



MSC CRUISES TO OFFER THIS WINTER SAILINGS ALSO IN SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN

MSC Seaview to offer 7- and 14-night cruises out of St Maarten and Barbados from 5 December as part of the line's reconfirmed winter 2021/22 programme

Amended itineraries and up to 12 hours extended stays at each destination to allow holiday makers to make the most of their cruise holiday in the southern Caribbean Sea

Geneva, Switzerland, 28 October 2021 - MSC Cruises today reconfirmed its winter 2021/22 sailing programme in the South Caribbean where *MSC Seaview* will be based during the season for 7- and 14-night cruises from St. Maarten and Barbados from 5 December.

The authorities in Martinique and Guadeloupe have decided that cruise ships are not allowed yet to bring guests to the islands due to the situation of the pandemic ashore as well as the low vaccination rates. As such MSC Cruises carried out a full evaluation of alternative options and amended the original itinerary to include Philipsburg, St Maarten as an embarkation port along with Bridgetown, Barbados so that it can still run the winter programme in this region in a safe and healthy way. The updated itinerary reflects the ports that have guaranteed access to the ship and its guests from December onwards and allows for a full day at each destination, in some cases up to 12 hours, enabling guests to really make the most of their time to discover the islands in full.

MSC Seaview will operate two different 7-night itineraries from its two embarkation ports, with many holidaymakers set to sail back-to-back cruises and enjoy a voyage of discovery in the magical and tranquil turquoise-coloured waters of the southern Caribbean Sea.

The first itinerary will depart the port of Philipsburg, St Maarten's capital, and Bridgetown, Barbados; with calls at Castries in St Lucia; Saint George, Grenada; Basseterre, St Kitts and Nevis, before returning to St Maarten.

The second itinerary will sail from St Maarten and Bridgetown; with calls at Roseau, Dominica; St John's in Antigua and Barbuda; Road Town in Tortola and then back to St Maarten.

Gianni Onorato, CEO MSC Cruises, said, *"The southern Caribbean is an area much loved by cruisers from around the world as well as local guests from this region and we have worked hard to find alternative options for the itinerary that would allow us to confirm our usual winter season here, of course supported by our industry leading health and safety protocol. We would like to particularly thank our airline partners who have amended their charter flight schedules to serve the new itinerary to make it accessible for our guests. For this, we are still able to offer our guests an incredible cruise holiday this winter, calling at some of the most beautiful islands in the South Caribbean on board MSC Seaview – the perfect ship for sailing in these waters."*

All guests on *MSC Seaview* will have to be fully vaccinated or show a proof of negative PCR test taken 72 hours prior to embarkation.

Furthermore, guests will be able to go independently ashore in most ports, while in other ports some excursions will only be available for select specific destinations. More specific details will soon be available from the MSC Cruises website, travel agents and the line's contact centre.

MSC Seaview with 2,066 guest cabins has one of the cruise industry's highest ratio of open space per passenger and features a beach condo concept that brings guests closer to the sea thanks to special design elements that make the most of the warmer weather.

To find out more about *MSC Seaview's* itinerary this winter visit our website.

To learn more details about MSC Cruises' industry leading health and safety protocol designed to protect guests, crew and the communities its ships visit please visit our website.

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