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Crystal Announces Key Dates For First New Build

A New Era Begins with the Line's *First* New Ship in 25 Years

Crystal, the leader in exceptional cruise experiences, announced today two key milestone dates in the construction of the first new ship scheduled for delivery in May 2028. This is the first new build for the brand in 25 years and under the ownership of Abercrombie & Kent Travel Group.

The ship's steel cutting will take place in May 2026, with the keel laying occurring in December 2026, officially commencing the next chapter in Crystal's storied legacy.



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“Behind the scenes, our teams have been working diligently on every element of this extraordinary project—from design and craftsmanship to technical innovation. These milestones represent more than construction progress; they are a testament to our shared commitment with Fincantieri to deliver the most exceptional ship at sea, on schedule and with an unparalleled attention to detail.”

CRISTINA LEVIS, CEO OF A&K TRAVEL GROUP

The name of the new ship will be announced shortly, with details on her inaugural voyages and new suite categories to follow by the end of the year. Her inaugural 2028 season is set to go on sale next spring, with the waitlist opening in advance. For more information or to book any of Crystal's exceptional itineraries, contact your travel advisor, visit crystalcruises.com, or call 1-800-446-6620.

About Crystal

For more than three decades, Crystal has been synonymous with exceptional, award-winning voyages. In 2022, **A&K Travel Group (AKTG)** acquired the Crystal brand and its two vessels, *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony*, ushering in a new era of being 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 and destinations around the world. The reimaged ships boast larger, updated suites with artisanal finishes, and almost one member of crew per guest.

Crystal is home to the first-ever Casino de Monte-Carlo at sea as part of an exclusive partnership with Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer (SBM), and world-class dining includes Umi Uma®, the only dining experience at sea by Michelin-rated chef Nobu (Nobuyuki Matsuhisa), and the only Beefbar on the ocean, a collaboration with visionary



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restaurateur Riccardo Giraudi, and a specially curated Osteria d'Ovidio menu by famed Italian chef Massimiliano and celebrated restaurateur Raffaele Alajmo. The ships also feature cutting-edge wellness at the Aurōra Spa, and spectacular entertainment including Broadway-standard shows. With a legacy of unrivaled service and commitment to sophistication and elegance at every touchpoint, once onboard guests feel as if they are perfectly at home.

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