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## Get more 'Mama Mia' on your next cruise with these concerts at sea



One of "The Cruising Concert Hall" cruises from Ponant sails from Rome to Dubrovnik, Croatia (shown here). (Darko Bandic / Associated Press)

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**M**aybe you want to be lulled by classical music or rock out to "Mamma Mia" on your next Mediterranean cruise. Now you can by selecting music that matches your mood with sailings from the French cruise line Ponant.

Most cruise ships offer musical entertainment, but the small-ship line designed a series of seven sailings in Europe and the U.S. called "The Cruising Concert Hall."

For example, "[Broadway at Sea](#)" features on-board entertainment by French cast members of "Mamma Mia" and "Beauty and the Beast." You can sing along on the July

26 to Aug. 2 sailing from Athens to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Prices start at \$3,900 per person, based on double occupancy.

"Piano Festival at Sea" brings together well-known pianists under the direction of Alan Dault. Music will feature everything from classical to jazz and show tunes on an April 29 to May 6 cruise from Rome to Dubrovnik. Prices start at

\$4,870 per person, based on double occupancy.

There's even a [New England cruise](#) that features lectures by Michael Parloff, former principal flute of the Metropolitan Opera, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 9 (just in time for fall colors). The cruise promises a program of "eclectic music" by pianist Gilles Vonsattel too. Prices start at \$4,590 per person, based on double occupancy.

Ponant's ships accommodate fewer than 300 passengers, and the accent on this cruise line is European cuisine and experience.