

ODYSSEY

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ODYSSEY ANNOUNCES NEW VESSEL TO CRUISE ALONG THE CHICAGO RIVER IN 2018

The Glass-Enclosed Ship Will Provide a Unique Dining Experience and 360-Degree Views

CHICAGO, IL (September 2017) – Odyssey Chicago, operators of the upscale dining yacht cruising from Navy Pier, is introducing a new vessel to begin cruising the Chicago River in 2018. Odyssey will be the sole cruise operator offering its unique, full-service dining and entertainment experience on the Chicago River. The new glass-enclosed ship is currently under construction and will feature picturesque 360-degree views of Chicago’s famous architecture during brunch, lunch, dinner and fireworks cruises.

“Our Chicago fleet is known for providing guests with renowned service and unforgettable experiences year-round on Lake Michigan, whether they cruise during the day or in the evenings, for more than 35 years,” says Kenneth Svendsen, CEO of Odyssey’s parent company Entertainment Cruises. “As enthusiasm grows around the Chicago River, we want to offer Chicago residents and visitors an elegant state-of-the-art dining cruise option that hasn’t been available from this vantage point.”

The river cruise will resemble the Odyssey cruises at Navy Pier with the same level of service, upscale dining, entertainment, and atmosphere. Guests will enjoy a seasonal menu with delicious plated meals, modern design, a professional DJ and more, remaining the perfect setting for celebrating special occasions with friends and family, connecting with colleagues, or simply a memorable evening out.

The custom-designed 140-foot, 200-person capacity vessel is a single-level ship with climate-controlled interior spaces that allow comfortable year-round cruising, as well as exterior observation space. Boarding will be located conveniently on the north side of the Chicago River, adjacent to NBC Tower, just steps from the Magnificent Mile.

“For years, we’ve seen guests walk off our vessels at Navy Pier with memories to last a lifetime,” says Dan Russell, Regional Vice President of Entertainment Cruises. “We see this as an opportunity to expose more guests to the wonderful, enriching experiences already happening on the water by extending the experience up the river and through the heart of Chicago.”

Odyssey’s river cruise is slated to begin operating in summer 2018. For more information and to see renderings, visit OdysseyCruises.com/Chicago-River.

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ABOUT ODYSSEY:

Odyssey delivers unique dining cruises to groups of all sizes who want an upscale, curated experience on the water. Operating in Boston, Chicago and Washington, D.C., Odyssey cruises are the perfect setting for celebrating special occasions with friends, an evening out with someone special or connecting with colleagues. Odyssey Chicago provides upscale brunch, lunch, dinner and specialty cruises year-round from Navy Pier. For more information or to inquire about reservations, visit **OdysseyCruises.com**.

ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT CRUISES:

Entertainment Cruises is the United States' largest dining cruise company, with 37 vessels serving close to 2 million guests annually. The company has an established portfolio of seven distinct brands, offering guests unmatched experiences with unique views of some of the nation's most beautiful waterfronts including New York Metro, Chicago, Washington, D.C. Metro, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Norfolk, Virginia. The Entertainment Cruises portfolio of brands includes Odyssey, Spirit Cruises, Mystic Blue Cruises, Bateaux New York, Seadog, Elite Private Yachts and Potomac Riverboat Company. The brands are collectively defined by operational excellence, superior service, quality entertainment, exceptional views and an unwavering commitment to delivering enriching experiences on the water. Entertainment Cruises and its operations are part of the Pritzker Group Private Capital family of companies. For more information or to inquire about reservations, visit **EntertainmentCruises.com**.

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