

MS6
Travel and Music


SEA & MUSIC

JUNE 22 – JULY 6, 2026

LA PHILHARMONICA
GABRIELA MONTERO
CHRISTIANE KARG | KRISTĪNE OPOLAIS
DANIEL HOPE
THOMAS HAMPSON
CHU YI-BING | HIROAKI FUEDA
XAVIER DE MAISTRE

BARCELONA
CANNES
PORTOFINO
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MARSEILLE
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BARCELONA



DEAR GUESTS!



For many years, we have been organizing music cruises – and Sea & Music has always been our most cherished highlight. In 2025, we managed to raise the bar even higher: the journey aboard the stunning *Explora I* thrilled not only us but also numerous guests from around the world.

For 2026, we were delighted to receive such positive feedback and have once again chosen the *Explora I* as the stage for Sea & Music. This year's music program fulfills several long-held dreams: we are particularly passionate about making the female perspective in classical music more visible. For this reason, we present **La Philharmonica** – the first all-female ensemble formed from members of the Vienna Philharmonic. In their young history, these exceptional musicians have already received wide acclaim from both audiences and the press.

Another focus of 2026 is the international diversity of the classical music world. A prime example is **Daniel Hope**, who will accompany our journey and, together with celebrated Venezuelan pianist **Gabriela Montero**, craft a unique concert that blends their musical worlds into an unforgettable experience.

With a magnificent voice and charismatic stage presence, American-born baritone **Thomas Hampson** will captivate the audience. From the German-speaking world, we are

proud to welcome the renowned soprano **Christiane Karg**, who will create a special evening of Lieder together with **La Philharmonica**.

We are also pleased to welcome two more distinguished European artists: Latvian soprano **Kristīne Opolais**, acclaimed for her emotionally rich opera performances on the world's leading stages, and French harpist **Xavier de Maistre**, one of the most gifted harpists of our time.

From Asia, we welcome **Hiroaki Fueda**, Japan's leading tenor, and look forward to **Chu Yi-Bing**, a true ambassador of the cello from China, who enchants with virtuosity and warmth.

New for 2026 is the opportunity to enjoy Sea & Music for either one or two weeks: the **main program** during the first week features the musical heart of the journey with daily concerts and encounters with global stars of classical music. The optional **second week** offers time to enjoy the *Explora I* and its stunning destinations at a more leisurely pace, enriched by three additional concerts and exclusive artist talks.

Our route leads you through the Western Mediterranean – between mainland and islands, vibrant metropolies and picturesque towns – always framed by magnificent music.

We look forward to experiencing this journey with you!

