



Ramón
FREIXA

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MSC CRUISES PARTNERS WITH RAMÓN FREIXA

MSC Cruises is extending the already impressive international fine-dining offering with the introduction of award winning Spanish chef Ramón Freixa to its expert panel of world-renowned chef partners.

Ramón joins MSC Cruises to bring guests unique culinary experiences in the form of two exquisite dishes and a choice of authentic tapas.

Chef Freixa will regularly join corporate chefs on board to give in depth and interactive training on the latest techniques and methods to create his dishes on board. Not only this, but he will also develop an exclusive selection of dishes designed especially for the Christmas and New Year menus for guests on board during the festive periods.

ABOUT RAMÓN FREIXA

Having grown up around food in his grandparent's bakery, Freixa's career took off when he took over his father's restaurant El Racó d'en Freixa following his retirement. From there, Ramón opened his own restaurant in Madrid, now awarded with two Michelin Stars. He has also attracted multiple Spanish and international awards including best chef and best restaurant.

He is renowned for knowing the latest industry trends and techniques to bring diners the most innovative cuisine of the moment. He brings a blend of tradition and avant-garde together in perfect harmony so that every plate is stylish and full of flavour.



DISHES FOR MSC CRUISES GUESTS

Chef Freixa has created two exceptional dishes and range of authentic tapas for MSC Cruises guests:

***For Gala Night main restaurant:
Duck Royal cream of foie gras
and onions***

Ramón Freixa's signature dish: duck royal with cream of foie gras and onions will be the mouthwatering highlight on the Elegant Night menu.



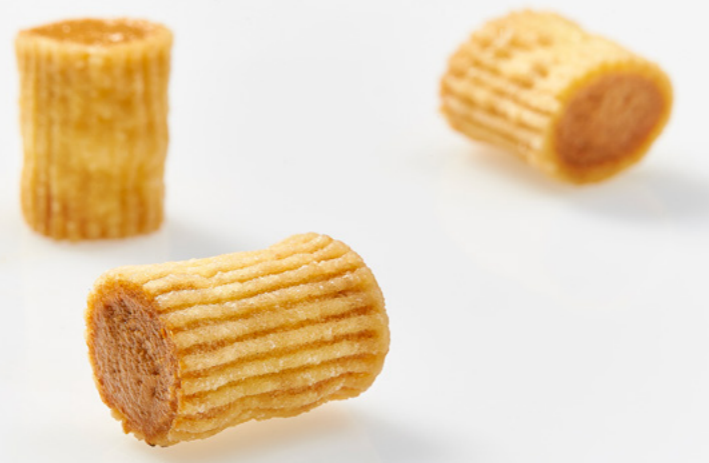
***For MSC Yacht Club:
Glazed pluma of Ibérico pork
with sautéed vegetables***

Savour a fantastic glazed and tender pork feather with a delicious beef stock mayonnaise.



***For MSC Yacht Club:
Guests looking for a lighter bite***

Guests will be able to enjoy a tempting choice of authentic tapas including a tempting Caprese Rigatoni pasta, Spanish Omelette Cone with crispy onions and paprika mayonnaise and creamy quail egg and tuna "Ensaladilla Rusa".



A PASSION FOR FOOD

MSC Cruises' heritage lies in the Mediterranean, where a passion for food is a way of life - the enjoyment of good food plays an integral role in creating unforgettable emotions so MSC Cruises helps guests to discover new cultures and tastes, whilst cruising to beautiful destinations.

Serving fresh, authentic food of the highest quality, the dining experience on an MSC Cruises ship is distinguished by the extensive variety of Mediterranean and international cuisines and wide range of dining formats available which include:



Formal dining in the main restaurant with an extensive daily menu.

More casual options in the Buffet Restaurants with the open kitchens where guests can see the chefs making fresh dishes including pasta, pizza, desserts.

Gourmet dining in the Specialty Restaurants which include new international concepts such as *The Butcher's Cut*, an authentic American-style steakhouse or *Asian Market Kitchen* by Roy Yamaguchi, on *MSC Seaside*.

French bistro, where experience French cuisine with true *joie de vivre* in a warm and friendly atmosphere.



