
NCL to bring high-speed Wi-Fi to three brands

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Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings announced recently it will quadruple the current bandwidth across its Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises fleets in the coming months.

The move is part of a long-term strategic agreement with EMC to significantly enhance the Internet experience onboard all 23 ships in the company's fleet.

To support the new WiFi network, upgrades will be installed fleet-wide before the end of June. There will be new satellite dishes, and [EMC's patented SpeedNet program](#).

The SpeedNet program delivers popular websites at speeds that mimic high-speed fiber optic networks, similar to those available in homes and offices. The Wi-Fi experience is further enhanced by the recent deployment of high speed shoreside connectivity in key ports of call.

"With the addition of new hardware, combined with the significant increase in satellite bandwidth, shoreside connectivity and EMC's SpeedNet, we have moved beyond the decade old problem of slow data speeds from satellite to deliver a much more efficient and faster internet experience for our guests," said Ross Henderson, Vice President, Onboard Revenue, at Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings.

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings selected EMC based on its priority software, maritime experience, and network coverage.

"This is testament to our giant leaps forward in the cruise sector, thanks to our patented, purpose-built and differentiated products, and our unmatched worldwide support," said Brent Horwitz, president of cruise and ferry services, EMC.

Guests on all Norwegian, Oceania and Regent ships can expect to experience the new, Wi-Fi powered by SpeedNet by July.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises guests enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi, as part of the line's most inclusive luxury cruise experience. Oceania Cruise guests sailing under the current OLife Choice promotion and Norwegian Cruise Line guests who selected free Wi-Fi as part of the company's Free at Sea promotion will also enjoy the new internet experience on their cruise. For those purchasing a plan, per minute packages as well as unlimited access packages are available for pre-book or onboard.