



## **MSC MERAVIGLIA WELCOMES GUESTS BACK ON BOARD MARKING MSC CRUISES' RESTART ALSO OUT OF THE U.S.**

- *MSC Meraviglia now sailing Caribbean cruises out of PortMiami, MSC Divina to start sailing out of Port Canaveral/Orlando from 16 September*
- *MSC Seashore, the line's newest flagship, to start sailing out of the U.S. as of 18 November*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 3 August, 2021** – *MSC Meraviglia* today became the latest MSC Cruises ship to return to welcome guests when she sailed out of PortMiami, Florida. This is a key milestone as part of the line's global plan to have more than half of MSC Cruises fleet back at sea by the end of this summer, following the line's initial restart in the Mediterranean in August 2020 and over the past several months the return at sea of more of its ships across the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, the UK, the Red Sea and now in the Caribbean out of U.S. ports. Many tens of thousands of guests have returned to enjoy a cruise at sea on an MSC Cruises ship since last summer, under the protection of the brand's industry-leading health and safety protocol that is now also available for cruises out of U.S. ports.

*MSC Meraviglia* is currently on her first 4-night cruise visiting Nassau, The Bahamas and Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve, where the ship will stay overnight allowing guests an extended stay to discover the Company's new private island destination. Named the Best New Cruise Destination<sup>1</sup>, offers guests more than two miles of white sand beaches in an eco-friendly 64 square mile marine reserve. Guests will enjoy the island's natural beauty, discover local marine life and soak up the spirit of The Bahamas with ships docking at the island from early morning into the evening and in some instances overnight. Guests can spend a full day enjoying activities for all ages including stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkeling, thrilling wave runner rides and more.

### **What's Ahead for MSC Cruises in the U.S.**

*MSC Meraviglia* will sail 3- and 4-night cruises beginning today and add 7-night eastern and western Caribbean cruises starting 18 September 2021.

*MSC Divina* will become MSC Cruises' second ship to return to cruising from the U.S., with three-, four- and seven-night itineraries beginning September 16 from Orlando (Port Canaveral) – a new homeport for the Company.

Delivered just last week as the largest cruise ship ever built in Italy, *MSC Seashore* – MSC Cruises' newest flagship – will arrive to her new homeport in Miami on November 18, 2021 immediately following her inaugural season in the Mediterranean. As an evolution of the awards-winning Seaside class, the ship will bring guests closer to the sea than ever before with 140,000 sq. ft of outdoor space, the most of any MSC Cruises ship in the U.S., numerous outdoor bars and dining, pools and deck area for relaxing and sunbathing, as well as a variety of brand new spaces for guests.

## Health & Safety Protocol

The health and safety of guests, crew and the communities its ships visit is MSC Cruises top priority. In line with this commitment, since last summer MSC Cruises has implemented an industry leading health and safety protocol on board each ship, which includes universal COVID-19 testing at embarkation; regular testing of crew; physical distancing; mask-wearing; enhanced sanitation measures and more. In the U.S., MSC Cruises will welcome both vaccinated and not fully vaccinated guests on board with additional requirements for guests who are not fully vaccinated.

This comprehensive protocol has been key to the Company's successful global restart, tried and tested since August 2020, when MSC Cruises was the first major international cruise line to restart cruising.

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