The MSC Yacht Club restaurant offers all-inclusive gourmet dining raising the bar even on MSC Cruises' own high standards. *MSC Yacht Club* guests will also benefit from free-time dining in the exclusive *MSC Yacht Club* restaurant.

INTERNATIONAL CHEF PARTNERS

With the addition of Chef Freixa, MSC Cruises is proud to partner with a total of six globally recognised chefs and restaurateurs, with each chef bringing their own flair, skill and expertise in their respective cuisines and areas of expertise to elevate the dining experience on board the MSC Cruises fleet to a whole new level.



Roy Yamaguchi - Innovative pan-Asian chef and international culinary pioneer Roy Yamaguchi brought his unique fusion cuisine to *MSC Seaside* with three unique restaurants: Teppanyaki, Asian Fusion and Sushi.

Jean-Philippe Maury - French chocolatier and pastry chef Jean-Philippe Maury was crowned the Best Pastry Chef in France for his exceptionally perfect and tasty treats. Aboard MSC Cruises' ships, guests can experience Chef Maury's delights in the buffet, specialty restaurants and the MSC Yacht Club. Guests of *MSC Meraviglia* can also visit chef Maury's dedicated Chocolat & Café and Crêpes & Gelato bars.

Carlo Cracco - Michelin chef Carlo Cracco is a leader in the new generation of progressive Italian cuisine. Each year, Chef Cracco designs special Christmas and New Year menus for MSC Cruises, as well as collaborating on DOREMI Chef – an interactive cooking experience for kids.

Joseph Bastianich - American restaurateur, winemaker, author and television personality has created a signature dish exclusively for *MSC Seaside* that will feature on the Elegant Night menu.

Jereme Leung - Acclaimed Chinese chef Jereme Leung is globally recognised for his contemporary interpretation of Chinese cuisine and brings innovative dining concepts tailored to the tastes of Chinese guests including an exclusive range of signature dishes to ships based in China.

OTHER GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS

In addition to working with renowned chefs, MSC Cruises has also collaborated with world-famous food brands that bring to life the same passion for food held by MSC Cruises.

MSC Seaside offers two unique experiences by fine Italian chocolate maker Venchi. Venchi 1878 Chocolate Bar and Venchi 1878 Gelato & Crêperie allows guests to indulge in some of Venchi's finest treats. Glass-fronted counters mean that guests can watch the Venchi maître chocolatier bringing authentic Italian recipes to life in the chocolate kitchen lab. A Chocolate Waterfall running behind the counter makes for an immersive and unique tasting experience. Venchi will also be available on *MSC Seaview* when she launches in June 2018.



MSC Cruises has worked with Eataly, the world's largest Italian marketplace for six years and guests can explore, taste, buy and learn about the finest Italian-inspired Mediterranean cuisine. Restaurants serve authentic Italian dishes to take them on a journey of discovery through food and wine. One of the highlights is onboard *MSC Meraviglia* where guests can experience three concepts from Eataly including Ristorante Italiano, serving authentic Italian dishes with fresh flavoursome ingredients.

ABOUT MSC CRUISES

MSC Cruises is the world's largest privately-owned cruise company and the number one cruise line in Europe and South America. A game-changer in the world of cruises, the Company has achieved 800% growth in its first ten years, building a global reputation in the industry and one of the youngest cruise fleets at sea. MSC Cruises is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

The MSC Cruises fleet currently comprises 14 ultra-modern, highly innovative and elegantly designed ships, offering an unparalleled holiday experience with always delicious and authentic food, award-winning entertainment, plenty of relaxation, comfortable accommodation, as well as impeccable service and expertise.

Under its ambitious industry-unprecedented €10.5 billion investment plan, the fleet is set to expand to 24 mega-cruise ships by 2026. To date, MSC Cruises has designed six new ship classes, all prototypes that push the boundaries of marine architecture and design.

MSC Cruises feels a deep responsibility towards the physical and human environments in which it operates. The Company operates with the greatest respect for the world's oceans and is on an ongoing journey to further develop innovative ways of lowering the environmental impact of its cruise passages.

MSC Cruises' holiday experiences are sold across the globe through a distribution network in 67 countries. The Company employs over 17,000 people worldwide, both ashore and on board its ships. MSC Cruises is part of MSC Group which is comprised of leading transport and logistics companies.



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