M. & F. Schanhal
Michaela & Florian
and the MS6 Travel & Music team

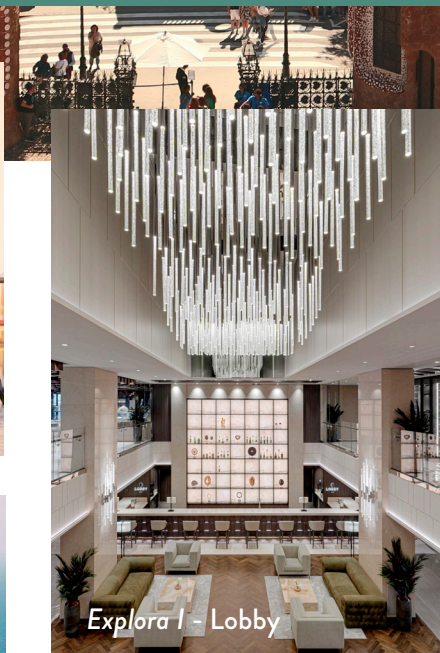




AN EXPERIENCE AT SEA AND ON LAND



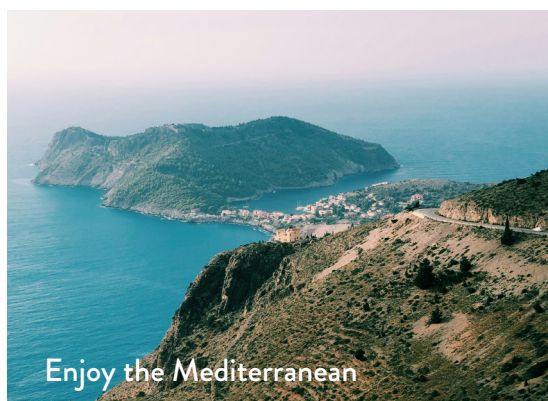
Exclusive Concerts On Board and Ashore



Explora I - Lobby



Unique Concert Evenings



Enjoy the Mediterranean



Exquisite Cuisine & Fine Wines



Ultimate Luxury Aboard the Suite Ship Explora I



With Excursions for Culture Enthusiasts



The Most Beautiful Places of the Western Mediterranean

THE ARTISTS



LA PHILHARMONICA

The Vienna Philharmonic can count itself fortunate that another special chamber ensemble has emerged from its ranks, one that cultivates the orchestra's unique sound culture in such a concentrated form.

Der Standard



CHRISTIANE KARG

Karg has a magical way of telling the songs; one almost forgets the sheer beauty of her voice because of her thoughtful interpretation of the lyrics.

Hamburger Abendblatt



GABRIELA MONTERO

Montero's playing has everything: crackling rhythmic brio, subtle shadings, steely power in climactic moments, soulful lyricism in the ruminative passages and, best of all, unsentimental expressivity.

Anthony Tomassini, New York Times





DANIEL HOPE

There are few figures in today's classical music who so perfectly embody the role of ambassador for music as Daniel Hope.

Gramophone



THOMAS HAMPSON

He is without question one of the world's greatest opera singers... a voice, a baritone so rich it can circle the universe.

Diane Sawyer, Good Morning America



XAVIER DE MAISTRE

Xavier de Maistre is a virtuoso of the highest order, profoundly musical and capable of realising a remarkable range of nuance.

Gramophone



KRISTĪNE OPOLAIS

Kristīne Opolaïs is one of the most sought-after sopranos on the international scene.

Operawire



HIROAKI FUEDA

He possesses a voice that seems to descend from the heavens and captivates the audience with a presence that is as bold as it is sensitive.

Harvest Concerts



CHU YI-BING

A luminary in the field of classical music.

China Daily



MAIN PROGRAM

WEEK 1 | JUNE 22 – 29

Day 1 | Monday | 22/06/2026

Barcelona, Spain

Embarkation | Departure: 20:00

Welcome aboard – your journey begins! Departing from Barcelona, you set sail on a voyage full of discovery, relaxation, and unforgettable moments.

Day 2 | Tuesday | 23/06/2026

AT SEA

Spend the day enjoying the Mediterranean and the fantastic amenities of *Explora I*. In the evening, you will be treated to a musical highlight: Hiroaki Fueda performs an exclusive concert aboard the ship. Let his impressive voice enchant you.



Day 3 | Wednesday | 24/06/2026

Cannes, France

Arrival: 08:00 | Departure: 21:00

Cannes represents French glamour – with yachts, palm trees, high-end boutiques, and cinematic tradition. Explore the medieval Le Suquet district, stroll along the famous La Croisette promenade, or indulge in Michelin-starred cuisine and luxurious beach clubs. For tranquility, take an excursion to Saint-Honorat island, or consider the chic alternatives of Monaco and Saint-Tropez. In the evening, enjoy a live onboard performance by Gabriela Montero. Her passionate interpretations and stirring improvisations make this concert at sea a special musical moment.

Day 4 | Thursday | 25/06/2026

Portofino, Italy

Arrival: 09:00 | Departure: 23:00

Portofino, an idyllic coastal town on Italy's Riviera, is an exclusive retreat with pastel-colored houses, luxury boutiques, and aristocratic villas nestled in the olive-covered hills. A path through sculpture gardens leads to the Chiesa di San Giorgio, offering views of Etruscan villas. In addition, an extraordinary concert awaits you. Gabriela Montero and Daniel Hope will perform together in an exclusive concert at the Teatro Sociale di Camogli. In the unique atmosphere of this historic theater, the audience can look forward to an evening full of musical virtuosity, inspiration, and expressiveness.



