

MSC Cruises Introduces MSC Orchestra with Two-Night Inaugural Cruise

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MSC Cruises has announced a special one-of-a-kind cruise that will provide a unique opportunity for cruise aficionados to be among the first to sail on MSC Orchestra in North American waters -- and enjoy an extended New Year's celebration at the same time.

The line has opened reservations for a two-night Caribbean inaugural cruise on MSC Orchestra departing from Fort Lauderdale Jan. 2, 2009, to launch the ship's first season sailing Caribbean itineraries. The ship will spend one day in Nassau and return to Fort Lauderdale on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Cruise-only rates for the two-night inaugural sailing begin at \$199 per person, double occupancy, government fees and taxes are additional, as is a fuel surcharge for the first two people occupying a stateroom.

With the line's "Kids Sail Free" offer (ages 17 and under sail free when sharing a stateroom with two full-fare-paying adults), the entire family can enjoy a winter weekend getaway on one of the cruise world's newest and most beautiful ships.

MSC Orchestra, which debuted in 2007, is the largest of the line's ships to sail in North American waters. Onboard, guests will find the perfect combination of grace and style, with:

- 5 restaurants, including the only dedicated Chinese restaurant at sea,
- 10 lounges (two of which are open air), including a disco,
- a 21-foot by 12-foot outdoor LED movie screen,
- an expansive 16,146 square-foot Body and Mind Spa,
- and so much more!

After the special inaugural sailing, MSC Orchestra will sail alternating 7-night roundtrip itineraries through April 25, 2009:

-- Eastern Caribbean, calling at Cayo Levantado, Dominican Republic, Philipsburg, St. Maarten, St. John, Antigua, and Nassau, Bahamas, as well as two days at sea.

-- Western Caribbean, calling at Key West, Florida, Cozumel, Mexico, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayo Levantado, Dominican Republic, and two days at sea.

A highlight of both itineraries is a call at Cayo Levantado, the line's private paradise experience.

A special 7-night roundtrip Bermuda sailing departs Fort Lauderdale April 25, 2009. This itinerary includes three days in King's Wharf, Bermuda and a day in Nassau, Bahamas, as well as two sea days.

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