

# RELAXING ROCKS

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Mein Schiff Relax

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## 1. TUI Cruises

TUI Cruises is a byword for modern premium holidays at sea. The shipping company, which was established as a joint venture between TUI AG and the cruise company Royal Caribbean Ltd, has been offering cruises for the German-speaking market under the brand Mein Schiff since 2009. A fleet of eight ships sails for Mein Schiff. Since the end of 2020, the brand Hapag-Lloyd Cruises with its fleet of currently five ships is also part of TUI Cruises GmbH. Hapag-Lloyd Cruises is the leading cruise brand in the luxury and expedition segment in the German-speaking countries with a history dating back 130 years.

The company, under the leadership of CEO Wybcke Meier, has its headquarters in Hamburg. The entertainment division which is responsible for the design and implementation of the Mein Schiff on-board entertainment, is based in Berlin. Around 770 employees currently work for TUI Cruises on land. On board the Mein Schiff fleet, around 6,600 crew members look after the needs of the guests; for Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, there are 1,300 crew members. A further ship newbuild will supplement the Mein Schiff fleet by 2026 as part of the sustainable growth strategy. Mein Schiff Flow belongs to the new InTUItion class and is currently under construction in the Italian shipyard Fincantiere as an LNG ship. The commissioning is planned for 2026.

With the concept of a holiday resort on the water, the Mein Schiff cruise offers are designed above all for guests who are focused on open space, lavishness, quality and individual service. With the Mein Schiff Premium inclusive benefits, most meals and beverages are already included in the cruise price, as well as use of the SPA and sport areas, the varied entertainment programme and childcare services.

The ships of Hapag-Lloyd Cruises are small, individual and outstanding in their class. The EUROPA class of Hapag-Lloyd Cruises comprises the luxury ships EUROPA and EUROPA 2. In the expedition sector, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises is en route with three modern ships: HANSEATIC nature, HANSEATIC inspiration and HANSEATIC spirit.

TUI Cruises is aware of its responsibilities as a company and aspires to reduce the effects of cruising on the environment to a minimum. In the light of this, the topic of environmental protection has been firmly anchored in the entrepreneurial activities of TUI Cruises since its foundation and is an integral element of its entire corporate strategy, from the design of new ships via route planning to procedures on board. The

Sustainability Management department takes care of the ecological, social and economic sustainability in the context of a holistic, entrepreneurial sustainability management.

## 2. About Mein Schiff Relax

Mein Schiff Relax, the first ship in the InTUItion class will take the Mein Schiff feeling to a whole new level. This feel-good ship offers regular guests and cruise enthusiasts an even more varied culinary journey through worlds of exceptional gourmet pleasure. It offers more opportunities to relax in architecturally spectacular oases of well-being. When it comes to the Cabins and Suites, Mein Schiff caters even more to the needs of cruise travellers, creating a very special holiday feeling. SPA and Wellness have been newly defined; high-class entertainment and adventure worlds find a new home on Mein Schiff Relax.

As well as all the superb innovations, TUI Cruises believes it is important to continue with the attractions that our guests already love. That's why the Mein Schiff Premium inclusive benefits also apply to Mein Schiff Relax, which make holidays even more carefree and the costs for unique cruises calculable. With the Mein Schiff Premium inclusive benefits, nearly all meals and beverages in most of the restaurants, bars and bistros are already included in the cruise price. This also includes coffee specialities, wines, beer, cocktails and long drinks as well as celebrated brand-name spirits. This means that guests can really enjoy their food every day, discover new culinary territory and experience exclusive gourmet moments.

