

Review of: "Cruises Italian Tourism: Scenarios and Trends After Global Pandemic — The MSC Case"

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An interesting paper and some useful data, but it does not really deliver exactly what its title implies. There is too much on Italy and tourism in general that does not relate to the topic, and the discussions on sustainability are somewhat at odds with what most researchers understand that term to mean and how it fits in with tourism, if at all. The discussion on cruise shipping is informative, but some of the terminology is rather loose—"greener," for example—and the authors are a little too supportive of the cruise industry and its record to date. Given the paper talks about post-COVID, it is disappointing that most tables and graphs end at 2021 or 2022 when COVID was still active and restrictions were still in place in many locations. So, well worth a read, but not exactly what was expected given the title.