



## Mediterranean Choirs & Orchestra Games

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL & CONTEST

**Barcelona (Spain) – Marseille (France) – Genoa (Italy) – Rome (Italy) – Palermo (Italy) – Malta – Barcelona (Spain)**

Venue:	Cruise date:
<b>MSC WORLD Europe Cruise Liner</b>	<b>from November 21 to November 29, 2024</b>

For a long time, our hearts have been yearning to create something truly exceptional for the participants of our festivals and competitions, and finally we have discovered the jewel of the Mediterranean – the “**Mediterranean Choir & Orchestra Games**”.

This event is not just a competition; it is an immersive experience set against the stunning views of the MSC World Europe cruiser. We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to you for the extraordinary “**Mediterranean Choir & Orchestra Games**” – an event that transcends the boundaries of conventional music competitions. Set against the breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea and hosted on board the **MSC WORLD Europe Cruise Liner**, this competition promises an unrivalled combination of music, travel and cultural enrichment.

### **Day of arrival and accommodation at a hotel on the Costa Brava or Barcelona\***

Day 1	Friday, 22 Nov 2024	Port:Barcelona, Spain	Arrival: –	Departure: 18:00
Day 2	Saturday, 23 Nov 2024	Port:Marseille (Provence)	Arrival: 8:00	Departure: 18:00
Day 3	Sunday, 24 Nov 2024	Port:Genoa (Portofino)	Arrival: 8:00	Departure: 18:00
Day 4	Monday, 25 Nov 2024	Port:Civitavecchia (Rome)	Arrival: 7:00	Departure: 19:00
Day 5	Tuesday, 26 Nov 2024	Port:Palermo, Italy	Arrival: 9:00	Departure: 17:00

Day 6	Wednesday, 27 Nov 2024	Port:Valletta, Malta	Arrival: 9:00	Departure: 17:00
Day 7	Thursday, 28 Nov 2024	Port:At sea	Arrival: –	Departure: –
Day 8	Friday, 29 Nov 2024	Port:Barcelona, Spain	Arrival: 8:00	Departure: –

## All of our programs consist of two parts:

1. Participation in the competition;
2. Participation in the contest without competing in the competition\*.

\* For those who do not wish to take part in the competition programme and be evaluated by the jury, but who wish to perform within the framework of the competition in an open and friendly atmosphere. To exchange experiences, attend master classes and take advantage of excursion programmes!

## 6 reasons why you need participate in contest

60 participating countries	Official awards and prizes	International jury
The opportunity to see several Mediterranean countries	International dating	A trip to the Mediterranean Sea

## CATEGORIES:

<b>Choir Categories:</b>	A. Children's Choir (Up to 12 years old); B. Youth Choir (13 to 18 years old); C. Adult Choir (19 to 45 years old); D. Senior Choir (46 years and above); E. Mixed Age Group (participants from various age categories); F. Vocal Ensembles.
<b>Categories:</b>	I. Academic Singing; II. Pop – jazz – gospel; III. World Sacred Music; IV. Folklore.
<b>Mixed Ensembles:</b>	M. Open to groups combining vocal and instrumental elements.
<b>Orchestra and Music Band Categories:</b>	A. Children's Orchestras (Up to 14

	years old); B. Junior Orchestra (14 – 18 years old); C. Adult Orchestra (19 years and above); D. Music Band; E. Marching Orchestras.
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**Performance time: maximum 15 minutes\***

## **TERMS OF PARTICIPATION**

### **Venue and Performance Setup:**

- The competition and Gala concert will take place in one of the theaters on board MSC WORLD EUROPE cruise liner.

### **Phonogram Submission:**

- In categories where a phonogram is used for performances, participants must send a phonogram in MP3 format to the e-mail address provided, together with a confirmation form, by the deadline indicated.

### **Instrumental Requirements:**

- Participants requiring certain musical instruments for their performance must notify the organizers in advance. This ensures timely booking and availability of the required instruments.

### **Rehearsal and Soundcheck:**

- All participants will be allotted a specific time for rehearsal and sound check before their scheduled performance. It is essential to adhere to the allotted time for the smooth running of the competition.

### **Technical Requirements:**

- Clearly outline any technical requirements such as lighting, sound equipment or special effects.