## 3. Fact Sheet Mein Schiff Relax

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| Construction begin/steel cut: | 22.06.2022 |
| Naming ceremony: | 09.04.2025 in Málaga |
| Flag: | Malta |
| Length > Width: | ca. 333 m > ca. 42.1 m |
| Total volume: | ca. 160,000 GT |
| Number of decks: | 19 |
| Propulsion: | Liquefied natural gas; in the future: low-emission and climate-friendly organic LNG and E-LNG. |
| Speed | ca. 21.5 km |
| Cabins: | 2,016 |
| Number of guests: | 3,984 with double occupancy |
| Crew size: | ca. 1,400 |
| Bars & lounges: | 17 |
| Balcony Cabins: | 1,531, incl. 18 barrier-free cabins<br>10 Single Balcony Cabins<br>29 SPA Balcony Cabins<br>2 Premium Veranda Cabins<br>2 Veranda Cabins |
| Outside Cabins: | 107, incl. 4 barrier-free cabins<br>9 Single Cabins Outside<br>12 Family Cabins Outside |
| Inside Cabins: | 157, incl. 7 barrier-free cabins<br>7 Single Cabins Inside |
| Suites: | 118 Junior Suite Balcony Cabins, incl. 4 barrier-free Junior Suites<br>16 Ocean View Suites<br>6 Faraway Suites<br>8 Grand View Suites<br>2 Loft Suites |

# Mein Schiff Relax Milestones











## 4. Milestones

**22.06.2022** – The first steel cut for Mein Schiff Relax takes place in the Fincantieri Shipyard in Monfalcone. The so-called steel cut marks beginning of the official construction of a new ship.

**23.06.2023** – the keel laying takes place in the shipyard and thereby the assembly of the new feel-good ship begins. In a time-honoured ancient shipping tradition, symbolic coins are placed in the central block of the ship. These are intended to bring the ship luck. They include: A coin with the image of the Hamburg Elbphilharmonie.

**27.11.2023** – Mein Schiff Relax gets water under its keel for the first time during the floating out ceremony. Around 130 million litres of water flowed into the dock and ensured a successful floating out ceremony.

**23.10.2024** – Mein Schiff Relax leaves the shipyard towards the open seas for the first time and successfully completes its sea trials. Two months later, on 23.12.2024, Mein Schiff Relax also successfully completes the LNG sea trial.

**07.02.2025** – Mein Schiff Relax is handed over to TUI Cruises by the Fincantieri Shipyard in Monfalcone.

**16.03.2025** – The first official cruises of Mein Schiff Relax start in the Mediterranean from/to Palma de Mallorca. At the end or beginning of a cruise, guests can enjoy an overnight stay on board on the Balearic Island.

**09.04.2025** – the Mein Schiff Relax launch cruise starts on 07. or 08.04.2025 on Palma de Mallorca. During this cruise, on 09.04.2025 in Málaga, Mein Schiff Relax will officially receive its name. The naming ceremony will be accompanied by Mein Schiff 5 and Mein Schiff 7

# Cuisine – Restaurants & bars













## 5. Cuisine – Restaurants & bars

The culinary offer on board Mein Schiff Relax promises one thing: Gourmet pleasure at a completely new level! In 14 restaurants & bistros, guests can enjoy a world of culinary delights: from rustic classics to modern interpretations of dishes. Highlights of this newbuild include not only the inclusive Harbour Market buffet restaurant, which offers a particularly large selection, but also the Osteria - Pizza e Pasta and the Chalet, an exclusive alpine restaurant combined with an inclusive bar and the Høfde in Scandinavian ambience. On board Mein Schiff Relax, a total of 17 bars & lounges make inviting places for cruise fans and those who aspire to be cruise fans to savour gourmet delights and linger for a while. A varied range of drinks, from delicious cocktails to delicious coffee specialities are waiting for the guests.

### 5.1. Cuisine – Restaurants & bars

The **Harbour Market** buffet restaurant on Deck 16 offers a pleasant marketplace atmosphere. The inclusive gastronomic classics of the fleet offer guests the opportunity to choose from a variety of international dishes at different stations every day from morning to evening. From the tastiest home cooking to the wok station and speciality buffets – the wide selection of delicacies suits every taste. Directly adjacent is the **Osteria – Pizza e Pasta**, which enchants guests with authentic dishes and table service. For a cocktail or a sundowner after an eventful shore excursion or a relaxing sea day, guests can enjoy the view over the ship and the sea in the **Agora Bar** on Deck 16 by the new Infinitypool.