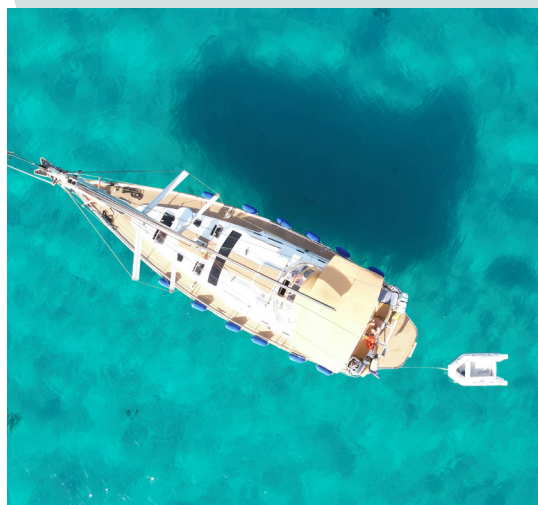
Day 5 | Friday | 26/06/2026

Florence | Italy

Port: Livorno

Arrival: 07:00 | Departure: 20:00

Florence, the home of Michelangelo, fascinates with Renaissance masterpieces, the imposing cathedral, and the famous Uffizi Gallery. In the Giardino di Boboli, you will find peace away from the hustle and bustle. But what would Italy be without music? In the heart of Lucca's charming old town, in the venerable Teatro del Giglio, musical heritage meets modern virtuosity: La Philharmonica – six outstanding female musicians from the ranks of the Vienna Philharmonic – unite musical culture and the joy of playing in this ensemble.



Day 6 | Saturday | 27/06/2026

Porto Cervo (Sardinia) | Italy

Arrival: 14:00 | Departure: 23:55

Emerald-green bays, powder-white beaches, and elegant yachts define the petite capital of the Costa Smeralda. Stroll through the chic Piazzetta, party in exclusive beach clubs, or take a boat trip to the stunning island of Maddalena. In the Stella Maris Cathedral or at the "Giants' Graves," you can feel the spiritual depth of this ancient place.

Another musical highlight awaits you on board: La Philharmonica will perform together with soprano Christiane Karg – an unforgettable moment for all lovers of classical music.

Day 7 | Sunday | 28/06/2026

Ajaccio (Corsica) | France

Arrival: 08:00 | Departure: 18:00

The name Ajaccio may derive from the Greek hero Ajax or the Latin adjaccium – "place of rest." In the old town, you can walk in the footsteps of Napoleon, from the Maison Bonaparte to the baroque cathedral where he was baptized. Lively markets offer Corsican specialties, while the bay with its white sandy beach and views of the Sanguinaires Islands invites you to linger. Experience a special chamber concert on board: Violinist Daniel Hope and baritone Thomas Hampson perform together in an impressive interplay of great voices and delicate sounds – accompanied by piano and cello, surrounded by the vastness of the sea.



Day 8 | Monday | 29/06/2026

Rome (Civitavecchia) | Italy

Arrival: 07:00

After eventful days at sea, this journey comes to an end – unless you have opted for the exclusive encore. In that case, your experience continues in style: a week full of elegance, musical highlights, culinary delights, and relaxing moments aboard a luxurious cruise ship awaits you.



THE ENCORE

WEEK 2 | JUNE 29 – JULY 6

Day 8 | Monday | 29/06/2026

Rome (Civitavecchia) | Italy

Departure: 20:00

Rome captivates with more than just ancient architecture: fashion, street art, and Vespa rides along the Via Appia bring the city to life. Those who book in advance can visit the Sistine Chapel and the Papal Apartments in the Vatican. Other highlights include the Colosseum, Pantheon, Spanish Steps, and Caravaggio churches. Cook pasta, hunt for truffles, enjoy gelato, and relax in ancient thermal baths – Rome offers pure indulgence.