## **JURY and Judging criteria:**

The jury of the “**Mediterranean Choir & Orchestra Games**” is staffed by outstanding artists, educators and producers. The exact list of jury members will be published closer to the beginning of the competition. The list of possible members of the jury of the competition can be found at: <http://fiestalonía.net/our-jury/>

### **The jury has the right:**

- not to award all the prizes;
- to share prize among performers;
- to award special prizes to teachers for outstanding achievements;
- to make a decision about breaking a performance which exceeds the bounds of the regulations;
- the jury's decisions are final and are not subject to review.

## **Judging criteria:**

### **Choir Categories:**

- – Vocal Skills: 35 points;
- – Musical Interpretation: 30 points;
- – Stage Presence: 20 points;
- – Program Selection: 10 points;
- – Overall Impression: 5 points.

### **Orchestra Categories:**

- – Musical technique and mastery: 30 points;
- – Musical interpretation and expressiveness: 25 points;
- – Interaction and collaboration among participants: 20 points;
- – Program selection and originality: 15 points;
- – Overall impression and stage performance: 10 points.

### **Mixed Ensemble Category:**

- – Musical Performance: 35 points;
- – Interpretation: 30 points;
- – Creative Choice and Arrangement: 20 points;
- – Stage Presence: 10 points;
- – Overall Impression: 5 points.

## AWARDS:

The jury evaluates the participants on 100-point scale

- ☐ participants who received up to 70 points become diploma Holders;
- ☐ participants who received from 70 to 79 points – laureates of the third degree;
- ☐ participants who received from 80 to 89 points become laureates of the second degree;
- ☐ participants who received from 90 to 99 points become laureates of the first degree;
- ☐ participants who received 100 points become Winners of the Grand Prize of the contest “Mediterranean Choir & Orchestra Games”.

The **Grand Prix winners** received a large special crystal trophy and diplomas (one for each group/category), as well as medals (for each participant); and a Special Cruise trophy cup MSC World Europe.

**First place winners** received a standard crystal trophy and diplomas (one per group/category) and medals (for each contestant);

**Second, third place** and Diploma Holders winners received diplomas (one for each group/category) and medals (for each contestant);

Each group / delegation is given a personalized certificate in the form of engraving on a special base for its contribution into the cultural international relations.

The leader of each group and sponsor is presented with a thank-you letter on stamped paper of the Kingdom of Spain.

## PROGRAM OF STAY:

### Day 1 – Arrival in Barcelona:

Transfer to the hotel,  
Optional tour of Barcelona (for additional cost),  
Check-in to hotel in Lloret de Mar or Barcelona,  
Dinner.

### Day 2 – Boarding day on cruise liner:

Breakfast in the hotel,  
Boarding – registration, cruise card issuance,

Lunch on the cruise liner,  
Dinner on the cruise liner,  
General meeting for all participants and a separate meeting with group leaders,

Evening program

### **Day 3 – First part of the competition:**

Breakfast;  
Half-day optional excursion to explore Marseille (for additional cost),  
Lunch,  
First part of the competition in the theater;  
Dinner in a restaurant or buffet,  
Evening program.

### **Day 4 – Milan or Genoa Excursion and Second part of the competition:**

Breakfast in the buffet or restaurant;  
Full-day excursion to Milan or excursion to Genoa (optional, for additional cost),  
Second part of the competition in the theater,  
Lunch, Dinner;  
Creative meetings, masterclasses,  
Evening program.

### **Day 5 – Rome Exploration:**

Breakfast in the buffet or restaurant;  
Full-day excursion to Rome, exploring its culture and history (optional, for additional cost);  
Dinner;  
Evening program.

### **Day 6 – Palermo, Sicily, or free day:**

Breakfast;  
Full-day excursion to Palermo, Sicily (optional, for additional cost),  
Creative meetings, masterclasses,  
Lunch, Dinner.

### **Day 7 – Malta Excursion or free day:**

Excursion to Malta (optional, additional fee);  
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner,  
Creative meetings, masterclasses,  
Evening program.

### **Day 8 – Day at Sea and Gala Concert:**

Breakfast;  
Day at sea with onboard activities,

Gala concert and awarding of participants,  
Gala Dinner;  
Evening program.

### **Day 9 – Arrival in Barcelona:**

Breakfast;  
Arrival in Barcelona,  
Disembarkation (Check-out from cruise liner).

 **ATTENTION!** Organizers have opportunity to modify the program.

## **PRICES**

### **Accommodation and Cost:**


- Interior Cabin
- Window Cabin
- Balcony Cabin with Promenade View
- Balcony Cabin with Sea View

Preferably double accommodations; limited triple and quadruple accommodations are available upon request. Children under 12 years old may receive discounts if they are the third or fourth passenger in a cabin.

