Headline: Norwegian adding more Joy to cruising

Deckhead: Updates, including Thermal Suite, enhance ship’s appeal

Norwegian Cruise Line is working to increase the pleasures of cruising. It’s doing so by enhancing one of its popular vessels, *Norwegian Joy*.

The ship is schedule to undergo enhancements in January to elevate the onboard experience with offerings that include a Thermal Suite in the Mandara Spa and Salon, expanded Vibe Beach Club, 24 new staterooms, redesigned Three Bedroom Heaven Premier Owner’s Suites and more.

The three-week dry dock will take place from January 22 to February 12. Once completed, guests will have access to the Thermal Suite, the largest of the Breakaway-Plus class ships. Designed with Norwegian-guest feedback in mind, the spa will boast a more centralized layout with an unparalleled arrival experience, featuring elegant sculptures and entrance corridor encompassed by waterfalls.

A separate lounge area will feature three times as many popular hot-tile loungers, and guests will be able to enjoy easy access to relaxing and reinvigorating experiences, including a sauna, ice room and aromatic-steam room. Other offerings include a Biostation with IV Drip Therapy, a rejuvenating treatment that delivers essential nutrients to the body; four-senses loungers; and Kneipp haptic-foot therapy, which massages feet as guests walk across the pebbled moving stream that alternates between hot and cold foot baths.

“Delivering exceptional experiences across our fleet is what we strive to do,” said David J. Herrera, president of Norwegian Cruise Line. “We have listened to our guests and have taken action. With this revitalization, we are adding some of the most beloved spaces and offerings across our ships to enhance the guest experience aboard *Norwegian Joy*. Guests will have a greater variety of staterooms to choose from and a world class, full-service spa to spend their days at sea fully immersed in relaxation.”

The redesign also will include repurposing a portion of the Observation Lounge to create 24 new balcony staterooms, as well as recategorizing 40 new spa-balcony staterooms that will include direct access to the Mandara Spa and the premiering Thermal Suite.

The Haven by Norwegian Premier Owner’s Suites with a Large Balcony will be expanded to three bedrooms. The two suites will include three bedrooms, three-and-a-half bathrooms, a fully renovated living room, master bedroom and outdoor balcony furniture. They also will have separate dining rooms that overlook The Haven Horizon Lounge.

The Haven by Norwegian is the company’s exclusive ship-within-a-ship and key-card-access-only complex that features spacious suites and dedicated experiences, including concierge service, a private pool, restaurant and bar.

The Vibe Beach Club also will be expanded. The adults-only spot will take over the existing Laser Tag arena on Deck 20. The space will boast a similar layout to the Vibe Beach Club found on *Norwegian Encore* and *Norwegian Bliss*, with new private cabanas.

*Norwegian Joy* will resume sailings February 13, when it embarks on an 11-day transatlantic voyage from Southampton, U.K. to Miami. In March, the ship will cruise seven-day, round-trip Caribbean voyages from Miami before sailing to Bermuda from New York in the summer.

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Cutline: SWEET THERAPY – Norwegian Joy’s facelift will include the Thermal Suite Relaxation Lounge. Image: Norwegian.