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One document from MSC said I needed a negative Covid test no less than 48 hours before boarding and another document that said I no longer need it, but to be on the safe side I got a test today with a certificate that shows it is 48 hours before boarding with a negative result. I believe that I now have all the required documents to board the ship and I have scheduled a car and driver to take me to the ship which is about 1 1/2 hours from Rome. My check in time is between 11:00 and 12:00 on January 4th, 2023. I also got a email welcome letter from the Captain.



Dear John,

I am Captain Roberto Leotta* and I'll be in command of MSC Magnifica for your upcoming cruise.

I come from a little town of seamen and fishermen called Riposto in Sicily. It's a place where passion for the sea and travelling is in many people's DNA – certainly mine. And since I was a child my dream has been to sail the world's oceans and explore its continents.



I began my career at sea on tanker ships in 1984. Then in 1988 I moved into the cruise industry working my way across all the ranks from Deck Cadet to Master. But in 2018 I took my biggest and most exciting career leap when I joined the MSC family. I'm so happy and proud to now be part of this great family, steeped in seafaring tradition, who are both experts and leaders within the shipping industry. I'm immensely proud to be captain of your ship and, together with my crew we'll make your stay onboard with us the cruise of a lifetime.

MSC Magnifica was the last of the Musica class of ships to join the fleet and therefore offers many innovations that are exceptional for a ship of its size. Do take advantage of the skylit indoor pool, 4D cinema and so much more.

There is such a variety of venues and activities on MSC Magnifica. I would encourage you to take a look around now on our website, so once you are on board you will already be familiar with all the wonderful bars, restaurants and other incredible facilities. I also urge you to reserve them now, so you can make the most of your precious vacation time.

While I and the other officers focus on your safety and security on board, your Hotel Director, Cruise Director, and Chief Engineer will look after your comfort, and entertainment, and provide you with excellent service.

On behalf of all my crew, I would like to welcome you as a new member of the MSC Voyagers Club. I hope that you will get chance to meet some of the other loyal members on board, plenty of whom have been cruising with us for many years and have become familiar faces.

In the meantime, I hope you're looking forward to your upcoming cruise. We can't wait to welcome you on board soon.

With warm wishes,

Captain Roberto Leotta

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