Mein Schiff 4 and Mein Schiff 5 are back in the Mediterranean: three questions for Wybcke Meier as the season kicks off for Mein Schiff 4 and Mein Schiff 5

Wybcke Meier, Mein Schiff 4 and Mein Schiff 5 are about to return to regular operations. When do the ships set sail again and what cruises are they starting with?

Mein Schiff 5 is setting out on its first regular cruise from/to Heraklion today, 15 May 2026. A wide range of Mediterranean destinations are on the itinerary on the seven-day and two-week routes, including Valletta, Catania, Piraeus, Souda, Limassol and the city of Rhodes.

Mein Schiff 4 is returning to regular operations on 17 May 2026, and its first cruise will be 7 nights – Dream Destinations on the Adriatic from/to Trieste. The itinerary features destinations including Kotor, Corfu, Zadar and Koper. As the summer goes on, the ship will also sail on a wide variety of Adriatic routes.

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What is it like to organise the return to regular operations, especially in terms of the crew, preparing the ships and the fresh start in Trieste and Heraklion?

We took around 250 crew members on board in Cape Town in late April. From there, the ships continued their journeys towards the Mediterranean. More colleagues boarded the ships a few days ago in Gibraltar.

The final intense preparations for the first cruises are currently underway on board. We aim to welcome our guests in Trieste and Heraklion as planned, and give them the holiday experience they have come to expect from TUI Cruises from the very first moment.

What does the return to regular operations mean for TUI Cruises with regard to the next few months?

The return to regular operations is an important milestone for guests and crew alike. In particular, I want to thank the captains, the crews and all the teams on board and ashore whose outstanding professionalism, diligence and dedication have made this all possible.

We are all the more pleased to have the entire Mein Schiff fleet back in operation as scheduled from this weekend onwards. We continue to strive to offer our guests reliable cruise experiences like no other – combined with the flexibility needed to react to extraordinary situations with confidence.

TUI Cruises GmbH *is one of the leading cruise companies in the German-speaking countries. The joint venture company made up of TUI AG and the US cruise company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd employs a staff of around 750 in Hamburg and Berlin. A fleet of eight ships sail for the Mein Schiff brand (Mein Schiff 1 to Mein Schiff 7 & Mein Schiff Relax; bed capacity: 22,800). Mein Schiff Flow will be added to the fleet in 2026. The Mein Schiff fleet offers modern holiday cruises at sea in the premium segment. Since the end of 2020, the brand Hapag-Lloyd Cruises with its fleet of currently five ships is also part of TUI Cruises GmbH. The fleet includes the two luxury cruise ships EUROPA and EUROPA 2 as well as the HANSEATIC Class expedition ships. 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. TUI Cruises sails with one of the most modern, environmentally and climate friendly fleets worldwide.*

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