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Viking Announces Float Out of Second Hydrogen-Powered Ship

Set to Debut in Spring 2027, the Viking Astrea Meets Water for the First Time

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Viking® (www.viking.com) (NYSE: VIK) today announced that the [Viking Astrea®](#), the company's second hydrogen-powered cruise ship capable of operating with zero emissions, was "floated out," marking a major construction milestone and the first time the ship has touched water. Scheduled for delivery in May 2027, the *Viking Astrea* will spend her inaugural season sailing itineraries in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe.

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Viking today announced its newest ocean ship—the 998-guest Viking Astrea—has been "floated out," marking a major construction milestone and the first time the ship has touched water. Scheduled for delivery in May 2027, the Viking Astrea, the company's second hydrogen-powered cruise ship, will spend her inaugural season sailing itineraries in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe. Pictured here, the Viking Astrea at the float out ceremony in Ancona, Italy. For more information, visit www.viking.com.

"The float out of the *Viking Astrea* represents another important milestone for Viking," said Leah Talactac, President and Chief Executive Officer of Viking.

"From the beginning, we have sought thoughtful ways to design more efficient ships, and the *Viking Astrea* is an important step forward in that ongoing effort."

The float out ceremony took place at Fincantieri's Ancona Shipyard and is significant because it denotes a ship moving into its final stage of construction. The float out of the *Viking Astrea* began when a ceremonial cord was cut that signaled water to flow into the ship's building dock. Following a two-day process that will set the *Viking Astrea* afloat, she will then be moved to a nearby outfitting dock for final construction and interior build-out.

Classified as a small ship, as are all Viking ocean ships, the *Viking Astrea* has a gross tonnage of approximately 54,300 tons, with 499 staterooms that can host 998 guests. She is a sister ship in Viking's award-winning ocean fleet and will have a propulsion system based partially on liquefied hydrogen and fuel cells. This hybrid propulsion system will make her capable of navigating and operating with zero emissions, which would allow her to access even the most environmentally sensitive areas. Enabled by Isotta Fraschini Motori (IFM), Fincantieri's subsidiary specializing in advanced fuel cell technology, the ship's state-of-the-art propulsion system will be capable of producing up to six megawatts of power. The [Viking Libra®](#), the world's first hydrogen-powered cruise ship capable of operating with zero

emissions, is scheduled for delivery in November 2026.

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About Viking

Viking (NYSE: VIK) is a global leader in experiential travel with a fleet of more than 100 ships, exploring 21 rivers, five oceans and all seven continents. Designed for curious travelers with interests in science, history, culture and cuisine, Executive Chairman Torstein Hagen often says Viking offers experiences For The Thinking Person™. Viking has more than 450 awards to its name, including being rated #1 for Rivers and #1 for Oceans five years in a row by *Condé Nast Traveler* in the 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. Viking is also rated a "World's Best" by *Travel + Leisure*—no other travel company has simultaneously received such honors by both publications. For additional information, contact Viking at 1-800-2-VIKING (1-800-284-5464) or visit www.viking.com.

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