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Excursion Dept. Shore Excursions **Staff**

POSITION DESCRIPTION 51004

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POSITION NO.	51004					
Title	SHORE EXCURSIONS STAFF					
Department	Hotel-Excursion					
MAIN FUNCTION	 To sell MSC Shore Excursions by positive selling techniques To assist the Shore Excursions Manager and Assistant in the general operations of the Shore Excursions department Escorting tours ashore 					
Reports to Replacement Uniform	Shore Excursions Manager Shore Excursions Staff As per SP Manual (Chapter Uniform)					
POSITION BASICS REQUIREMENTS FOR	 Operate Profitability By Putting Guests First The objective of all Shore Excursions Staff is to generate the highest possible revenue (Gross and Net) and exceed the expectations of Guests in keeping with Company policies and guidelines, under the direction of the Shore Excursions Manager. Knowledge and understanding of ports of call and shore excursions. Knowledge of Gross and Net revenues / PPD targets Knowledge and understanding of the Tour Escort Manual Complete the Check list based on contract level 					
POSITION	- Complete the Check list based on contract level					
Certification & Documentation	 Basic Safety Training Certificate including Advanced Firefighting experience and Swimming & Rowing c competence. All other certification (including visas etc.) required including Compliance with the requirements of STCW 95 regarding certification for this position and all documents in force at the time of your employment to comply with the Flag State requirements of the ship to which you are assigned. You must be in possession of a valid Panama Seaman's Book. 					
Language Skills Health	 Fluent in oral and written English (working & Safety language of the Company). Ability to speak, read and write in Italian and German is a major benefit and may be a requirement. Ability to speak, read and write in any major other languages (Spanish, Portuguese, French, Russian, Chinese etc.) is considered a major advantage that could eventually influence the selection for some positions. 					
rioditii	Validated current documentation certifying the health and fitness of the applicant meets fundamental requirements of seagoing personnel on basis of assigned office and verifying all sanitary precautions have been taken against diseases that may be endemic to the cruising area.					
Team attributes	Proven ability to work in a harmonious productive team environment					
Preferred candidate	Non-Smoker					
Experience	 A full understanding and working knowledge of the Fidelio Cruise system. Re-training will be provided by MSC. At least 12 months similar experience on board an MSC or another 					

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international cruise vessel

- Tourism Background
- High School or college graduate
- Dynamic, adaptable, outgoing and highly motivated, able to work in sometimes stressful situations for long hours at difficult times of the day or night; able to solve problems diplomatically and quickly and win the trust and confidence of Guests

QUALIFICATIONS

- Outgoing personality, able to get along with a variety of personalities, well organized and open minded. Able to follow direction with detail and care and work well to deadlines
- Qualified at a high level of computer-based skills (Windows with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher).

SAFETY & DISCIPLINE

You are required to:

- Read, understand and implement the Mission Statement of the Company.
- Read, understand and follow the MSC Crew Regulations.
- Wear the complete prescribed uniform and name badge as specified in Company Standards, complying with regulations relating to tattoos, hair and body decorations.
- Attend and participate as required in all emergency drills, carry personal emergency card, and understand emergency duties.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following physical requirements apply to this position

- While performing the duties of this job, you may be regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to touch, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; talk or hear; and taste or smell.
- You must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 Kg.
- Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust
- You must be physically able to participate in emergency lifesaving procedures and drills.
- Full use and range of arms and legs as well as full visual, verbal and hearing abilities are required to receive and give instructions in the event of an emergency including the lowering of lifeboats.
- If working in any Guest area (or where Guests may see you), you are not permitted to display any tattoos on any exposed part of your body when wearing uniform (summer or winter).

GUEST RATINGS

The rating objective for the Company is no less than 8.10. The Shore Excursions rating objectives are shared from the Shorex Corporate Office every season with the aim of enhancing the performance vs the previous year/season and reducing the dissatisfaction %.

