



CELEBRITY CRUISES CELEBRATES CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE ON CELEBRITY ASCENT

*Coin Ceremony Marks the Rise of Fourth Ship
in the Line's Game-Changing Edge Series*

SAINT-NAZAIRE, FRANCE (August 24, 2022) – Sparks flew as workers at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard welded a ceremonial coin to a massive steel docking block forming the ship's keel, officially marking the beginning of construction on the fourth ship in Celebrity Cruises® transformational *Edge Series - Celebrity Ascent*™.

Placing the coin in this time-honored maritime ceremony were Jason Liberty, President and CEO of Royal Caribbean Group, the parent company of Celebrity Cruises; and Laurent Castaing, General Manager of Chantiers de l'Atlantique. According to the legend – and a tradition that has spanned centuries – the laying of the coin is thought to bless and bring good fortune to the ship.

"Today, we celebrate the incredible *Celebrity Ascent*, a ship name that fittingly represents the climb, the rise and, ultimately, the upward trajectory of both Celebrity Cruises and the Royal Caribbean Group," said Liberty. "It's exciting to have our entire fleet back in the water, again, and moments like this reaffirm our bright future. We are grateful to all who have and will continue to lend their creativity and craftsmanship to this ship, as we work together to reach new heights in our industry."

"Bringing another magnificent *Celebrity Edge Series* ship to life is absolutely thrilling for me and another wonderFULL development for our guests," said Celebrity Cruises President and CEO Lisa Lutoff-Perlo. "While exploring the wonders of the world, our guests will be surrounded by the wonders of our Celebrity world - forward-thinking design, culinary excellence, thoughtful well-being experiences, and our uniquely intuitive service. *Celebrity Ascent* will be the epitome of a relaxed luxury resort at sea."

"This new ship will be another great success in the continuity of the previous ships of the *Celebrity Class* built at Chantiers de l'Atlantique." said Castaing. "We know our respective teams have been giving each other enough proofs of mutual confidence so that they can work smoothly on this new project."

Celebrity Ascent is the fourth ship in the line's ground-breaking *Edge Series*, a class of ships hailed as engineering and design marvels. Like her industry-changing sister ships, *Celebrity Edge*®, *Celebrity Apex*™, and *Celebrity Beyond*™, *Ascent* will connect guests to the breathtaking world around them like never before. Standing at 17 decks tall and 20 meters longer than the original *Celebrity Edge*, *Ascent* will also feature more space and more luxury onboard.

Celebrity Ascent will debut in Fort Lauderdale's Port Everglades on December 3, 2023 for her inaugural Caribbean season of alternating 7-night Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries. Bookings are now open at <https://www.celebritycruises.com/cruise-ships/celebrity-ascent/itineraries> or through a trusted travel advisor.

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About Celebrity Cruises:

Celebrity Cruises' iconic "X" is the mark of a fleet of 15 award-winning ships redefining luxury cruise travel with cool, contemporary design and accommodation; dining, spa, and entertainment experiences for modern tastes; and culturally rich and diverse destination experiences, all complemented by warm, personalized service. Celebrity has pioneered many industry firsts at sea, including: the first use of solar panels on a cruise ship; the first to eliminate use of plastic water bottles; the first American female Captain of a cruise ship; the first-ever all-female bridge and officer team sailing; the first West African woman to work on the bridge of a cruise ship; and one of the first legal same-sex weddings performed at sea. Driven by wanderlust and a passion for opening the world, Celebrity journeys to all seven continents, visiting nearly 300 destinations in more than 70 countries. Celebrity Cruises is one of five brands owned by the global cruise company Royal Caribbean Group. (NYSE: RCL).

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