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CRYSTAL SYMPHONY COMPLETES SEA TRIALS

MIAMI – Aug. 11, 2023 – *Crystal Symphony*, the second Crystal ship to relaunch following *Crystal Serenity's* recent return to service, successfully completed sea trials in anticipation of its inaugural cruise from Athens, Greece, on Sept. 1st.



Currently in the final stages of an extensive refurbishment at Fincantieri shipyard in Trieste, Italy, the vessel had a full contingent of officers, technicians and engineers on board who thoroughly tested the ship's navigation, technical and mechanical systems, and all passed inspection. Additionally, we have ensured that the fire-resistant panels were certified correctly and are not defective.

“Following the launch of *Crystal Serenity* on July 31st, we are thrilled that *Crystal Symphony* has completed sea trials and is one step closer to returning to service in a few short weeks,” said Senior Vice President of Marine Operations Roberto Fazi. “To be able to relaunch our brand and

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two ships within such a short amount of time is completely unprecedented, and we could not have done it without the amazing work of our leadership and teams, both on board and shoreside. We also wouldn't be here without our partners at Fincantieri who worked around the clock to deliver this beautiful ship on time."

When guests board for the first time, they will find updated and larger suites with artisanal finishes, and refreshed specialty dining venues including the new Osteria d'Ovidio which pays homage to Crystal's Executive Chairman Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio and his family's Northern Italian heritage. They will also be greeted with cutting-edge onboard wellness, including the completely renovated and renamed Aurōra Spa, as well as a new pickleball court and re-energized entertainment and events. What hasn't changed is the exceptional service and one of the industry's best staff-to-guest ratios.

Crystal Symphony will spend the rest of the summer in Europe following the inaugural cruise from Athens before repositioning to Africa in October and then hosting voyages in Australia and Asia.

To book a sailing, contact your travel advisor, visit crystalcruises.com, or call 1-800-446-6620.

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About Crystal

For more than three decades Crystal has been synonymous with exceptional, award-winning voyages. In 2022 A&K Travel Group acquired the Crystal brand and its two vessels, *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony*, ushering in a new era of Exceptional at Sea. The globally renowned cruise line offers discerning travelers' industry-leading, authentic, and enriching experiences both onshore and at sea. Crystal's pioneering partnership with Abercrombie & Kent provides guests with unparalleled access to the most sought-after experiences, destinations, and the latest cultural makers around the world. The reimagined ships will boast larger, updated suites with artisanal finishes, new cutting-edge wellness offerings, spectacular entertainment, and complimentary world-class dining - including the return of UMI UMA - the only dining experience by Michelin-Star Chef Master Chef Nobuyuki (Nobu) at sea. With a legacy of unrivaled service and commitment to sophistication and elegance at every touchpoint, once on-board passengers feel as if they are perfectly at home.

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