

FINCANTIERI: “VIKING POLARIS” DELIVERED

Trieste, September 28, 2022 – Fincantieri has delivered in Søviknes (Norway) “Viking Polaris”, the second of two expedition vessels for Viking.

“Viking Polaris”, as well as her sister ship “Viking Octantis”, delivered last year, can host 378 guests in 189 staterooms. The ships have the “Polar Class 6” certification for expeditions in the polar regions, and they have the size to navigate remote areas and the St. Lawrence River and provide superior handling and stability in rough seas. Straight bows, longer hulls and state-of-the-art fin stabilizers allow the ships to glide over the waves for the calmest possible journey, ice-strengthened hulls provide the safest way to explore and u-tank stabilizers significantly decrease rolling by up to 50% when the ships are stationary.

Designed by the same experienced nautical architects and engineers that designed Viking’s ocean ships, these new vessels feature modern Scandinavian design, intimate spaces and attention to detail, as well as public spaces that are favorites on Viking’s ocean ships and new spaces created specifically for expeditions.

The collaboration between Fincantieri and Viking counts a total of 18 vessels, including the four announced few weeks ago, confirming the recovery of the cruise sector, which is expected to return to pre-pandemic levels by 2023.

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