

Ocean Cay Marine Reserve, Bahamas

Quick Facts:

- Owned by: MSC
- Operating as: MSC
- Location: South of Bimini, 65 miles off the Florida coast. (Bahamas)
- Snorkeling in multiple locations.
 - Water Shoes recommended for some areas.
- Water Sports Equipment for rent.
- Excursions available thru MSC.
- Meals/snacks are included in your cruise fare.
- The beverage package works here.
- Wifi package works here.
- Tender port? No, there's a pier.
- This island is HUGE, there is plenty room for everyone to spread out, plenty loungers on the beach. Lagoon is calm water, perfect for the kids.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhggvyfgBQ4> & https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_XdND8OTts

Independent Video Tour: (Video previewed & accurate to date.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIEfCVcPjJE>

Webpage: [Ocean Cay, cruises to Bahamas | MSC Cruises \(msccruisesusa.com\)](https://www.msccruisesusa.com/ocean-cay-cruises-to-bahamas)

Wondering how MSC compares to other cruise lines? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0UqIApd6gk>





Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve

Nature made it beautiful, we made it unique.

KEY POINTS:

- ✓ **64** square miles of Marine Reserve
- ✓ **400** coral relocations
- ✓ **75,000** shrubs and plants planted
- ✓ **5,000** trees and plants planted
- ✓ **22** native Caribbean species
- ✓ Wonderful **8 pristine beaches**
- ✓ **Select food and drink options** including the Seakers Food Court (complimentary meals), beach bars, two signature bars, several food trucks, as well as an ice cream parlor and coffee bar

GUEST EXPERIENCE:

- ✓ **The ship remains docked** the entire time, allowing guests to access stateroom and ship facilities as they need or desire
- ✓ Guests can relax on Ocean Cay's miles of pristine white sand, spread over **distinct beach areas**
- ✓ Shop, eat, drink and relax in the island's **authentic Bahamian-style village**
- ✓ Enjoy the evening's entertainment at the **signature lighthouse**, as well as a Hemingway-style bar and terrace
- ✓ Explore, discover and enjoy nature's beauty thanks to **Ocean Cay excursions**
- ✓ Guests can choose from a range of relaxing body and facial treatments at **The Spa Ocean Cay**
- ✓ Enjoy a wide range of **entertainment activities** for all – water sports, family games, dedicated edutainment programs as well as evening light shows, live music and Jukanoo



Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve Come explore this exclusive island paradise!



ABOUT THE ISLAND

What is Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve?

Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve is MSC Cruises' new private island in The Bahamas. It features endless sweeping vistas of crystal-clear waters and over 2 miles of pristine beachfront spread across 8 stunning beaches, allowing guests to connect with the natural environment and immerse themselves in the warmth, fun and hospitality inspired by the Bahamian spirit.

Why is Ocean Cay a marine reserve?

Ocean Cay is founded on a strong commitment to ecological principles that shape everything from how venues are built, to how the island is run, to the kinds of activities featured on the island. As part of the development of Ocean Cay, MSC Cruises is working to establish a roadmap for the restoration of marine resources, including habitats and species present in the area. This will include the restoration of endangered corals and the implementation of other conservation and educational programs. The island is located in an area of protected waters covering 64 square miles, but the aim is to extend it further for an even wider impact. MSC cruise guests will have an incredible opportunity to discover the wonders of the ocean in this special part of the world.

What makes the island special?

Ocean Cay is special in a number of ways. First, its unique shape makes for abundant shoreline, creating 8 superb beaches with fine aragonite sand and clear water, as well as a protected lagoon. The island's facilities are designed with sustainability in mind. Guests can immerse themselves in the beauty of their natural surroundings with minimal environmental impact: Energy is drawn from solar, water is recycled, and single-use plastics are a thing of the past. The ship's late departure allows for evening beach picnics and magnificent stargazing in the clear Bahamian sky.

Where can I find more information about the island?

You'll find all information on the island, ship itineraries, guest experiences and prepaid packages at **MSC Book**. Select the dedicated module on the **MSC Academy**.

To explore everything that Ocean Cay has to offer for your clients, visit the dedicated website: www.mscoceancay.com

Which ships will call at Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve?

❁ WINTER 2020/2021	❁ SUMMER 2021
• MSC Armonia • MSC Meraviglia • MSC Seaside	• MSC Armonia • MSC Divina • MSC Meraviglia

Where does the ship dock? How do guests reach the island?

The ship docks on the pier right alongside the main plaza, and guests simply walk off the ship.

If my clients want to reach their staterooms – can they come back to the ship any time?

Yes, the ship is accessible while docked and all its venues and shipboard activities operate as usual, as well as restaurants and entertainment activities on board. Guests should always carry their Cruise Cards to enter and exit the ship.

Is there an information center?

Yes, all required information is provided at the Welcome Pavilion, where our staff will be happy to provide guests with all the details they need as well as book any excursions or activities. Your clients will also find a map of the island at the Welcome Pavilion.

Will my clients have to walk long distances to the beach or venues?

The most distant place on the island is only a 20-minute walk away, and easy-to-follow signs guide guests to wherever they wish to go. In addition, an electric tram service is available to transport guests around the island.

Is there a medical facility on the island?

Yes, there will be a designated nurse station next to the Seakers Food Court, with dedicated medical staff from the ship.

