

European Union Naval Force – Mediterranean Operation SOPHIA

ITS CAVOUR Operation Flagship

Aircraft Carrier

Cavour Class



Aircraft carrier	Cavour Class
Length / Beam / Draft	244,0 m / 39 m / 9,40 m
Displacement	5,500 t
Speed	28 Kt kn
Propulsive power	88000 KW (118009,92 HP)

Source: Italian Navy website

<http://www.marina.difesa.it/EN/thefleet/ships/Pagine/cavour.aspx>

The Ship

Hosting Force Headquarters, the Italian Aircraft Carrier CAVOUR is EUNAVFOR MED operation Sophia flagship and, thanks to her high technical and logistic capabilities, allows the Force Commander to coordinate and control at the Tactical level all naval and air assets part of EUNAVFOR MED Task Force.

ITS Cavour, featuring high Command and Control skills for interforce and international operations, including the humanitarian field, is equipped to carry out different tasks within a broad range of military and non military activities, is the.

In fact, ITS Cavour may provide advanced support for various civilian needs and emergencies, as environmental disasters and humanitarian relief operations either in national and international scenarios.

The Command centre has over 150 workstations for 230 people, to manage all kind of operation from the sea providing for command capabilities to conduct naval, air and amphibious operations. Furthermore, ITS CAVOUR may host aboard members of civilian units, as Civil Protection, non-governmental organizations and Red Cross.

The medical capabilities of ITS Cavour, that may be regarded as a floating hospital as well, are essential for crew support during military operations; nevertheless, these extensive capabilities are also crucial for humanitarian and disaster relief operations. Moreover, through high-speed satellite data transmission and specific systems, doctors onboard can take advantage of almost real time diagnosis made ashore by additional radiologists and surgeon.

The hospital has 3 hospitalization rooms with 20 beds altogether (standard hospitalization), one ICU (Intensive Care Unit) with 8 beds, 1 reanimation unit with 4 beds, 2 operating theatres, MRI and RX machines, a dental cabinet, a pharmacy and analysis laboratories.

Aircraft Carrier Cavour meets the requirements to operate at national and international level, assisting and protecting fellow citizens and allied governments in accordance with existing agreements, carry out peace keeping operations, and other UN/EU interventions.

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