The extremely popular **Ice Cream Bar** is located on Deck 17 on Mein Schiff Relax. In this ice cream parlour, guests can choose "ice-cream in a waffle" as well as a variety of sundaes such as spaghetti ice cream; fruit, chocolate and nut sundaes; as well as various shakes, iced coffee and iced chocolate. The **Pane e Sole – Bar & Bistro** is located in the immediate vicinity of the Pool – perfect for a snack between meals. Various filled rolls, sandwiches and panini as well as a range of vegetable salads are served here. The adjoining bar provides guests with refreshing inclusive beverages right by the Pool. Guests can savour a selection of international dumplings in the **Pool Bistro**. The **Pool Bar** serves cool beverages from the Mein Schiff bar menu during the day. In a breathtaking location directly at the stern on Deck 17 you will find the new **Bar 17** – a perfect place to relax and linger with a view of the vastness of the sea. Now it's time to go up to Deck 19. On the Mistral Deck, guests can really enjoy themselves in the **Mistral Bar** and discover a new experience of well-being!

The main restaurant has a new location on Mein Schiff Relax. The **Atlantik** on Deck 4 and Deck 5, offering table service and exquisite multi-course menus, is particularly spacious and has a fabulous view. With the adjoining **Atlantik Bar**, this inclusive restaurant provides delicious lunchtime and evening meals on two decks in the stern. For breakfast, guests have the choice of enjoying the first meal of the day at their seat or putting together their favourite dishes at the buffet. For the first time, the new ships in the InTUItion ship class will have an integrated bar, the **Atlantik Bar**, which will be open during the day and in the evening. The bar has an impressive and unusual design with beautiful furniture – a lovely place to relax and linger for a while. Guests can serve themselves around the clock in the **Mein Schiff Bar & Bistro** on Deck 4 in the Atrium Snacks and meals are available, from breakfast to midnight snacks. You will also find currywurst and our popular burgers there. The **D4 – Club & Lounge** transforms into a club late at night when the DJ turns the heat up every evening; during the day, an extensive inclusive selection of beverages is offered here.

The **Casino & Lounge** on Deck 5 provides a stylish casino lounge atmosphere with a wide range of gaming options from roulette via blackjack and numerous slot machines. New on board: The French **Sur Mer Bistrot** and the Greek **Taverna Dionysos**, two inclusive restaurants that guests have requested for a long time. With outdoor and indoor seating, the two restaurants offer country-specific dishes and ensure a relaxed holiday atmosphere on the high seas. Further towards the stern you will find the new **Street Art Bar**. Furnished in industrial style and decorated with graffiti, the interior creates an urban ambience. The Street Art Bar offers sushi variations by Tim Raue as well as two signature dishes as exclusive highlights, wasabi prawn and tuna pizza – familiar from the Hanam.

### 5.2 Exclusive restaurants & bars

If you want to treat yourself to something special on your cruise with Mein Schiff Relax, you will find exactly what you are looking for in the speciality restaurants and bars. Guests can experience very special moments in the new bar on Deck 16 above the bridge, the **Captain's Bar**. The exclusive bar impresses with an excellent selection of high-quality beverages and huge window fronts that extend over two decks. It's the perfect place for your favourite drink with a view over the sea. The **Høfde** is located on the same deck. This Scandinavian-style restaurant offers an exclusive selection of different fish and meat dishes for lunch and dinner. To start the day, guests have the opportunity to enjoy an exclusive breakfast and indulge in an extensive feast. For all fans of Asian cuisine, there is an exclusive Japanese restaurant on Deck 5 of Mein

Schiff Relax in co-operation with the star chef from Berlin: The **Fugu** with Tim Raue combines Japanese cuisine at the highest level with the newest technology to create a new culinary experience. New on board Mein Schiff Relax The **Chalet.** Alpine cuisine from France, Austria and Switzerland is combined here. While authentic dishes are on the menu in the evening, guests are spoilt with the Mein Schiff fleet's inclusive bar menu during the day and in the evening. For all coffee lovers, the **Barista Bar** is located on Deck 3 of the new feel-good ship. Guests can enjoy high-quality coffee and chocolate specialities in a relaxed atmosphere.

