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*“ALL INFORMATION LISTED MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AND IS UPDATED TO SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2011. FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE RELATED EMBASSIES / CONSULATES”*

Dear user,

Reference is made to cruises with the UAE origin/destination and transiting to Oman. All passports must be valid at least 6 months on arrival.

**For UAE only :**

Passengers holding passports of following countries **do not need Visa** prior to the arrival to Abu Dhabi or to the UAE :

Europe : France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, Iceland, Andorra, San Marino, Liechtenstein, United Kingdom.

North America : USA (Canada, momentarily need Visa prior to arrival, unless last minute changes might occur)

Pacific Rim : Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Brunei, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea

Kindly note that passengers holding passports of other nationalities than the above mentioned ones, need Visa for the UAE. By considering that there are different itineraries, please note as follows:

**Visa procedures related to 8 days / 7 nights cruises embarking/disembarking in Abu Dhabi or any other port of the UAE :**

Three Visas required :

First Visa : arrival by flight to Abu Dhabi or any other UAE airport to join the cruise . If not in possession, embarkation at the originating airport is denied. Required also in case of pre-cruise arranged with hotel accommodation in the UAE. Maximum validity before embarking is **60** days from date of issue of the visa; it is, therefore, highly recommended to calculate the application time.

Second and Third Visas are required for Cruise. Requester will receive one application for the three visas.

**All visas will be applied at the same time.** Passengers will be carrying the three different visas in advance.

This will allow them entry from Abu Dhabi or any other UAE port/airport.

No other paper required to get the second and third visas. Processing will take up to 7 working days (according to their nationality).

Each visa is valid for one single entry only.

Once passengers embark the cruise in Abu Dhabi or any other UAE port, coming from original country, first visa expires.

No other paperworks needed in order to return back to originating country and also to arrange a post-cruise hotel stay in Abu Dhabi or any other place in the UAE. Maximum validity period is **30** days from the date of entry.

Cost of each Visa: AED 250 per visa per person and AED 50 Agency Fee per application per person. Total Visa cost for the 8 days/7 night cruise, with or without Pre or Post cruise hotel stay in Abu Dhabi or UAE is AED 750 + Agency Fee AED 50 (**USD 218.00**) for standard time requests up to 21 days before arriving to Abu Dhabi/UAE. Surcharges apply in case of requests to the agency from 21 days before arrival (information and costs as of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011)

Black List countries: following countries are not allowed to obtain the Tourist Visa (Israel - no visa. Somalia, Iraq, Yemen, Palestine –subject to special approval and security clearance). No discrimination raised in case of Israeli Visa or stamp evident on any nationality passport for previous visits.

All visas once applied for, no refund granted in case the same is rejected.



**Visa procedures related to positioning cruises from originating country towards Abu Dhabi/UAE or viceversa :**

**For UAE only :**

Following mentioned countries do not need Visa prior to the arrival to Abu Dhabi or to the UAE:

*Europe : France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, Iceland, Andorra, San Marino, Liechtenstein, United Kingdom.*

*North America : USA (Canada, momentarily need Visa prior to arrival, unless last minute changes might occur)*

*Pacific Rim : Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Brunei, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea.*

Kindly note that passengers holding passports of other nationalities than the above mentioned ones, need Visa for the UAE.

One Visa required both in case of immediate transfer to airport for return to origin country and in case of post cruise hotel stay in the UAE. Maximum validity is **30** days. Maximum validity before disembarking is **60** days from date of issue of the visa.

In case of hotel accommodation arranged independently, either directly by the passenger or by the Travel Agency/Tour Operator, the Visa issue has to be required to the below mentioned appointed agency, cannot be obtained alternatively by different travel agency.

Cost of Visa : AED 250 per visa per person + AED 50 Agency Fee per application person per visa for standard time request (**21** days before arriving). Surcharge applies in case of requests forwarded less than **21** days before.

Black List countries: following countries are not allowed to obtain the Tourist Visa (Israel - no visa. Somalia, Iraq, Yemen, Palestine –are subject to special request/approval and security clearance; related costs vary according to the nationality)

**Notice :**

Please note that, for all occurring cruise cases, passport holders of the nationalities subject to prior to arrival Visa for the UAE, with pre or post hotel stay, either independently arranged or through MSC, the request for Visa issue has to be sent to [visa@sharaftours.com](mailto:visa@sharaftours.com) and [jevaraj@sharaftours.com](mailto:jevaraj@sharaftours.com) , both addresses inserted in same mail.

This is the only valid condition to proceed; if not regulated in this way, second Visa cannot be issued.

**Information concerning Visa issuing :**

Passenger/Travel Agent/Tour Operator or any other requester have to fill-in the attached form for Visa application and send to [visa@sharaftours.com](mailto:visa@sharaftours.com) and [jevaraj@sharaftours.com](mailto:jevaraj@sharaftours.com) .

For assistance please contact Mr. Jeyaraj Sudagaran, phone number +971 4 3976161 ext 319 , Mrs Amina Jouhaoui , phone number +971 4 397 6060 (Switchboard) or + 971 4 406 0310 (Direct line), or Fax :+ 971 4 397 6527.

After Office hours contact : +971 55 9398 954

One application for each passenger. Required documents are :

1. 1 COLOUR PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO (4.3 cm x 5.5 cm)
2. COLOUR PASSPORT COPY (Including Amendment page, if Children names are in the passports)
3. VALIDITY EXTENSION PAGE OF THE PASSPORT (If passports validity are extended)
4. For Indian nationals only, last page to be attached

Please note that passport and photos must be sent in JPEG file.

Fees payment will be performed by Credit Card, (details and form to be provided by Visa Agent supplier) directly to appointed Agent and before Visa processing, Should passenger cancel, for any reason, the Cruise, Visa already applied for, will not be reimbursed.

Once Visas are granted, Agent will send them directly to requester. Passengers have to print a copy of same which can be considered valid both for the flight embarkation and for the Abu Dhabi/UAE Immigration at Port and Airport.



**Information concerning Oman :**

Positioning Cruises transiting Salalah and Muscat and cruises UAE/Oman/UAE:

All passengers [http://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg\\_passport\\_countrylist1.asp](http://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg_passport_countrylist1.asp) can get Visa upon arrival if stay is less than 24 hrs. For special cases, same procedures to follow as per the UAE and same agent as per the UAE Visas.

Kindly note that Israel and Bangladesh passport holders are not allowed to enter or to stay aboard vessel during the Omani call.

No discrimination raised in case of Israeli Visa or stamp evident on any nationality passport for previous visits .

*Best regards*

*MSC Cruises*