

# Cruises

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## LIFE AT SEA

**You know the feeling: You've been on the best cruise of your life in the most lavish stateroom and, frankly, you don't want to go home.** You've felt the urge before in Costa Rica or Positano, where you remedied the situation by buying a small apartment to return to over and over again — so much better than a standard souvenir. But how to navigate this hankering to keep a piece of that cruise ship and call it your own? You could buy a yacht, but that doesn't speak to all those pampering cruise ship amenities from swish restaurants to on-site wellness facilities. And what if you wanted to take your family on a prolonged holiday at sea — who would teach the children as you journeyed around the world?

Storylines, a groundbreaking company, offers a delightful solution. A first-of-its-kind residential community at sea, Storylines introduces the splendid MV Narrative, which sets sail in 2027 with 530 fully furnished residences. Stretching 766 ft long and spanning 98 ft wide, the colossal floating upscale apartment building proves that neighborhoods don't have to be static — they can float across the sea. Priced for the lifetime of the vessel, one- to four-bedroom homes, elegantly designed in coastal or contemporary themes, measure 237 to 1,970 sq ft. They sell for \$1m to \$8m, while a limited number of homes are available for shared purchase with 25% or 50% ownership, costing from \$550,000 to \$4.4m. Owners have the option to rent out their on-ship villas when they're not using them themselves.

Envisioned by founders Shannon Lee and Alister Punton to provide jet-setters the opportunity to explore the world on their terms and to live a mobile life with passion while still working, raising children and building a domestic nest, MV Narrative will sail across six continents and circumnavigate the globe every three years. Kitted out with jaw-dropping amenities, as well as innovative immersive activities and top-notch wellness and healthcare programs,



Storylines' trailblazing ship redefines the concept of global citizen. All-inclusive, the experience includes world-class dining, cultural enrichment programming, and fitness facilities open 24 hours a day.

The MV Narrative flaunts 20 dining and bar venues, a microbrewery, marina with personal watercraft, three pools with sundecks, a pet exercise area, business center and a beauty salon. Read a book from the 10,000-book library, watch a movie in the theater, paint in the art studio or go bowling. Fitness buffs can run the outdoor track, work out in the state-of-the-art gym, practice yoga in the studio, take to the dance floor or putter around with the golf

simulator. Solving the school dilemma, the Storylines Global Academy stands out as a stellar youth education program.

Under the tutelage of Wellness Solutions founder and CEO Tony de Leede, the onboard medical clinic and wellness center measures 10,000 sq ft. Its medical services run the gamut from wellness visits, weight loss and anti-aging to immunotherapy, dietary planning and more. With a hospital for emergency medicine and a helicopter landing pad, the pioneering program caters to denizens in pursuit of groundbreaking lifestyle enhancements, from Blue Zone-inspired diets to optimal aging treatments such as intravenous vitamins.

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