



CHESS CRUISE

Itineraries involved:

MSC Sinfonia	23 Oct 2010	Genoa - Durban
MSC Poesia	06 Mar 2011	Port Everglades - Genoa
MSC Melody	07 Mar 2011	Cape Town - Genoa
MSC Opera	16 Sep 2011	Southampton - Venice

With this special themed departure, MSC Cruises offers guests the chance to learn how to play and improve their ability in this ancient **strategic game**.

Guests will learn how the pieces on the board represent a way of life that is no more, and the real life dramas that occurred in **medieval times** are now only a game: if you look at the way a chess board is set up, you will realize that chess is a history of medieval times in miniature, and the name of the Chess Pieces reflect how people lived their lives.

The tranquillity of the sea and our tutors from the **Italian Chess Federation** will instil guests the right spirit to test their ability and learn how to play, together with the many new travel mates.

PROGRAM OF THEME ENTERTAINMENT

Introductory & advanced courses held by international Chess Directors

In depth study of technical terms, rules, history and tricks to improve guests games

Daily tournaments organized by our certified Chess Directors, for different level players

Certificates will be awarded to all participants, with prizes for tournaments winners

CHESS DIRECTORS' AGENDA

Subscriptions will be open on board. Based on the affluence and demographics, the theme program will be defined by our Directors, along the lines of this schedule for days at sea:

10:00 - 12:00	Morning Lessons	for various levels (<i>according to registrations</i>)
14:00 - 18:00	Afternoon Tournaments	for beginners and intermediate levels
21:00 - 24:00	Chess Games after dinner	for really enthusiastic players

In addition, our Chess Directors will offer lessons and/or afternoon tournaments when there is a morning at sea before an afternoon port call, or an afternoon at sea after a morning in port.

Daily program elements, lectures locations and timings will be announced on board