

## Success is Better When It's Shared: *Celebrity Ascent* Completes Sea Trials with Brother Captains at the Helm

*Captain Dimitrios Kafetzis and Captain Tasos Kafetzis mark final milestone on the journey to ship's November delivery*

**MIAMI (Oct. 2, 2023)** - Celebrity Cruises' announced today that its newest ship, *Celebrity Ascent*, lived up to its name, reaching the pinnacle of its construction milestones with the successful completion of its first open ocean sailing. During the traditional shipbuilding process known as sea trials, *Celebrity Ascent* completed a series of maneuverability skills designed to test the ship's functional and operational capabilities, which she passed with flying colors.

The ship's brother captains, Dimitrios and Tasos Kafetzis, were at the helm to oversee the intricate tests conducted in the Bay of Biscay near the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in St. Nazaire, France where *Celebrity Ascent* has been under construction. In addition, nearly 200 crew members were onboard to test the ship's equipment from bow to stern.

*Celebrity Ascent* offers guests all the design features and onboard amenities that travelers love on the first three *Edge Series* ships, *Celebrity Edge*, *Celebrity Apex*, and *Celebrity Beyond*, and then raises the bar with newly designed restaurants and culinary experiences, reimagined entertainment venues, and more.

Sailing from Ft. Lauderdale's Port Everglades, *Celebrity Ascent* offers a special [4-Night Western Caribbean](#) preview voyage on Nov. 22, 2023, followed by another special [3-Night Bahamas](#) preview getaway on Nov. 26, 2023. A celebratory [7-Night Eastern Caribbean Maiden Voyage](#) departs the South Florida port on December 3, 2023, kicking off the ship's inaugural Caribbean season featuring 7-night itineraries rotating between such popular Eastern and Western Caribbean destinations as the Bahamas, Mexico and Grand Cayman; and San Juan, Tortola and St. Kitts, respectively. Then, *Celebrity Ascent* heads to the Mediterranean for a spectacular 2024 summer season of sailings including a [9-Night Italian Riviera and France](#) itinerary; and the [12-Night Best of Greece and Italy](#) itinerary.

For more details on all *Celebrity Ascent* offerings and destinations, visit <https://www.celebritycruises.com/cruise-ships/celebrity-ascent>.

For more information on Celebrity Cruises, or to book a Celebrity cruise, visit [www.celebrity.com](http://www.celebrity.com), call 1-800-CELEBRITY, or contact a trusted travel advisor.

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Celebrity Cruises, owned by Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), reimagines cruising by pioneering resort travel at sea. Recognized for its iconic "X", the Celebrity cruise experience is both refined and relaxed, merging contemporary design, amenities, and entertainment, with world-class, personalized service that makes travelers feel at home anywhere in the world. The cruise line transports travelers to nearly 300 destinations, across all seven continents, and up to eight destinations in one voyage. Multi-award winning, Celebrity is the first cruise line with ships to earn Forbes Travel Guide's four-star rating and has also been voted "Best Premium Cruise Line" for 15 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards. For more information, visit [CelebrityCruises.com](http://CelebrityCruises.com).

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