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No Luxury Spared: New High-End Cruise Ships Set Sail

The latest batch of yacht-like vessels sailing in Europe, the Caribbean and beyond offer personalized experiences, great food and spacious suites.

It has been a defining year for luxury cruising. Once characterized by crisp white tablecloths and rigid formality, the industry has shifted toward highly personalized travel. To meet growing demand and attract first-timers, cruise lines and luxury hotel brands are launching intimate, yacht-like vessels with exclusive itineraries, tailored experiences and dedicated wellness offerings.

Here's a roundup of some of the major luxury ships launching this year.

The Orient Express Corinthian



A marble bathroom on the Orient Express
Corinthian. Camille McQuat for The New York Times

In April, Orient Express unveiled the [Corinthian](#), the world's largest sailing yacht. At 721 feet, the 110-passenger vessel has 54 ocean-facing suites designed by the architect [Maxime d'Angeac](#), ranging from 45 to 230 square meters (about 484 to 2,475 square feet). Each suite has a maritime Art Deco design with walk-in closets, marble bathrooms and spacious dining and lounging areas.



The Orient Express Corinthian has 54 suites, each with Art Deco-inspired décor and ocean views. Camille McQuat for The New York Times

The Penthouse, on Deck 7, offers six outward-facing residences suspended above the water, with the feel of a waterfront villa. Each residence has a private terrace, outdoor plunge pool and unobstructed ocean views.

The ship has five restaurants, eight bars (including a speakeasy), and private dining rooms run by the acclaimed French chef [Yannick Alléno](#). It also has a dedicated spa, beauty salon, two swimming pools (including a lap pool) and a marina deck that opens onto the water for swimming and water sports.



The Corinthian has a library and amphitheater.

In the fall, the Corinthian, which can sail by wind power alone under the right conditions, will be offering three- to seven-night sailings around the Iberian Peninsula with stops in Minorca, Málaga and Cádiz, and a 14-night trans-Atlantic sailing from Lisbon to Barbados to kick off its winter Caribbean sailing season.

Fares start at \$19,500 for three nights (all-inclusive).