



## Marios Polydorou

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Marios Polydorou has been part of the cruise industry for the last 25 years. Following his graduation from the University of Surrey in 1996 he was employed with Celestyal Cruises as overseas station manager responsible for ensuring the smooth operation of the company's vessels overseas.



This role enabled him to work and be based in different destinations abroad including Spain, the Caribbean, France, Greece, Cyprus, Malta and Egypt. In 2010, he was appointed as head of port operations based in Athens and in 2012 was also put in charge of the Shore Excursions department. Following a successful tenure in these positions, in June 2017 he was promoted to Director, Business Development and Travel Experience Centre. His current responsibilities include being responsible for maintaining and developing a number of Global Key Accounts & Key Source markets including E. Europe, APAC and Africa. Moreover, leading the Travel Experience Centre he ensures that the company's guests make the most of their visits ashore by arranging unique experiences at the destination the company's vessels call at.

He is a firm believer that tourism and specifically cruising should evolve in a sustainable way, ensuring that it preserves the cultural legacy and natural environment of each destination they visit and this in turn will contribute to the appeal of the tourism product. He is involved with various stakeholders in the destinations they visit, both at a private enterprise and local authority level ensuring that the end result, is the development of new local infrastructures, the preservation of local traditions, offering employment and growth to small local business and preservation of the environment, that will in turn benefit the local population.

Marios, loves travelling and tries to visit a new destination every year.