### 5.3 Restaurants & bars for Suites guests

On board Mein Schiff Relax, our Suites guests are pampered around the clock. In addition to the well-known **X-Lounge** on Deck 7 at the ship stern, where guests of the Junior Suites and Suites have exclusive access, the **X-Bar** on Deck 16 is also available to relax in and chill out in the outside areas. New for Suites guests: The **X-Coast** restaurant is located on Deck 6 and is accessible via the X-Lounge on Deck 7. During the day, guests can enjoy a buffet, while in the evening there is an à la carte menu with table service. The **X-View** is a further area for the Suites guests on Mein Schiff Relax The new Suites restaurant spoils guests with snacks from the buffet during the day. In the evening, exclusive, high-quality Mediterranean dishes are served à la carte according to the recipes of Michelin-starred chef Theodor Falser.

# Mein Schiff Relax











## 6. Cabins & Suites

With their new design, the Inside, Outside and Balcony Cabins on the Mein Schiff Relax offer the open space and storage space that cruise fans need so they can enjoy the best time of the year as a couple or as a family (up to six people in the Family Cabin Outside). The high proportion of Balcony Cabins, which is a hallmark of the Mein Schiff fleet, was increased again to 85 per cent for the InTUItion ship class.

In addition to the Inside and Outside Cabins for solo travellers, which are already available on Mein Schiff 7, Mein Schiff Relax now also offers Balcony Cabins for solo travellers. A true novelty for Mein Schiff. TUI Cruises is therefore responding to the wishes of many solo travellers. A highlight of these cabins: Guests can enjoy the sea view directly from their bed It's hardly possible to have more open space around you.

In addition to the numerous new features, the Suites and the various areas for Suites guests on the Mein Schiff Relax have also found a new home: At the stern of the new feel-good ship. In addition to a variety of Junior Suites, Ocean View Suites and Faraway Suites, there will be Grand View Suites for the first time. The two Loft Suites, which extend over two decks and have two large terraces, are the highlight on the new feel-good ship. For the first time, the X-Sundeck will also be available to Suites guests at the stern of the feel-good ship with a shallow water pool. From here, guests can access the X-Bar and the new Suites restaurant X-View.

## 7. SPA & Beauty

The multi-award-winning, wide range of massages, treatments and cosmetic applications are also available to guests on Mein Schiff Relax in a new relaxing atmosphere. On Deck 15 the **SPA & Beauty** area enchants guests with its modern ambience. The spacious Spa and Wellness area offers even more feel-good moments with its location on a higher deck, the wide range of services and spa innovations: Guests can relax in the most sophisticated ambience in the Horizon Sauna, the steam bath, a herbal sauna and a salt sauna and in the new relaxation area which has a view across the sea, complemented by the usual spacious terrace area.

Completely new on Mein Schiff Relax: The exclusive Barrel Sauna with a sideways view across the sea on Deck 19 for up to five people. Guests can enjoy perfect relaxation with fabulous views on the highest outer deck. A further highlight: An exclusive cold chamber for cryotherapy treatments, which can help with regeneration, weight loss or

improvement of the skin structure with temperatures as low as -110 degrees. For the first time on the feel-good fleet: Hybrid SPA treatments in the tea lounge. Three innovative wellness loungers, the Satori wellness lounger, the Hydromassage and the Brainlight lounger are available to guests on an exclusive basis – for even more relaxation on the high seas. In addition, the offer is supplemented by an oxygen treatment while lying down. Guests can discover the benefits of altitude training – which athletes have been using for years to improve their performance – in a very relaxed way while lying down. Inhaling oxygen-poor and oxygen-rich air trains the cells, breaks down damaged mitochondria and forms new, healthy mitochondria. The result: more energy and increased vitality.

