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## Steel Cutting for *Crystal Grace* Signals a New Era of Prestige at Sea

### Construction officially begins on Crystal's newest ocean ship

Crystal, the leader in exceptional cruise experiences, celebrated a defining milestone this week with the ceremonial steel cutting of *Crystal Grace*, the brand's newest ocean ship, at the Fincantieri shipyard in Marghera, Italy. The moment marks the official start of construction and signals the next chapter in Crystal's continued evolution—where timeless elegance meets contemporary innovation.

Scheduled for delivery in May 2028, *Crystal Grace* represents a bold step forward for the brand, building on its legacy of exceptional service, spacious design and immersive, experience-led travel. The ship will introduce a refined vision of luxury at sea, thoughtfully designed to elevate every aspect of the guest journey.

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“As we look to the future, we are focused on creating ships that feel both deeply rooted in Crystal’s heritage and unmistakably modern, where space, service and experience come together in a way that is both intuitive and extraordinary. *Crystal Grace* will do that for the brand, and we are so proud that this moment with our partners at Fincantieri brings that vision one step closer to reality.”

CRISTINA LEVIS, CEO OF AKTG

The steel cutting ceremony underscores Crystal’s continued partnership with Fincantieri, one of the world’s most respected shipbuilders and a long-time collaborator in bringing the brand’s vision to life through craftsmanship, precision and innovation.

Luigi Matarazzo, General Manager of Merchant Ships Division at Fincantieri, stated, “The steel cutting of *Crystal Grace* is a moment of great pride for our team and a significant milestone in our relationship with Crystal and the Lefebvre family. Over the years, we have built a partnership grounded in trust, shared values and an unwavering commitment to excellence. We are honored to once again bring Crystal’s vision to life, shaping a vessel that reflects both the brand’s distinguished heritage and its exciting future.”

Once delivered, *Crystal Grace* will join the fleet as a next-generation ocean vessel, offering expansive suites, including the brand’s first-ever Owner’s suite; elevated culinary concepts with renowned partners such as Chef Nobu Matsuhisa, three-time Michelin-starred Massimiliano Alajmo and his brother Raffaele and restaurateur Riccardo Girardi; outstanding Broadway-style entertainment; one of the best staff to guest and space to guest ratios in the luxury segment and thoughtfully curated

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itineraries designed to connect guests more deeply to each destination. She will embark on her inaugural voyage on June 11, 2028, from Civitavecchia (Rome) for an eight-night voyage concluding in Fusina (Venice).

To book any of *Crystal Grace's* exceptional voyages, contact your travel advisor, visit [www.crystalcruises.com](http://www.crystalcruises.com) or call 1-800-446-6620.

For images, visit: <https://we.tl/t-F1cH625KTYwZr8UD>

## About Crystal

For more than three decades, Crystal has been synonymous with exceptional, award-winning voyages. In 2022, AKTG (Abercrombie & Kent Travel Group) acquired the Crystal brand and its two vessels, *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony*, ushering in a new era of being 'Exceptional at Sea' following a \$170 million refurbishment of the two ships. 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 reimagined 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 chef Nobu (Nobuyuki Matsuhisa), and the only Beefbar on the ocean, a collaboration with visionary restaurateur Riccardo Giraudi, and a specially curated Osteria d'Ovidio menu by three-time Michelin-starred 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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