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# Mein Schiff 3

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***Mein Schiff 3*** is a [cruise ship](#) owned by [TUI Cruises](#). She was delivered from [STX Finland](#) Turku shipyard on 22 May 2014 and will be followed by an identical sister ship, ***Mein Schiff 4***, in 2015. Both ships are built with environmentally friendly power plants and energy efficient solutions that reduce emissions by 30 percent in comparison to other cruise ships of similar size.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## Career

Name:	<i>Mein Schiff 3</i>
Operator:	<a href="#">TUI Cruises</a>
Port of registry:	<a href="#">Valletta</a> , <a href="#">Malta</a>
Ordered:	27 September 2011
Builder:	<a href="#">STX Finland</a> , <a href="#">Turku</a>

## History [\[edit\]](#)

### Construction [\[edit\]](#)

On 27 September 2011, TUI Cruises ordered a 97,000 [GT](#) cruise ship from STX Finland Turku shipyard with delivery date set in 2014. The cost of the nearly 300-metre (980 ft) was approximately 360 million euro.<sup>[3]</sup> The contract also included an option for an identical sister vessel, which was confirmed on 5 November 2012.<sup>[4]</sup> According to TUI Cruises, the new ships would set a new environmental friendliness standard for the cruise line and feature a number of new technologies to improve the fuel efficiency.<sup>[5]</sup>

In late 2012, STX Finland was bidding for the construction of the third [Oasis-class cruise ship](#) for [Royal Caribbean International](#) in Turku shipyard and the funding of the two cruise ships for TUI Cruises was tied to this contract due to the difficult financial situation of the Finnish shipbuilder. However, after the shipyard failed to obtain a 50 million euro emergency loan from the Finnish Government and the contract for [the world's largest cruise](#)

Cost:	360 million euro
Yard number:	1383 <sup>[1]</sup>
Laid down:	12 December 2012
Launched:	8 November 2013
Completed:	22 May 2014
Identification:	<a href="#">Call sign</a> : 9HA3062 <a href="#">IMO number</a> : 9641730 <a href="#">MMSI number</a> : 229090000 <a href="#">✎</a>
Status:	In service

### General characteristics [\[1\]](#)

Type:	<a href="#">Cruise ship</a>
Tonnage:	99,526 <a href="#">GT</a> 63,078 <a href="#">NT</a> 7,900 <a href="#">DWT</a>
Length:	293.2 m (962 ft)
Beam:	35.8 m (117 ft)
Draft:	8.05 m (26 ft)
Installed power:	2 × <a href="#">Wärtsilä 8L46F</a> 2 × <a href="#">Wärtsilä 12V46</a>
Propulsion:	<a href="#">Diesel-electric</a> Two shafts; fixed pitch propellers Three <a href="#">bow thrusters</a> Two stern thrusters
Capacity:	1,253 staterooms 2,500 lower beds
Crew:	1,000

[ship](#) was awarded to [STX France](#), there was a danger that the Turku shipyard could face bankruptcy unless it could quickly re-negotiate funding for the vessels, the first of which had been laid down on 12 December 2012 under the name "Newbuilding 1383".<sup>[1][6]</sup> By February 2013, the financial crisis appeared to be over after STX Finland was awarded 31 million euro in the form of "innovation aid" from the Finnish Government and the city of Turku purchased the land where the shipyard was located for 23.5 million euro. The South Korean parent company, [STX Offshore & Shipbuilding](#), would also participate in the funding and the client, TUI Cruises, agreed on more flexible payments.<sup>[7]</sup> However, due to the looming [liquidity crisis](#) of [STX Corporation](#) later in the spring, the funding of the newbuildings as well as the future of the whole shipyard seemed again uncertain.<sup>[8]</sup> The crisis was finally solved when STX Finland sold its shares of [Aker Arctic Technology Inc](#) to the state-owned [Finnish Industry Investment](#) for 9.3 million euro in December 2013.<sup>[9][10]</sup>

The ship was launched on 8 November 2013 and officially christened *Mein Schiff 3*, [German](#) for "my ship".<sup>[11]</sup> On 22 April 2014, she left for the first and, due to the tight production schedule, only sea trials.<sup>[12]</sup> *Mein Schiff 3* was handed over to TUI Cruises on 22 May 2014. She will be followed by *Mein Schiff 4*, which is scheduled to be launched in September 2014 and delivered in 2015.<sup>[13]</sup>

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*Mein Schiff 3* started her [maiden voyage](#) from [Hamburg](#) to [Palma de Mallorca](#) 13.6.2014.<sup>[13]</sup> During summer 2014 she will operate on [mediterranean](#) sea.

## Features [edit]



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# General characteristics [edit]



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