



## **SUCCESS HAS NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD: CELEBRITY APEX RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEA TRIAL**

*The completion of the sea trial marks a major milestone in the road to delivery for Celebrity Apex*



**SAINT-NAZAIRE, FRANCE – February 11, 2020** – *Celebrity Apex* returned to the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in Saint Nazaire, France, over the weekend following a very successful first sea trial. As anticipated, the Celebrity Cruises ship followed in the footsteps of its Edge Series sister ship, the award-winning *Celebrity Edge*, far surpassing performance expectations.

The trial, conducted between February 4 – 8, 2020, in the Bay of Biscay near the shipyard, was overseen by more than 50 crew members, including engineers and nautical experts. Despite the optimal trial conditions, including strong winds and waves, the second-in-series ship showcased a superior level of comfort and fuel efficiency thanks to the revolutionary design of the Parabolic Ultrabow.

“The purpose of a sea trial is to test the functionality of the ship, but this wasn’t just any sea trial – and *Celebrity Apex* isn’t just any ship,” said Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, President and CEO, Celebrity Cruises. “In typical Edge Series-fashion, the ship absolutely exceeded our expectations, performing perfectly in line with our above-and-beyond operating standards.”

“It was an absolute honor to stand at the helm of *Celebrity Apex* for her highly successful first sea trial,” said *Celebrity Apex* Captain Dimitris Kafetzis. “*Celebrity Apex* is truly a beautiful and highly advanced vessel.”

*Celebrity Apex* encores the transformational look and feel of the line’s first Edge Series ship, *Celebrity Edge*, with such distinctive features as the floating Magic Carpet cantilevered off the ship’s side inviting guests to eat, drink and soar up to 16 decks above the sea; the all-exclusive experience for all suite guests in The Retreat; dramatically expanded staterooms with Infinite Verandas; soothing indoor and outdoor garden escapes; magnificent two-story Edge Villas with their own private terrace and plunge

pool; and high-style spaces throughout public areas, keeping focus on the contemporary design elements that are a highlight of the Edge Series of ships.

It then adds new culinary, spa and wellness, and entertainment features and experiences guaranteed to make *Celebrity Apex* the industry's "it" ship. *Celebrity Apex* will also debut new, all-inclusive amenities and pre-cruise concierge services in The Retreat for all suite guests.

*Celebrity Apex* will begin its inaugural season on April 1, 2020, with a mini-season of five sailings to Northern Europe destinations and then spend the summer sailing seven-to-12-night itineraries in the Mediterranean. In November, *Celebrity Apex* will reposition to Fort Lauderdale for a winter season of week-long Caribbean sailings.

For more details on *Celebrity Apex* offerings and destinations, visit [www.celebritycruises.com/cruise-ships/celebrity-apex](http://www.celebritycruises.com/cruise-ships/celebrity-apex). For more information on all Celebrity Cruises offerings, call 1-800-437-3111, visit [www.celebritycruises.com](http://www.celebritycruises.com), or speak with a travel advisor.

**About Celebrity Cruises:**

Celebrity Cruises' iconic "X" is the mark of modern luxury, with its cool, contemporary design and warm spaces; dining experiences where the design of the venues is as important as the cuisine; and the amazing service that only Celebrity can provide, all created to provide an unmatched experience for vacationers' precious time. Celebrity Cruises' 14 ships offer modern luxury vacations visiting all seven continents. Celebrity also presents incredible Cruisetour experiences in Alaska and Canada. Celebrity is one of six cruise brands operated by global cruise vacation company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (NYSE: RCL).

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