

Date is set for Plastic Odyssey's expedition launch from Marseille in September



Plastic Odyssey is happy to announce, on such an important day as that of the World Ocean Day, that their eponymous vessel is ready to set sail, after the many surprises which it went through at the yard. Rendezvous in Marseille, in September, for several weeks of events around the ship's launch.

The Plastic Odyssey ship, true ambassador of the organization's actions, was acquired in October 2019, and then [underwent many ordeals](#), among which asbestos removal or hull weaknesses fixing works. Today fully renovated, it is ready to embark on a three-year expedition.

«After nearly three years of hard work and multiple twists, seeing departure confirmed today is for us the culmination of a piece of adventure among the greater one. Many people worked by our side and supported us while going through these trials. We would like to thank them for their efforts and their relentless commitment over the past few years», says **Simon Bernard, CEO and Co-founder of Plastic Odyssey.**

Plastic Odyssey fights against plastic pollution on a global scale by taking advantage of low and middle-income countries' coastal cities' amassed plastic heritage to turn them into local micro-factories' main raw material for the transformation of plastic waste into building materials and fuel, thanks to low-tech and easily transferable technologies. **Plastic Odyssey also works towards a plastic-free future** through the development of various awareness-raising, educational and social sciences research programs.

As part of Plastic Odyssey's global project to protect the ocean from plastic pollution, year **2022 marks the launch of the global expedition setting sail to the countries most affected by plastic pollution.** Starting with West Africa, the ship will then head for Latin America, the Caribbean, the Pacific Islands, Asia, and finally East and South Africa, with a clearly set mission: to take advantage of its onboard recycling machines to become the world's recycling mediator.



Save the date! Here's the program of events organized around the expedition launch.

Programme will be made up of key moments culminating with the departure in September 2022.

Ship will leave Saint-Nazaire's shipyard at the end of June to reach its home port, Marseille, in July. Starting September 2022, ship visits will be organized and several events will take place:

- ≡ expedition launch **press conference** on September 22,
- ≡ Plastic Odyssey's **new village of solutions' unveiling**, with activities and visits, from September 22 to 24,
- ≡ **ship's baptism** on September 30,
- ≡ **departure from Marseille's «Vieux-Port»** with an armada of boats on October 1st.

Above events dates (visits, press conferences, public meetings) will be confirmed soon through Plastic Odyssey's social networks especially (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter) and by additional press releases.

A 30 stopovers program

Plastic Odyssey's ship will then set sail to **Beirut, Lebanon** in mid-October, and **Alexandria, Egypt**, in the beginning of November, expedition's first stopovers. The vessel will then head to Africa.



During each 3-week stopover, a dozen entrepreneurs will be selected and trained to launch a plastic recycling center. Ship's onboard workshop is made of 7 machines capable of recycling plastic waste into new objects or fuel, which will serve as a test bench for training and prototyping of recycled products.

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About Plastic Odyssey

Plastic Odyssey has been working for the past 5 years to find solutions to the plastic emergency, to train civil society and entrepreneurs to take concrete action to stop this plague.

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