RESPONSIBILITIES ADMINISTRATIVE

You are required to:

Operate the Desk Revenue

Ensure the Excursions Desk is never left unattended.

Be acquainted with Revenue and PPD (gross/net) targets and actual performance and act consistently to achieve the objectives.

Manage complaints

Manage complaints on the spot, resolving problems immediately remembering always the company's revenue and Guests satisfaction objectives. Problems requiring intervention beyond your capabilities must be

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Cancellation Policy/Refunds Tidiness	 referred without delay to the Shorex Excursions Manager or Assistant. Know and apply the Shore Excursions cancellation policy as per procedure (free cancellation up to 48hrs before the call / 50% fee after 48hrs). Be careful with refunds. Try to resolve Guests problems encountered, but in difficult situations refer to the Shore Excursions Manager or assistant. Keep the Excursion office/desk-s clean, in good order, with adequate promotional material.
Selling excursions	 Follow up Guests' requests, questions or complaints Set up a selling point in the Passenger Terminal at the Home Port, or wherever embarkation is scheduled. Approach arriving guests to inform them about the excursions, assisting them
	to select the tours (how to book, deadlines, best excursions etc.) and to hand out informative material. Every day and based on sales needs, set up a mobile/extra selling desk in Passenger areas according to schedule provided by the Shore Excursions Manager.
Fidelio	 Collect bookings and process them using the Fidelio Cruise System or Digital Channels available on board.
MSC4Me	 Fully understand ship services, equipment and ecosystems for each unit (e.g. MSC for ME) and supports their functions outlined in all applicable SOPs (16.03.05/16.03.05)
Ticket Stocks	 Ensure the Office always has an adequate supply of Boca tickets and stationery.
Printing deadlines	 Ensure any material to be printed is delivered to the Printing room on time.
Tickets on time	 Ensure all communications (including excursion tickets) are delivered to cabins at the most convenient time for guests – Target time – always before 18:00 (6 p.m.) when possible.
Working time	 Arrive at the Office at least 15 minutes before the opening times to issue tickets and to organize the office before Guests start arriving at the desk.
Tours meeting point	 Arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled meeting time for excursion departures taking along with you: Shorex attendees' lists, stickers, lollipops and Shorex forms.
	 In the meeting point, ensure the excursion signs are highly visible and that the meeting points are properly organized (Exit/Meeting point Roll up in place, Slide in the theatre, etc).
	 When dispatch is over, recollect all signs, roll ups and other materials used in the ships lounges and bring back to the office.
MSC Cruise Guide	 Assist the Cruise director staff while the Cruise Guide is performing, distribute Destination Guides and Booking Forms to Guests, and assist the Guests for any further information and to take tour bookings.
Others	 In case of need perform the Cruise Guide (Excursions part) Before leaving the Office, make sure all your daily duties are completed, organize with the tour team any excursion signs, copies of the excursion Operational Forms, Tour Escort report and stickers for the next day's excursions and make sure nothing has been left behind.
ON EXCURSION	
	 Board the bus assigned to you by the Shore Excursion Manager and introduce yourself by microphone.
	 Assess the guide's performance, the bus condition and check the participants are satisfied with the service.
	 Take a copy of the Shorex form with you. Check that the route and timing of

the excursion is performed as per contract; If not, act consistently.



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- Provide translation in case the Local Tour Guide does not cover in the language/s spoken by the Guests.
- In the event of any accident, inform the Shore Excursions Manager immediately by telephone or radio. If the accident involves a Guest and medical assistance is needed, help find the medical assistance if needed and offer help to the Guest as required.
- While on tour, take advantages of this opportunity to talk to the passengers, promote or suggest tours for the following port of calls. Any interaction should turn into a selling process.
- Upon you return from excursion inform the Shore Excursions Manager or the Assistant and provide feedback about it and fill attentively the Tour Escort Report.

END OF POSITION DESCRIPTION - SHORE EXCURSIONS STAFF