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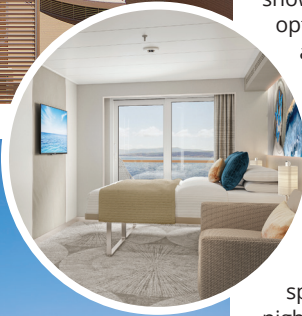
Go-karting, the world's first free-fall dry slide on sea, musical shows, spa, artwork... this new ship has raised the bar on many levels!

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STYLISH', that's the first thing that comes to mind when you step into the latest luxury ship by Norwegian Cruise Line for its inaugural run from Miami to the Bahamas. Apart from being massive (more than 1,500 rooms) the range of restaurants, bars, activities and entertainment options on Norwegian Prima is so varied that one does not know when the hours and days slip by. And of course, there's the incredibly blue ocean to keep you company all the time. Here's an overview of what to expect when you board this elegant new ship.

ACCOMMODATION

There are 1,586 staterooms in 31 different categories. Done up in soft beige tones, the balcony staterooms come with either a king bed or two queen beds and are comfortably spacious with a sofa, dressing table and



ample storage space. Floor to ceiling glass doors connect to a private balcony where you can lounge on chairs for magical star sightings.

Those in the mood to splurge, book yourself at 'Haven,' an exclusive luxury suite complex with a 24-hour personal butler service where the grandeur goes up many notches.

FOOD & DRINKS

Now this is a special point of pride with the Norwegian Cruise Line. More than 30 bars and restaurants on the ship make sure you are never seen without a drink in your hand and your gourmet palate is always satiated. There's a bar on practically every deck level and the restaurants include eight specialty ones offering

Japanese, Italian, French, Mexican, Mediterranean seafood and an American steakhouse. The Indulge Food Hall is the go-to place when cravings for other cuisines hit you because it has everything from Indian, Mexican, noodles, grills, ice creams, desserts to even a Starbucks. Sit on the table and order your food on the iPad placed there. Those environmentally conscious, head to the Metropolitan Bar for sustainable cocktails that are made from pineapple skins, orange and banana peels and other leftover ingredients. The straws are made of vegetables.

ACTIVITIES

Competing with your buddies in the world's first three-level racetrack on sea is not

something many people can boast of. Then there is the world's first free-fall dry slide on sea that plunges down ten levels in just a dizzying few seconds. Go karting, playing mini golf, going whooshing down slides, competing with your partner in a virtual car race at the Galaxy Pavilion and the indoor gaming room, are just some of the action on offer when you want an adrenalin-high on the calm seas. There's a casino if you feel like gambling and a spa to pamper you.

ENTERTAINMENT

Performances that won't make you miss Broadway, live music, karaoke, and comedy shows — the entertainment options on board are a notch above the other ships. The two shows, 'Summer: The Donna Summer Musical' and 'Noise Boys', are sensational and after they end the audience can dance into the wee hours as the Prima Theatre is a unique space that converts into a nightclub. And as you wander through the ship, there is gorgeous art work.

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WALLET

This varies on the destinations, duration and dates of the cruise. A 11-day cruise from Miami to the Caribbean islands in April 2023 is US\$1,379 (approximately ₹1,12,000) per person