

Disney Treasure will unlock another world

Newest ship expected to make grand debut in December '24

Disney Cruise Line's newest ship couldn't have been named more appropriately. To say it's a gem might be an understatement. Perhaps that's why it will be named *Treasure*.

The ship is expected to launch in December of next year. It's the sister ship to *Disney Wish* that debuted in 2022.

Disney Treasure's maiden voyage will be a seven-night eastern Caribbean cruise from Port Canaveral, Florida on December 21. From there, the inaugural season will be comprised of seven-night itineraries to the eastern and western Caribbean from Port Canaveral.

Disney Cruise Line cuts no corners in the development of its newest vessel. *Disney Treasure* will harness a design concept that calls upon the bold and heartwarming stories of beloved Disney characters. Adventure will serve as its architectural and thematic foundation.

Guests will find familiar spaces from *Disney Wish*, infused with *Disney Treasure's* theme of adventure and inspired by memorable Disney stories like "Aladdin", "Coco" and "Zootopia".

Disney Treasure will introduce a new entertainment restaurant. Eateries will include:

- Plaza de Coco, the world's first theatrical-dining experience themed to the Disney and Pixar film, "Coco". The story of Miguel and his *familia* will continue where it finished on screen as they gather in Mariachi Plaza to take guests on



DISCOVERING GREATNESS – The beautiful Grand Hall will be the primary gathering space on Disney Cruise Line's newest ship, *Disney Treasure*.

Image: Disney.

two nights of colorful, music-filled journeys.

- Worlds of Marvel is Disney Cruise Line's immersive Marvel-themed dining experience. It celebrates Avenger characters and stories, including an amazing interaction with Spider-Man. This high-tech venue will offer a worldly menu and special entertainment, all inspired by the Marvel Cinematic Universe.
- 1923 is named for the founding

year of Walt Disney Animation Studios. It will celebrate the impact of Disney's animation legacy through a collection of exploration-themed artwork. The venue's upscale ambiance will complement a sophisticated menu inspired by cultural flavors found throughout California.

The new ship also will feature quick bites, casual dining, 24-hour room service, specialty treats, gourmet cafes, upscale dining for adults only and

Jumbeaux Sweets – inspired by the ice cream parlor featured in "Zootopia".

The Grand Hall will offer dedicated shows, character encounters and musical performances. The "Aladdin"-themed venue will serve as the ship's prominent gather space.

Sarabi will be a central hub for a multitude of daytime activities and adult-exclusive evening entertainment. It will evoke natural beauty and openness and will feature a variety of activities.

The Walt Disney Theatre is an opulent show space that will house Broadway-style productions. Hero Zone and the Wonderland and Never Cinemas also will provide family entertainment. Hero Zone will be a progressive sports and recreation venue, and the latter will include intimate screening rooms.

Three distinct districts will offer water activities, quick and casual dining options and plenty of space to relax and soak in the sun on upper decks. AquaMouse: Curse of the Golden Egg will be suspended above the upper decks, where powerful jets will propel two-person ride vehicles through 760 feet of winding tubes, offering breathtaking views of the ocean and the ship below.

Children, meanwhile, will embark on adventures of their own with dedicated spaces and interactive programming for all age groups, including infants, toddlers, tweens and teens.

Disney Treasure is more than a vessel. It's a jackpot on the high seas.

Taking trip to Oregon is a wonderful journey

Mountains, vistas, coastline create ideal destination

Oregon is nowhere **to found** on the list of the Seven Wonders of the World, but it should be. The state, sitting on the northwest coastline of the U.S., is blessed land of wondrous natural locations.

Oregon flouts unimaginably glorious settings. From Mt. Hood to the Columbia River to the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, it leaves no stone unturned.

Mt. Hood is visible from miles away. Eleven glaciers surround its perpetually crowned peak. That is one for every thousand feet it rises above sea level. Placid alpine lakes – with names like Trillium and Mirror – dot the mountain's flanks. Each boasts a unique view. Lavender and wildflowers fill the forests and valleys in the spring; apple and pears arrive by summer – labeling the epic drive between the mountain and the town of Hood River the Fruit Loop.

Timeless fishing villages, stunning natural landmarks and migrating whales grab your attention while traveling on the Pacific Coast Byway. The 361-mile route traces the state's coastline along Highway 101, meandering past headlands, seaside cliffs, dense swaths of rainforest and wind-sculpted dunes.