## 8. Sport & Health

With our diverse range of sports on board Mein Schiff Relax, you have the opportunity to train individually according to your wishes and goals. The 220-metre-long **jogging track** is available on Deck 18 for all walking and running enthusiasts. The classic fitness area with strength and endurance equipment is located on Deck 17. In the Gym class room on Deck 18, guests can work out every day, thanks to the varied programme of classes. In the bow area of Mein Schiff Relax, guests can find the **Arena**. This covered area offers sports enthusiasts enough space to play football, volleyball, basketball, indoor cycling and much more.

## 9. Entertainment

The Mein Schiff feel-good fleet offers guests gourmet delights, relaxation and open space at the highest level. Throughout the entire fleet, guests also enjoy high-quality and varied entertainment. With a newly designed, multifunctional Theatre and a sophisticated burlesque theatre, specially developed for Mein Schiff Relax, entertainment is raised to a new level.

On Decks 3, 4 and 5 you can find the popular **Theatre**: The variable stalls area of the new hexagonal theatre opens up additional, multifunctional programme options such as sports sessions, events or club evenings. A catwalk in the pre-stage area brings artists and artistry closer to the guests than ever before. Great shows such as ABBA Thank You For The Music, the Rock Factory, which celebrated its debut on Mein Schiff 7, or the new Varieté Voyage, invite you to marvel and enjoy during showings at two different times on selected evenings. New on Mein Schiff Relax: the **Blaue Flora – Stage & Bar.** This stage offers even more choice of art and culture, with a small but

fully equipped stage where plays, readings, audio plays and lectures are given a deservedly large amount of space. Beverages are inclusive in the adjoining bar with its lounge atmosphere. Another very special highlight on Mein Schiff Relax is **La Cage – Burlesque, Bar, Casino**. The exclusive burlesque stage with bar transports guests into an irresistible Golden Twenties atmosphere with sophisticated burlesque performances, pole dancing and live music. Workshops, lectures and various culinary tastings also take place there.

Those who prefer entertainment in the open air will not miss out on the new feel-good ship either. In addition to the popular Pool party format "St. Pauli by Night", the heart of the new party format on Mein Schiff Relax will be in the Agora: "Beach Party – Sun, Fun & Rock'n'Roll". Guests are cordially invited to turn night into day with music and a great atmosphere.

The **Fugo** offers a very special holiday experience on board. Here, Far Eastern delicacies from Berlin star chef Tim Raue are combined at the highest level to create a unique digital dining experience. A spectacular world created especially for this innovative fusion of culinary art and visualisation will accompany guests through their five-course meal and take them on an immersive journey through Japan. From themes such as the Sea of Japan to calligraphy, from geisha and samurai, kentsugi and cherry blossom to Tokyo City: we digitally transport the diversity of Japan to Mein Schiff Relax.

## 10. Offers for families on board Mein Schiff Relax

Across the entire Mein Schiff fleet, TUI Cruises welcomes families at any time and inspires families all year round with a colourful programme for young and young-at-heart. On Mein Schiff Relax, children aged 0 to 11 years can look forward to a newly designed kids area with lots to discover.

In the newly designed **Insel der Seeräuber – Kids-Club** on Deck 17, trained supervisors open up completely new worlds to children aged 3 to 11 in three individually themed rooms. Young guests get their money's worth with exciting theme days and activities, varied workshops and family events. The mascot Capt'n Sharky is on board and looking forward to experiencing many adventures with the children. Parents with children under the age of 3 will find plenty of cosy warmth in the light-flooded **Nest – Baby Room**, also on Deck 17. In the presence of a parent or guardian, babies and toddlers are offered baby playgroups, workshops and romping sessions.

Teens aged between 12 and 17 can look forward to the newly designed **Teens Meet-ups** in the public areas of the ship. The focus alternates between sport, creativity, tournaments, board games, video games and much more. In addition, the chill-out lounge of the Kids-Club is exclusively available to teens as a retreat from 21:30 in the evenings.