Day 9 | Tuesday | 30/06/2026

Naples & Capri | Italy

Arrival: 08:00 | Departure: 16:00

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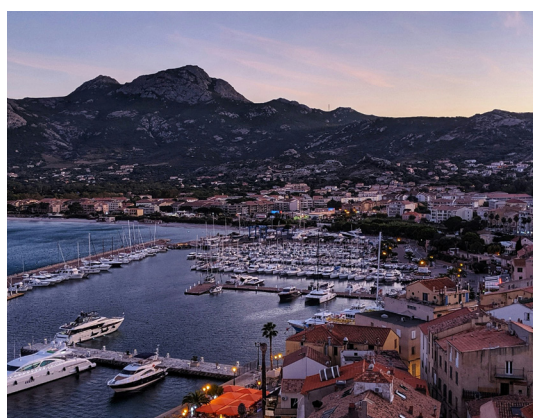
Naples lies in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius – a place full of history and culture. Its baroque churches, palaces, and opera houses are truly impressive. A funicular takes you up to Castel Sant'Elmo, offering panoramic views of the Gulf of Naples and the Sorrento Peninsula. Beneath the city stretches an ancient tunnel system, once dug by Romans and Greeks. In the evening, the winding alleys and Piazza Umberto in Capri invite you to linger. Numerous restaurants and trattorias offer the perfect opportunity to end the evening with a cozy dinner featuring Italian specialties.

Day 10 | Wednesday | 01/07/2026

AT SEA

A day of peace and indulgence awaits you aboard the exclusive Explora I – unwind in the elegant pool area or the luxurious spa, treat yourself to culinary highlights, or simply take in the vastness of the sea.

In the evening, Chu Yi-Bing invites you to a special concert on board – a musical delight amidst the maritime tranquility.



Day 11 | Thursday | 02/07/2026

Calvi (Corsica) | France

Arrival: 08:00 | Departure: 20:00

Corsica impresses with its quiet, wild beauty: cobbled streets, villages, pine forests, natural pools, and waterfalls shape the island. White sandy beaches and turquoise waters offer perfect relaxation, while local wildlife can be observed along the way. In the bistros at the marina, traditional polyphonic music fills the air – and at sunset, you'll understand what Matisse meant: "Everything is color, everything is light."





Day 12 | Friday | 03/07/2026
Villefranche-sur-Mer (Nice) | France
Arrival: 08:00 | Departure: 22:00

Villefranche-sur-Mer shines on the Côte d'Azur with colorful houses, blooming alleyways, and a picturesque harbor in deep blue. The fine sandy beach Plage des Marinières stretches along the Corniche in a gentle bay. Discover ancient chapels and the historic citadel overlooking Cap Ferrat. This evening, Kristīne Opolais enchants on land with her impressive voice – a concert experience full of emotion, elegance, and musical brilliance.

Day 13 | Saturday | 04/07/2026
Marseille | France
Arrival: 08:00 | Departure: 18:00

Marseille delights with Mediterranean flair, bouillabaisse by the harbor, and the impressive Calanques. Fountains commissioned by Napoleon III and the town hall built under Louis XIV invite you to stroll through the city. In Provence, lavender fields, Syrah wines, and the traces of Cézanne and Van Gogh await – a journey through the sensual diversity of southern France. Whether on board or ashore – in the evening, Xavier de Maistre transports his audience with the harp into a world of delicate tonal colors and virtuosic elegance.



Day 14 | Sunday | 05/07/2026
Mahon (Menorca) | Spain
Arrival: 09:00 | Departure: 20:00

The UNESCO island of Menorca enchants with Georgian architecture and turquoise coastline. Stroll through the harbor town and enjoy its authentic atmosphere.

Day 15 | Monday | 06/07/2026
Barcelona | Spain
Arrival: 08:00

Our journey ends where it began. Barcelona – a city full of contrasts: historic and modern, vibrant and relaxed.

Please note that the second week's program is provisional: Some venues are currently under request, so performance locations – whether on board or ashore – may still be subject to change. Schedule adjustments and program modifications are reserved.