**Cost starts from 1358 euros per person.**

For participation in the additional nomination for groups up to 10 people – surcharge 25 euros/person.

For participation in the additional nomination for groups of 11 persons and more – surcharge 275 euros per group.

 For a detailed calculation, please contact us via email or phone: Email: [info@fiestalonia.net](mailto:info@fiestalonia.net) Phone: +34 688 276 248

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:**

- Accommodation in the chosen cabin;
- Full board;

- drinks package included of non-alcoholic drinks (Unlimited non-alcoholic cocktails, soft drinks, energy drinks, mineral water, bottled water, fruit juices, a wide range of premium coffee drinks, hot chocolate delights, organic tea and ice cream. Drinks included in the selection can be consumed in all bars, buffets and restaurants, except in specialty restaurants);
- Cocktail with captain;
- Gala night with a special menu;
- Use of all ship facilities;
- Participation in onboard activities and entertainment;
- Contest participation, Gala concert and Award ceremony;
- Competition fees for one category;
- Diplomas and special certificates;
- Visa support is available;

## SERVICE FEE

### Not included in the price:

- One night in Lloret de Mar or Barcelona (please ask our managers for the price: [info@fiestalonias.net](mailto:info@fiestalonias.net)).
- Transfers from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the Port of Barcelona (please ask our managers for the price: [info@fiestalonias.net](mailto:info@fiestalonias.net)).
- Excursions
- HEALTH CARE INSURANCE – Mandatory insurance for the group with any insurance company or with MSC Cruises (Europe Assistance).

✓ INCREASE the number of days of your stay and we will organize for you a great excursion programme in Barcelona!

✓ BOOK your excursion programme in advance with our managers, find out the details of our excursion offer: [info@fiestalonias.net](mailto:info@fiestalonias.net)

ATTENTION: For accompany persons who do not perform and do not take part in workshops – a 5% discount is given on the package price.

## Important Notes

- Group excursions must be booked in advance with the official organizer for proper coordination;
- Self-booking of excursions with third-party companies is not allowed;
- If you arrive in Spain earlier than the cruise start date, please ask our managers for hotel prices: [info@fiestalonias.net](mailto:info@fiestalonias.net)



- After the cruise, we can arrange an additional stay in Spain and organize an excursion programme to Barcelona, the Dali Museum, etc.

## Why is it worth participating in this contest

Participating in the “**Mediterranean Choir & Orchestra Games**” contest on the MSC World Europe cruise liner offers a unique and enriching experience for performers. Here are seven compelling reasons to be a part of this exceptional event:

- An unprecedented festival-competition is being held on a **cruise liner**.
- **Official Prizes and Awards:** Compete for prestigious awards and official prizes.
- **International Participation:** Engage with participants from diverse countries, fostering cultural exchange and creating lasting connections with artists worldwide.
- **Expert jury evaluation and exchange of experience:** receive valuable feedback and evaluations from an outstanding jury and cultural experts. Learn from the evaluations and exchange of experiences with fellow participants.
- **Explore various European destinations in one week:** embark on a fascinating journey to multiple European cities, including Barcelona (Spain) – Costa Brava (Spain) – Marseille (Provence) – Genoa (Portofino) Italy – Civitavecchia (Rome) Italy – Palermo (Sicily) Italy – Valletta, Malta – Barcelona (Spain).
- **Cultural enrichment:** immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of each destination, gaining insights into the history, art, and traditions of the Mediterranean region.
- **Showcase on a professional stage:** have the opportunity to perform on a professional stage during the Gala concert, presenting your artistry in front of an international audience.
- Participation in the “**Mediterranean Choir and Orchestral Games**” competition promises a memorable and rewarding experience combining artistic excellence, cultural enrichment and an unprecedented cruise ship journey on the Mediterranean.

## PERIOD OF ACCEPTING THE APPLICATIONS

- the last day of receiving of the applications is for 70 days before the beginning of the festival;
- the last day of payment is for 60 days before the beginning of the festival;
- terms and conditions of the agreement are to be requested from our managers.

**Ask for the price by email:** [info@fiestalonias.net](mailto:info@fiestalonias.net) **or by phone**  
**(WhatsApp, Telegram): +34 668 276 248**

**THE APPLICATION CAN BE FILLED OUT AT THE LINK:**  
**<https://fiestalonias.net/fest/mch-en/>**