

New Cruise Ship to Debut Sooner Than Expected

Oceania Cruises will unexpectedly be accelerating the debut of its newest fleet member, Vista, on a cruise embarking on May 13, 2023

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The Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings-owned brand, Oceania Cruises, will be unexpectedly accelerating the debut of its newest vessel, *Vista*, on a “Founder’s Cruise” to embark on May 13, 2023, opening its bookings to the public on December 8.

Previously scheduled to debut on May 20, 2023, the 1,200-guest ship will excitingly begin its inaugural season a bit earlier, propelling its maiden voyage forward by a week due to increased guest interest.

***Vista*’s Inaugural Cruise Season**

As a surprise to many, Oceania Cruises will debut its new ship, *Vista*, earlier than expected, beginning its inaugural cruise season on May 13, 2023, for a newly released “Founder’s Cruise” sailing from Rome, Italy.

The President and CEO of Oceania Cruises, Howard Sherman stated, “*Vista* has been driving exceptional demand from the moment we first revealed her inaugural voyages. With all of her maiden season voyages sold out or on waitlist status, we are introducing an additional voyage to satisfy that exceptional demand.”

Due to an unprecedented demand increase, the culinary-advanced cruise line moved up *Vista's* start date, previously set on May 20, 2023, to commemorate the brand's 20th anniversary with a "Founder's Cruise" that will be hosted by Oceania Cruises' Founder Frank J. Del Rio.

The "Founder's Cruise" 2023

In commencing *Vista's* initial cruise season, the cruise line will open its inaugural seven-day "Founder's Cruise" booking to the public tomorrow, December 8, 2022, that will explore hidden gem destinations each day.

This itinerary will sail May 13-20, 2023, onboard the 800-crew *Vista* spending its first three days at differing ports in Italy, visiting Rome, Sorrento/Capri, and Messina in sequence.



On May 16, *Vista* will stop in Argostoli, Greece, as it takes its very first guests to experience the newness of the ship such as its most spacious standard staterooms at sea and its residential-style luxury. The following day, May 17, will be spent in Corfu before heading to two different ports in Croatia, Dubrovnik on May 18 and Zadar on May 19.

In completion of the ship's inaugural sailing, the "Founder's Cruise" will disembark its first-time guests in Venice, Italy, differing from its embarkation port in Rome, providing guests will an unforgettable week of unique experiences onboard its first Allura-class cruise ship.

Oceania Cruise's First Allura-Class Ship

Beginning May 13, 2023, Oceania Cruises will debut *Vista*, built at the Fincantieri shipyard in Sestri, featuring two crew members for every three guests, creating exceptional service for all passengers onboard.

In addition to the pleasant crew-to-guest ratio, the ship will offer a new Concierge Level of Solo Veranda Staterooms for solo travelers and Staffed Concierge and Executive Lounges for Concierge Level Veranda Staterooms and Suites.



Oceania Vista Grand Dining Room

As a testament to its exceptional offerings, *Vista* will host the most spacious standard staterooms at sea, greater than 290 square feet, with all Penthouse Suites and staterooms boasting spacious bathrooms with large rainforest showers.

The 67,000 gross ton ship will feature 12 differing dining options, and four of the concepts will be brand new guest offerings, further supporting Oceania Cruise's position as the world's leading culinary- and destination-focused cruise line.

With eight bars, lounges, and entertainment venues, the 11-passenger deck ship's Palatial Owner's Suites and top-ship Library will be styled exclusively in Ralph Lauren Home, while all Owner's, *Vista*, and Oceania Suites additionally offer luxurious soaking tubs.

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