

Oceania Cruises Celebrates Christening of Newest Ship, *Sirena*

Sirena Features New Dining Options, Redesigned Suites and Enhanced Entertainment

BARCELONA, Spain, April 27, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Oceania Cruises officially welcomed its newest ship, *Sirena*, into the fleet this evening with a majestic christening ceremony at the Port of Barcelona. After the ship's godmother, Claudine Pépin, delivered the traditional blessing, a bottle of Moët & Chandon's finest champagne kissed the ship's hull and a flurry of confetti filled the sky in celebration of *Sirena*'s inaugural voyage.



Joining Pépin for the signature bottle-breaking moment were Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings CEO, Frank Del Rio; President and COO for Oceania Cruises, Jason Montague; and Claudine's father, legendary master chef Jacques Pépin. The Pépin family and Oceania Cruises have enjoyed a long and treasured relationship, with Jacques Pépin serving as the line's Executive Culinary Director since its inception.

"We launched Oceania Cruises with a visionary belief that we could create something special. With an unwavering commitment to serve our guests the finest cuisine at sea, we established a culinary reputation that to this day defines the Oceania Cruises brand," said Del Rio. "That culinary tradition continues, as we welcome *Sirena* to the family. *Sirena* builds upon our epicurean heritage with new gourmet dining experiences, and in godmother Claudine Pépin who is a noted chef and member of the culinary world's royal family."

The 684-passenger *Sirena* follows the award-winning design blueprint of its sister ships *Regatta*, *Insignia* and *Nautica*, with amenities such as four gourmet restaurants, six elegant lounges and bars, the renowned Canyon Ranch SpaClub, and 342 lavish suites and luxurious staterooms. Before entering service, the ship underwent a 35-day, nearly \$50

million refurbishment that renovated all public spaces and accommodations to Oceania Cruises' standard of elegance, and added several new amenities for guests to enjoy.

The ship debuts with two new specialty restaurants, providing guests with new culinary indulgences to explore. **Tuscan Steak**, a completely new restaurant concept, is inspired by both Oceania Cruises' traditional steak house, Polo Grill, and the line's authentic Italian restaurant, Toscana. **Red Ginger**, the beloved contemporary Asian-inspired restaurant currently available on *Marina* and *Riviera*, will offer culinary delights such as Miso Glazed Sea Bass and Lobster Pad Thai.

Another new dining option awaits *Sirena* guests at the Grand Dining Room. During lunch the restaurant will transform into **Jacques Bistro**, offering an exclusive menu featuring some of legendary chef Jacques Pépin's signature dishes.

"The expansion of our culinary offerings on *Sirena* with Tuscan Steak, Red Ginger and Jacques Bistro further exemplifies our commitment to epicurean excellence," shared Montague. "We've given our guests three new gourmet dining options, and more opportunities to enjoy the finest cuisine at sea."

In addition to the new dining options, *Sirena*'s most palatial and prestigious accommodations -- the Owner's and Vista Suites -- will debut with an elegant new design that features a crisp and modern motif. *Sirena* is also the first ship in the Oceania Cruises' fleet to showcase the enhanced entertainment offerings being developed for the line. Guests will be treated to a full range of world-class musical, theatrical and comedic productions in the *Sirena* Lounge.

For more information about Oceania Cruises, guests should visit www.oceaniacruises.com, call 855-OCEANIA (855-623-2642) or contact a professional travel agent.

About Oceania Cruises

Featuring a fleet of intimately luxurious ships, Oceania Cruises offers an unrivaled vacation experience renowned for the finest cuisine at sea and destination-rich itineraries spanning the globe. Seasoned world travelers are drawn to Oceania Cruises' expertly crafted voyages, which call on more than 365 ports across Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and the Americas. Spacious and elegant accommodations aboard the 684-guest *Regatta*, *Insignia*, *Nautica* and *Sirena* and the 1,250-guest *Marina* and *Riviera* invite guests to explore the world in unparalleled comfort and style.

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