The byway hugs the coastline outside of Cannon Beach and climbs nearly 700 feet above the Pacific, offering



RISING STAR – The beauty of Mt. Hood reflects off a nearby lake in Oregon.

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spectacular ocean views. Haystack Rock is a 235-foot monolith. It towers like a night's watchman over the beach and is one of the state's most photographed natural wonders.

Located in central Oregon, Smith Rock is the birthplace of American sport climbing. Towers of volcanic ash rise from the high desert's dust and sage similar to the spires of a cathedral.

Hikers should explore the obsidian lava flows at Newberry Crater National Volcanic Monument, the place where astronauts trained to walk on the moon.

The great Missoula Floods carved the Columbia River Gorge – a place inundated with breathtaking vistas and waterfalls. Snowmelt streams plunge more than 600 feet down a sheer cliff face at Multnomah Falls in two-tiered

cascades. The Vista House at Crown Point opened in 1918. Experience stunning views of the gorge from what might be the most awesome rest stop in the world.

The Oregon Trail carved the Willamette Valley and it hasn't changed since the first pioneers crossed by wagon. Ride the gondola from Willamette Lake Village. Climb 3,700 feet to the peak of Mt. Howard. The high desert of Indian Country rolls in front of you beneath the alpine summit.

Crater Lake, meanwhile, is the deepest lake in the U.S. and one of the deepest on the planet. A picturesque island sits in the middle as a reminder of the region's violent volcanic past. Visitors drive around Rim Drive on the southern side of the caldera.

Millions of years of history are revealed in layers of earth – one color at a time – at Painted Hills. The name originates from the delicately colored stratifications in the soil. The Painted Hills are best seen in the late afternoon. The sunset transforms them into subtle shades of red, violent basalt and vermilion.

Oregon digs deep and rises high among the most natural locations in the world. Visiting it will have you wondering why it took you so long to make the trip.

Nighttime can leave drivers in dark

Shining headlights critical in protecting teen motorists

Night-driving conditions often can be challenging. Dark roads make it difficult to see on-coming vehicles and could lead to an accident if drivers aren't paying attention.

This especially is true for teenage drivers. The National Safety Council reports that teen-driver deaths are three times greater at night. Visibility is a leading factor and parents should work diligently to make sure their young motorists have ample opportunities to drive at night with a responsible adult.

Teaching young drivers the importance of a vehicle's lighting is a vital safety lesson. Sylvania Automotive, a global leader in automotive lighting, and AAA offer the following suggestions to help teens, parents and guardians better prepare for driving at night and improve vehicle safety:

- Be sure all vehicle lights are working. Have a person turn on its headlights and signal lights while the teen inspects it from the outside.
- Wash headlight lenses when washing the windshield. It enables better road vision at night and in poor-weather conditions. Consider a headlight-restoration kit if the lenses are cloudy. The kit restores



NIGHT RANGER – Taking care of your headlights could be the difference between safe driving and getting into an accident. *Image: Travel_Master. Adobe Stock.*

- them to like-new condition.
- Park on a level surface five feet from a building's wall or garage door before turning on the headlights to make sure they are in good working order. Bright, white circles of light mean they are in good condition. Yellow or dim lights should be replaced.

- Replace headlights before they burn out. Headlight bulbs tend to dim as much as 20% within two years, making it wise to inspect them annually. Dimming creates less light on roads. Consider upgrading to high-performance halogen lighting. The bulbs are as much

as 50% brighter than worn standard bulbs and increase roadway visibility by as much as 40%.

- Always change headlights in pairs. A new bulb paired with an old one creates an uneven field of vision for drivers, which can be a major distraction.
- Check the headlight alignment. Misaligned headlights can become distracting and dangerous. Headlights pointing as little as 1 degree too high can make a significant difference to oncoming drivers. Studies prove nearly half the vehicles in states that require inspections had at least one improperly aimed headlight. Ask a technician to check and correct the aim.
- Drive with the lights on. Turn on the headlights to be seen by other drivers if daytime visibility is limited.
- Reduce the brightness of the instrument-panel light to a comfortable – yet effective level – to reduce unnecessary glare.

It's essential to follow these steps to keep not just teens safe, but all motorists. It's difficult to remain comfortable behind the wheel if you're left in the dark.