusing on gratitude and intention setting. Ushered in by mesmerising sunsets, long warm evenings will promise live music, mixology masterclasses and holiday movie nights beneath the stars – all interspersed with unforgettable moments at sea and ashore.

EXPLORA I and EXPLORA II's festive itineraries range from seven to 17 nights in duration, with destination ports including Charlotte Amalie, the charming capital of St. Thomas. Here, morning swims in turquoise Magen's Bay segue into market browsing and afternoons exploring historical landmarks. At Terre-de-Haut (Les Saintes, Guadeloupe), a picture-perfect village of

bougainvillea-lined lanes and pastel houses awaits, while in Bridgetown (Barbados), vibrant street life and colonial architecture blend with a rich rum heritage and laid-back beach culture. Boulangeries line leafy boulevards in Fort-de-France (Martinique), and in Basseterre (St. Kitts and Nevis), guests can wander through Georgian streets or opt for volcano hikes and reef kayaking. Every port offers its own unique blend of natural beauty, adventure, and cultural heritage.

Whether anchored in San Juan for a dazzling display of fireworks or raising a glass mid-ocean, every destination will become part of a unique story, woven into the season's joy. With Explora Journeys, the holidays are never a countdown: they're a quiet unfolding – of presence, peace, and discovery – instilling the sought-after Ocean State of Mind.

At every destination, Explora Journeys provides inspiring opportunities for guests to discover authentic cultural, historic and culinary delights.

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Notes to the editors:

Thanksgiving

- EXPLORA I - Thursday, 27 November – Friday, 5 December (8 nights)
Miami to San Juan, via Charlotte Amalie (*St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands*), Terre-de-Haut (*Les Saintes, Guadeloupe*), Bridgetown (*Barbados*), Fort-de-France (*Martinique*) and Basseterre (*St. Kitts and Nevis*)
- EXPLORA II - Tuesday, 11 November – Friday, 28 November (17 nights)
Barcelona (*Spain*) to Miami, via Tangier (*Morocco*), Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (*Canary Islands, Spain*), six nights at sea crossing the Atlantic, Bridgetown (*Barbados*), Pointe-à-Pitre (*Guadeloupe*), St. John's (*Antigua and Barbuda*) and Charlotte Amalie (*St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands*)

Christmas

- EXPLORA I - Sunday, 21 December – Monday, 29 December (8 nights)
Bridgetown (*Barbados*) to Miami, via Scarborough (*Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago*), Fort-de-France (*Martinique*), St. John's (*Antigua and Barbuda*), Philipsburg (*Sint Maarten*) and Road Town (*Tortola, British Virgin Islands*)
- EXPLORA II - Monday, 22 December – Monday, 29 December (7 nights)
Miami to San Juan, via Ocean Cay (*Bahamas*), Charlotte Amalie (*St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands*), Spanish Town (*Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands*) and Marigot (*Saint Martin, French West Indies*)

New Year's Eve

- EXPLORA I - Monday, 29 December – Tuesday, 6 January (8 nights)
Miami to San Juan, via Jost Van Dyke (*British Virgin Islands*), Deshaies (*Guadeloupe*), Bridgetown (*Barbados*), Fort-de-France (*Martinique*) and Basseterre (*St. Kitts and Nevis*), with New Year's Eve fireworks over San Juan (*Puerto Rico*)
- EXPLORA II - Monday, 29 December – Monday, 5 January (7 nights)
San Juan (*Puerto Rico*) to Miami, via Road Bay (*Anguilla*), Cruz Bay (*St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands*), Puerto Plata (*Dominican Republic*) and Key West (*Florida, USA*), with New Year's Eve fireworks over San Juan (*Puerto Rico*)