THE EXPLORA I



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Length: 248 m
- Width: 32.60 m
- Tonnage: 63,900 GT
- Power: 38,400 kW
- Cruising Speed: 18 knots

SPACIOUS OUTDOOR AREAS

A total of 6,250 m² of public outdoor space, including three outdoor pools and one indoor pool with a retractable glass roof, 64 private cabanas, as well as various dining and lounge areas.



BARS & LOUNGES

You can choose from twelve indoor and outdoor bar and lounge experiences featuring curated entertainment and atmospheric performances. In addition, the ship offers a casino, an art gallery, and exclusive shopping experiences.





UNIQUE LUXURY

Explora I is designed exclusively as an all-suite ship. The suites are among the most spacious in the luxury cruise category.
Guest-to-crew ratio: 1.25 : 1



EXCEPTIONAL CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Choose from nine culinary offerings, including six unique restaurants serving delicious and healthy dishes made from local and sustainable ingredients.



SUSTAINABILITY

- Environmentally Conscious Features
- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR System)
- High-efficiency & energy-saving equipment
- Certified by RINA DOLPHIN for reduced underwater noise
- LED lighting and energy-efficient devices
- Advanced wastewater treatment system compliant with Baltic Sea standards
- USCD-certified ballast water treatment system
- Shore power connection
- State-of-the-art recycling and waste management systems
- Antifouling hull coating
- Innovative hull design and optimized hydrodynamics
- Trim optimization software
- Intelligent heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems

THE SUITES OF *EXPLORA I*



OCEAN SUITES

The Ocean Suites are among the most spacious standard suites in the industry, elegantly combining space and natural light.

Each suite features a private terrace where you can relax and enjoy the sea view from your comfortable lounge bed.

Total Suite Area:

35 m²

(including 7 m² terrace) up to

39 m² (including 11 m² terrace)



OCEAN PENTHOUSES

The Ocean Penthouses are wonderfully luxurious and spacious retreats, thoughtfully designed with great attention to detail. All elements are made from premium materials and crafted to highlight the sea views and natural light.

Each penthouse includes an elegant private dining area for four guests — perfect for inviting others to a relaxed gathering.

Available Subcategories:

Deluxe Penthouses
Premier Penthouses
Grand Penthouses





OCEAN RESIDENCES

The Ocean Residences – named after ocean-inspired themes such as Cove, Retreat, Serenity, and Cocoon – are cozy sanctuaries featuring expansive private terraces, panoramic ocean views, private outdoor whirlpools, and premium butler service provided by our dedicated Residence Hosts.

Available Subcategories:

Cove Residences
Retreat Residences
Serenity Residences
Cocoon Residences



OWNER'S RESIDENCE

The Owner's Residence is the largest accommodation on board, featuring multiple harmoniously designed spaces where you can host guests, relax, and unwind. The private terrace stretches across the full width of the ship, offering an uninterrupted view of the sea. Enjoy a spacious infinity whirlpool and the exceptional butler service provided by the Residence Manager.

Total Suite Area:

280 m²

Suite: 155 m²

Terrace: 125 m²



YOUR INCLUDED SERVICES

- Exclusive music program with six concerts, as listed, including one at the Teatro Sociale di Camogli and one at the Teatro del Giglio in Lucca
- Daily autograph sessions, exclusive artist talks or meet & greet with the artists
- 7 overnight stays in the booked suite category
- As a welcome gift, a bottle of champagne and sweets in the suite
- One bottle of wine and one bottle of a spirit of your choice upon arrival
- Unlimited high-quality beverages included: fine wines and premium spirits as well as coffee specialties, tea, and soft drinks, including minibar in the suite*
- 8 culinary experiences and in-suite dining
- Personal support by the experienced MS6 travel guide & host team
- Suites from 35 m² with elegant interior design, private terrace, large windows, walk-in wardrobe with dressing table
- Three outdoor pools, one indoor pool with retractable glass roof, 64 private cabanas as well as several whirlpools indoors and outdoors
- 10 bar and lounge experiences indoors and outdoors with selected entertainment and performances in an intimate atmosphere
- Casino, art gallery, and exclusive shopping experiences
- Access to over 700 m² of wellness facilities indoors and outdoors and over 270 m² of fitness facilities with the latest equipment
- Free high-speed Wi-Fi, individual climate control in each suite, and all onboard gratuities included
- Infotainment system with smart TV and easy connectivity for personal devices
- Telephones with voicemail, on-demand TV, and wireless charging station on bedside tables
- Shuttle service from the port to the city center and concert transfers (if required)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN WEEK 2

