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What's new in cruise? Tweeters have their say

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The annual cruise- and CruiseWorld-themed [#TWchats](#) on Twitter kicked off with this question: What gets you excited about new cruise ships?

And right away the tweets started pouring in: the port calls. The fresh, new amenities. New cuisine. "Beautiful rooms and open spaces" tweeted the team from Travelsavers and the Network of Entrepreneurs Selling Travel.



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The Twitter chat, held Nov. 9 in conjunction with the opening of CruiseWorld, was a chance for travel sellers and cruise lines (plus consumers and anyone else on social media) to discuss what's new in the cruise sphere.

The hourlong chat drew more than 1,200 tweets from diverse companies like Princess Cruises and Abercrombie & Kent, agencies like Valerie Wilson Travel and influencers TravelBlogger.com and LandLopers (the **next chat**, Dec. 14, will be on luxury travel).

Among the new ships discussed: the **Koningsdam** (particularly in the area of new food offerings), **Fathom** (particularly when the discussion turned to new itineraries and destinations), the **Regent Explorer** (new luxury offerings) and the **Harmony of the Seas**.

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The Harmony was particularly relevant, as Royal Caribbean International officially names the ship Nov. 10 during a celebration in Fort Lauderdale. In another CruiseWorld collaboration, agent delegates to CruiseWorld were **invited** onboard the Harmony to watch the ceremony from a VIP section.

River cruise lines also had their say in the chat. **AmaWaterways**, **Avalon Waterways**, **CroisiEurope**, **Tauck** and **Uniworld** were along for the ride, particularly active during the question "Which new river cruise ship or itinerary do you want to try?"

And small- and luxury lines were also represented.



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