



MSC CRUISES TO ENRICH ITS SUMMER 2022 PROGRAMME IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH THE ADDITION OF TUNISIA

MSC Opera to make 27 weekly calls to Tunis' port, La Goulette

Geneva, Switzerland, 21 June 2021 – MSC Cruises today announced that it will add Tunisia and the country's port of La Goulette to its summer 2022 sailings in the Mediterranean.

Mr Habib Ammar, Tunisia's Minister of Tourism, and Mr Foued Ben Othman for the country's Minister of Transport met with Pierfrancesco Vago, Executive Chairman, MSC Cruises, and the line's CEO Gianni Onorato at its Geneva headquarters to agree the planned voyages for next year of *MSC Opera*. The ship will add to its current scheduled itinerary the port of La Goulette for a total of 27 calls from April to October 2022.

Pierfrancesco Vago, Executive Chairman, MSC Cruises, said: *"Tunisia is a beautiful and hospitable country that holds a special place in the heart of MSC Group, from cargo to ferries and cruises. And I have no doubt that having La Goulette on our Western Mediterranean itinerary for MSC Opera next summer will be again a great attraction for many of our guests who wish to visit this incredible country. There is so much to see and enjoy such as the UNESCO World Heritage site of ancient archaeological marvels at Carthage, the charming and picturesque village of Sidi Bou Said and the Medina of Tunis with its hundreds of monuments, palaces, mosques and fountains."*

Mr Habib Ammar, Tunisia's Minister of Tourism said, *"We are very excited at the prospect of MSC Cruises' return to Tunisia next summer and guests of MSC Opera can be assured that they will discover spectacular and beautiful attractions in our wonderful country and the warmest of welcomes."*

MSC Cruises and the Tunisian Ministry of Tourism also agreed to work jointly on dedicated future communications programmes, particularly in Italy, France and Germany, to promote the attractiveness of Tunisia as a destination and cruises as a preferred option to explore and enjoy its numerous tourist attractions.

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