- 7 more overnight stays in the booked suite category
- Additionally, three more concerts and exclusive artist talks

ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON BOARD

- 24-hour concierge service and 24-hour in-suite dining
- Twice-daily housekeeping service, including evening turndown service
- Shoe polishing service
- 24-hour butler service provided by the Residence Hosts for Ocean and Owner's Residences
- 24-hour laundry service, dry cleaning, and ironing service**

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED: Arrival and departure, pre-cruise program, airport transfers, excursions, laundry & ironing service, non-included beverages such as particularly fine spirits, selected wines, cocktails; personal expenses such as hairdresser, massages, etc.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date. Passport details and arrival times must be submitted to us no later than 10 weeks before departure. Program subject to change.

REGARDING THE MUSICAL PROGRAMS: We are in close contact with all artists to create a wonderful and highly diverse music program for you. We expect to present a detailed program no later than 6 months before departure. Seat allocation will be based on the booked suite category.

* For connoisseurs of particularly fine wines and spirits, an exquisite selection of wines, spirits, and liqueurs is available at an additional charge.

** Additional fees may apply.



MS6 TRAVEL & MUSIC

A Harmony of Inspiration and Individuality

Each journey is curated with the utmost care down to the smallest detail – from the selection of artists to the design of the program. We combine impressive experiences and exclusive concerts with a personal touch that gives every journey its very own character..

A Family Business with Personality

Our guests don't travel with an anonymous organization, but with people who share their passion for music and culture. Florian and Michaela lead the company with dedication – supported by a committed team that values personal care and genuine connection.

A Team That Thinks of Everything

With experience, expertise, and dedication, we are there for our guests. Whether it's exceptional concert tickets, tailor-made itineraries, or special extras – we take care of every detail and do everything we can to turn individual wishes into reality.



We look forward to hearing from you!

Do you have questions about Sea & Music, would like more information, or prefer personal consultation? – We are happy to take the time for you.

Here's how you can reach us:

by phone: +43 463 / 57920

by e-mail: info@ms6.at



WORLD-CLASS MUSIC PROGRAM WITH GLOBAL STARS

As part of the cruise, you will experience concerts and recitals featuring Gabriela Montero, Christiane Karg, Kristīne Opolais, Daniel Hope, and Thomas Hampson. Further musical highlights include performances by Japanese singer Hiroaki Fueda, Xavier de Maistre, Chu Yi-Bing, as well as La Philharmonica – the first ensemble composed exclusively of female members of the Vienna Philharmonic.

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

This journey is more than just a cruise – it's a collection of unforgettable moments. Whether it's musical highlights, inspiring conversations with extraordinary artists, or magical moments at sea – each day holds new discoveries, encounters, and memories that will last a lifetime.

EXCLUSIVE ARTIST TALKS

Enjoy exclusive encounters with the artists. Engage in conversations, exchange thoughts on music and inspiration, and experience truly special moments of closeness. Try your hand at instruments and discover new soundscapes firsthand.

ULTIMATE LUXURY

Launched and christened in 2023, *Explora I* belongs to a new generation of luxury cruise ships where guest comfort takes top priority. A guest-to-staff ratio of 1.25 to 1, outstanding cuisine in 11 restaurants and bars, expansive pool areas, and spa facilities offer a cruise experience of the highest standard.

TOP DESTINATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

From Barcelona, along the enchanting coasts of France and Spain, to the historic heart of Italy – Rome. Discover the most beautiful coastal cities of the western Mediterranean – individually or through carefully curated and exclusive excursions.

OUTSTANDING DESIGN

Designed as an all-suite ship, *Explora I* offers onboard residences ranging from 35 m² (Ocean Suites) to 280 m² (Owner's Residence). All suite categories are designed by leading interior designers and feature a private terrace.

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