

MSC Irina

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MSC Irina Latest News

The world's largest container ship, MSC Irina, is set to make its maiden call at the Vizhinjam port, Kerala.

Why in the News?

- This is the **first time MSC Irina**, the lead ship of the MSC Irina-class, a series of six identical **ultra-large container vessels (ULCVs)**, is **sailing into the coast of a south Asian port**.

About MSC Irina

- It is a **container ship** built in 2023 and currently **sailing under the flag of Liberia**.
- It is the **world's largest container ship**.
- It is **operated by** the **Swiss-based** container shipping giant, **Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)**.
- It is 399.9 meters long and 61.3 meters wide.

- The Irina-class ships have a capacity of 24,346 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units). It exceeds the previous record-holder, OOCL Spain, by over 150 TEU.
- The vessel could **carry more than 24,300 standard 20-foot shipping containers** stacked up to 22 decks.
- Beyond its size, MSC Irina is a **pioneer in green shipping**. The vessel incorporates cutting-edge innovations.
 - With **air lubrication technology, energy-efficient propellers**, and advanced hull design, the ship significantly **reduces fuel consumption** and lowers its carbon footprint.
 - These features make it one of the most eco-friendly mega container ships ever built.

MSC Irina FAQs

Q1: Is MSC Irina the largest container ship in the world?

Ans: Yes, as of 2025, MSC Irina holds the title of the world's largest container ship by capacity.

Q2: Under which country's flag is MSC Irina currently sailing?

Ans: Liberia

Q3: Which company operates the MSC Irina?

Ans: It is operated by the Swiss-based container shipping giant, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC).

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