**Further advantages for families**

- Free childcare in the Kids-Club and during the Teens Meet-ups
- Trained supervisors for children and teenagers
- Special holiday programme with many activities for the whole family
- Joint meals with the Kids & Teens supervisors for children from the age of 3 years
- Special kids buffet in the buffet restaurant
- Special kids menus in the Atlantik Main Restaurant
- High-chairs for children in the restaurants
- Games consoles in all Family Cabins, Junior Suites and Suites
- Baby cots
- Bed linen with kids motifs
- Trips suitable for families via our shore excursion department

## 11. Naming ceremony, godmother & launch cruise

On 9 April 2025, Mein Schiff Relax will be named in Málaga by the ship's godmother Giuliana Rizzo, SPA & Sport Manager of Mein Schiff Relax. Giuliana Rizzo began her career in 2015 as a beautician on Mein Schiff 3. Since then, she has held various positions in the SPA area before taking over as SPA & Sport Manager in 2019.

"The entire Mein Schiff fleet stands for feel-good experiences and relaxation – these values accompany me in my job every day. It is a great honour for me to be able to give Mein Schiff Relax its name," says German-Italian Giuliana, who comes from the Hanover region.

The latest newbuild of the Mein Schiff fleet will be ceremonially named in a unique way at a launch cruise in Málaga on 9 April 2025. The cruise starts on 7 or 8 April 2025 in Palma de Mallorca and ends on 16 or 17 April 2025 on this Balearic island.

## 12. Maiden voyage and first season

In the first summer season, Mein Schiff Relax will be sailing on 8- to 10-day cruises in the western Mediterranean from/to Palma de Mallorca, impressing its cruise guests with exciting trips to various ports in Italy, Spain and France. The highlight is an overnight stay on board in the Spanish port city of Palma de Mallorca at the beginning or end of the cruise.

In winter 2025/26, Mein Schiff Relax sets sail for the Canary Islands. Here Mein Schiff Relax offers 7-day routing with changeover days in Las Palmas/Gran Canaria or Santa Cruz/Tenerife. A highlight for the guests of Mein Schiff Relax will once again be the famous New Year's Eve fireworks on Madeira.

## 13. Sustainability on Mein Schiff Relax

With the new ship classes TUI Cruises is focusing on environmental and climate protection: Mein Schiff Relax sails with liquefied natural gas. In the future, the ship will also be able to run on low-emission and climate-friendly organic LNG and E-LNG – an important step towards climate-neutral cruises. What's more, the ship is fitted with improved catalytic converters (Euro 6 standard for nitrogen oxide reduction) and a shore power connection. This means the ship will operate almost emission-free while docked in port (about 40 per cent of its operating time).

In order to achieve even more efficient waste processing, the ship has been equipped with an innovative system that shreds organic waste by means of thermal treatment and can process it for further use on land. "HydroTreat", an innovative system for the treatment of biological waste: The liquid parts of the waste are separated using heat and pressure, and channelled into the ship's own wastewater treatment system. At the end of the process, wastewater is treated to reach the same standards as the most modern onshore sewage treatment plants. The solid parts of the waste are transformed into so-called BioChar, which is considered a multi-talent in agriculture – for example to improve the soil or as a feed additive.

## 14. Who would have thought – surprising facts and figures

**... the crew:**

- Ca. **1,400 crew members** work on board
- The crew members come from **over 40** different nations
- There are **125** crew members working in the nautical division and **1200** in the hotel and entertainment division
- On board there are **220** different job positions

**... ship's construction**

- The entire Suites area is located at the stern of the ship
- For the first time, there are Balcony Cabins for solo travellers
- There are 28 different carpet designs on the Mein Schiff Relax
- 9626 pieces of loose furniture have been placed in the public areas

**... environmental topics:**

- Propelled with **liquefied natural gas**
- Has a **shore power connection** for emission-free ship operations during the laytime in ports that offer this service
- With **a view to the future**, Mein Schiff Relax has been designed so that it can sail with low-emission and climate-friendly organic LNG and E-LNG

**... from the SPA & sports area**

- For the first time on Mein Schiff Relax: the Barrel Sauna on Deck 19
- The jogging track is located, partly free-swinging, above the 25-metre Pool
- The **incline of the jogging track** is up to **8.5%.**

## 15. Contact

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