

Portuguese Island upgrades by MSC Cruises

Portuguese Islands offers a three-night weekend cruise and there has been a further upgrade to the island's facilities.

Passengers can now enjoy an upgraded 100m² of buffet area, the fun zone area is larger and hosts various sporting tournaments, the bar areas have been increased and the kiddies zone further developed to cater for every child's needs. Shore excursions have also had the addition of two new fun water sports - Snipe Tube and Family Fun Rides.

An exclusive beach lounge is available for guests looking for something a little quieter away from the crowd, hosting sunbeds, umbrellas, private entrance and a dedicated bar service. Guests are treated to traditional dancers and are enticed with traditional Mozambique Origin Market peddling local wares. Extra shading has been added to the beach for the hot summer days.

In line with strict eco guidelines



With the island being a natural reserve, MSC has ensured that all development is in line with strict eco guidelines. Recycling areas along all main activity areas further allow for this conservation. The island now has more to do than ever before and has increased capacity for all passengers.

"Portuguese Island is one of the most popular cruise destinations on the South African cruise calendar," said Allan Foggitt, sales and marketing director of MSC Cruises South Africa. "Previously, the destination was a Robinson Crusoe type of call: a beautiful, untouched island, but with a lack of facilities for passengers enjoying a day on the beach. This was, therefore, an important long-term area of focus and improvement for MSC and we are now sure that our travellers will enjoy the same high standards on the island as they enjoy on our ships."

The construction and long-term operation of the facilities also ensures that there is a substantial contribution to the local community of the next door Inhaca Island, by creating many jobs for its inhabitants.

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