Is there security on the island?

As the safety of our guests and crew members are our top priority, there are designated security officers throughout the island.

Will Ocean Cay be accessible for guests with special needs?

Yes, Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve is completely ADA compliant. Beach wheelchairs will be available on the island and waiting for guests at the pier upon disembarkation (upon request).

What about safety on the beach?

A lifeguard is on duty on every beach to supervise the safety of beachgoers.



GUEST EXPERIENCE

What recreation options and amenities exist on the island?

Ocean Cay is a full-day and night experience thanks to our late departures. Explore crystal-clear blue waters and sink your feet into soft, aragonite sand. Unwind and recharge. Then as the daylight fades, view the spectacular sunset and enjoy the island's Bahamian-style evening festivities.

- Guests can enjoy 8 distinct **beach areas** each with its own charm and allure
- **Select food and drink options** including the **Seakers Food Court**, beach bars, 2 signature bars, several food trucks, an ice cream parlor and a coffee bar
- The island's authentic **Bahamian-style village and marina** with a wide range of places to shop, eat, drink and relax.
- The lighthouse, a Hemingway-style bar and terrace offering cocktails and a sweeping ocean view
- **Ocean Cay excursions** for visitors to explore, discover, relax and enjoy nature's beauty
- **The Spa at Ocean Cay**, where guests can choose from a range of relaxing body treatments and enjoy the added benefit of spectacular island views
- A wide range of **entertainment activities for all**:
 - water sports, dance lessons and coral education programs
 - family games and activities at the **Seakers Family Cove**: sandcastle contests, kite building, treasure hunts and a family sporting challenge
 - evening entertainment and activities: magnificent sunsets , a breathtaking light show, live music and DJs

The ship will remain accessible while docked, offering a whole range of incredible experiences on board (including the casino).

What food options are available on the island?

• **Seakers Food Court**

This is the place to be for freshly prepared complimentary meals from a variety of international culinary traditions, including American classics and authentic Bahamian flavors. Conveniently located near the family lagoon.

• **Food Trucks**

"Beach Shack" food trucks will be stationed around the island, so guests can enjoy a bite wherever they are.

Where can guests get beverages or ice cream on the island?

- **Beach Bars**: There are beach bars spread across the island, each with its own personality and its own special look and feel.
- **Springer's Marina Bar**: Managed by the Bahamian Springer family and located in the marina, this friendly bar offers cocktails and drinks in authentic Bahamian style.
- **Lighthouse Bar**: This Hemingway-style cocktail bar offers an ample selection of rums, other spirits and delicious cocktails, all served with incredible sea views.
- **The Smiling Fish**: Located in the marina, this venue offers a variety of ice cream, from classics to more innovative flavors with a Bahamian twist.
- **Coffee Bar**: The coffee bar, part of The Smiling Fish, offers freshly brewed whole bean and ground coffee, espresso and cappuccino for an energetic start to the day on Ocean Cay or a quick boost throughout the day.

Is Wi-Fi available on the island?

Ocean Cay is equipped with Wi-Fi. To stay connected, your clients can buy prepaid Wi-Fi packages, which include Wi-Fi connection on Ocean Cay. Internet packages are available to book through MSC Book and on board the ship.

Where can guests rent equipment for water sports?

Ocean Cay offers many water-based activities. Guests will find a rental station on each of the island's beaches to rent kayaks, paddleboards, inner tubes and other equipment.

Which family-friendly activities are available?

Ocean Cay is a paradise for children. The Seakers Family Cove beach area is dedicated to families with kids. Boasting shallow water, it's the ideal place for children to have fun. Guests can also enjoy dedicated entertainment and excursions for families and kids.

Where can guests do some shopping?

• Ocean Cay Trading Post

Here guests can choose from a wide selection of Ocean Cay souvenirs and gifts for both adults and children, ranging from T-shirts, caps, beach items, towels and accessories. Guests will also find beach essentials like sunscreen and lip balms.

• Bahamian Shop and Artisan Market

For arts and crafts by local artisans and more, the Bahamian Shop is a fun place to shop. The Market accepts cash only (USD) as a form of payment.

- Guests can purchase daily essentials for all the family from the **MSC Shop**, which has a range of MSC Cruises branded products including hats, flip-flops, towels, beach bags, sunscreen and lip balms. The shop also supports good causes with the selection of MSC Foundation items.

Can wedding ceremonies be held on Ocean Cay?

The island features a Wedding Pavilion that can be rented for private ceremonies. You can book the romantic wedding package on MSC Book.

Are spa treatments available on the island?

The Spa at Ocean Cay is located on the northern tip of the island in a stunning location with incredible ocean views. This brand new spa concept has been created exclusively for Ocean Cay and is designed to immerse guests in the elements which are an integral part of the island experience, as a contrast to the authentic Balinese MSC Aurea Spa on board the ship. Your clients can book spa treatments and fitness activities on the ship or on the island.

 SPA TREATMENTS	 FITNESS ACTIVITIES
• Smooth Breeze massage – 30 mins – \$69 • Breeze Boost massage – 50 mins – \$119 • Deep Blue massage – 50 mins – \$119	• Sunrise Yoga on the beach – 50 mins – \$13 • Aqua Yoga on the paddleboard – 50 mins – \$19 • Sunset Silent Yoga on the beach – 50 mins – \$19