

## MSC CRUISES



**SUMMER 2021: NEW AND UPDATED ITINERARIES TO OFFER MSC CRUISES GUESTS PLENTY OF OPTIONS FOR A HOLIDAY AT SEA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ACROSS EUROPE**

### **Three ships in the West Mediterranean, calling Italy and Malta**

**MSC Grandiosa** will initially extend her current 7-night itinerary, calling at the Italian ports of Genoa, Civitavecchia for Rome, Naples, Palermo as well as Valletta, Malta. The Spanish ports of Valencia and Barcelona will be added to the ship's current itinerary as soon as these destinations confirm their availability.

**MSC Seaside** will commence sailing on 1 May from Genoa calling at the newly introduced ports of Siracusa in Sicily and Taranto in Puglia, as well as Civitavecchia for Rome and Valetta in Malta. The ship's itinerary will then be enriched with calls to the French port of Marseille as soon as its availability is confirmed.

**MSC Seashore** at the end of July will join the MSC Cruises fleet to become its new flagship and from 1 August until 31 October will offer 7-night cruises calling the Italian ports of Genoa, Naples and Messina, as well as Valletta in Malta, Barcelona in Spain and Marseille in France.

### **Three ships in the East Mediterranean, calling Italy, Greece, Croatia and Montenegro**

MSC Cruises will deploy three ships in this ever-popular region for the upcoming summer season offering a range of different itineraries in the East Mediterranean, offering ports of embarkation in Italy from Trieste, Venice and Bari as well as Piraeus for Athens in Greece, calling at some of the most beautiful Greek Islands, Kotor in Montenegro as well as the vibrant ports of Dubrovnik and Split in Croatia.

**MSC Orchestra** will now depart on 5 June offering guests embarkation in the Italian ports of Venice on Saturdays, Bari on Sundays and then call at the Greek Islands of Corfu, Mykonos as well as Dubrovnik in Croatia.

**MSC Splendida** will commence sailing from 12 June with embarkation in Trieste, Italy on Saturdays and in Bari on Tuesdays, calling at Dubrovnik in Croatia, Corfu in Greece and Kotor in Montenegro. Rounding out the offering in the East Mediterranean is **MSC Magnifica** from 20 June with embarkation in the Italian ports of Venice on Sundays, Bari on Mondays and Piraeus for Athens on Wednesdays, then calling at the Greek Island of Mykonos and Split, Croatia.

#### **Northern Europe - UK Domestic Cruises**

From 20 May, the line's flagship **MSC Virtuosa** will perform her inaugural season in the UK and offer mini cruises from Southampton calling at Portland in Dorset on the Jurassic coast. From 12 June she will operate 7-night cruises from Southampton with embarkation in Liverpool, Greenock for Glasgow and also calling at Portland and Belfast in Northern Ireland. These cruises are designed for British residents only. The sailings are open to vaccinated and non-vaccinated guests and all guests will be tested prior to embarkation.

#### **Three ships in the Germany, Northern Europe**

MSC Cruises today announced that **MSC Seaview** will homeport in Kiel, Germany starting on 19 June replacing **MSC Virtuosa**.

Additionally, **MSC Preziosa** is planned to depart on 21 June from Hamburg, Germany and **MSC Musica** on 20 June from Warnemunde, Germany, if the German ports are open.

The three ships are planned to serve 7- and longer nights sailings with itineraries either to the Norwegian fjords or the Baltic capitals, as per their current schedule.

#### **MSC Magnifica Calls to Saudi Arabia for Winter 2021/2022 Programme in Red Sea**

Homeporting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, **MSC Magnifica** will offer seven-night cruises, starting from 13 November 2021 through to the end of March 2022. From Jeddah, the ship will call Aqaba for Petra in Jordan, Safaga for Luxor in Egypt, then the other Saudi ports of AlWajh and Yanbu before returning back to Jeddah.

#### **MSC Virtuosa Adds Calls to Saudi Arabia for Winter 2021/2022 Programme in The Gulf**

**MSC Virtuosa** will also be making her debut in Saudi Arabia as her winter 2021/2022 programme in the Arabian Gulf has been enriched with calls in the port of Dammam, visiting AlAhsa oasis, another UNESCO World Heritage site. **MSC Virtuosa** will spend her first winter season homeporting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. From there, the ship will sail to the nearby modern metropolis of Abu Dhabi, on to Sir Bani Yas Island, where guests will have a chance to discover an exotic array of wildlife or bask in the warm sun on the immaculate beaches, all exclusive to MSC Cruises on the days which the ships call. The ship also calls Doha, the futuristic capital of Qatar, before returning to Dubai with an overnight in the city to discover all the marvels it has to offer.

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