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#### Theodosia, Ukraine

## Increase in Black Sea members



Theodosia is the 7th Black Sea port to join MedCruise. Located on the Crimean peninsula on the Black Sea coast of Ukraine. Theodosia ia a small city with a rich history dating back to the first century AD. Today Theodosia is a key regional port and famous as a health resort.



The port is able to receive passenger vessels with a draught of up to 8mtr. Cruise ships with deeper draughts can be accommodated at anchorage with delivery by tender.

Places to visit whilst in Theodosia include The Aivasovsky Gallery, charting the life and works of seascape painter Ivan Aivazovsky, who lived and worked in city all his life. The House and Museum of Alexander Green, a famous cult writer, considered one of the best attractions in Theodosia, and a stroll along the charming embankment is a must.

#### Rijeka, Croatia

## Transforming Rijeka's waterfront

Rijeka is anticipating a significant growth in cruise calls in the coming years triggered by the inauguration of a new cruise berth and passenger terminal which opened in July.

Current capacity of 200,000 passengers a year (mainly from coastal traffic) is expected to increase to 500,000 in just a few years as the Croatian port seeks more cruise business. The entire port is undergoing a major reconstruction which is gradually changing the look of Rijeka's waterfront as the project aims to transform the Croatian port into a major hub for central and eastern Europe.

The cost of the new passenger terminal, as part of the Rijeka Gateway Project mentioned above, is around

€12m and involves the construction of a new building, a new berth, a port control centre as well as a new bridge. Built on a public-private partnership basis, additional investment has been spent on supporting



infrastructure.

The total length of the berth is 400mtr with a draught of 7.5mtr allowing calls from mediumsized ships of 180mtr long carrying around 2,000 passengers.

The new passenger terminal in the centre of the city offers modern amenities including facilities for tours and excursions, a tourist information centre, car rental agencies and catering outlets.



Barcelona, Spain

## Basking in the limelight



he Mediterranean's leading port is on track to receiving 2m passengers once again this year. Thanks to the mild climate enjoyed by Barcelona, the number of calls during the winter months is increasing. Last winter 132 calls were recorded, whilst in 2009/10 this will rise to 156 ship visits.

17 new ships will call at the port this year, drawn by the city's vibrant cultural scene, fine shopping and rich gastronomy. One first timer was MSC Splendida which was named by godmother Sophia Loren in Barcelona on July 12.

A Spanish-themed naming ceremony marked the event which took place quayside and opened with a troupe of artists dressed in Gaudi-inspired costumes. Performances from contemporary flamenco dancer Joaquin Cortes, a display of human towers – one of the most representative manifestations of Catalan popular culture – followed by a concert by world famous tenor Jose Carreras supported by the the Orchestra Sinfonica del Valles, marked the occasion.

MSC's love affair with Barcelona is underscored by the fact that in 2010 all 10 ships in the fleet will call at the Spanish port bringing a total of 330,000 passengers and €100m to the local economy.

Improvement of facilities in on going with the privately owned current concessionaire, Creuers del Port de Barcelona, having completed a new terminal for handling megaships on the site of the previous terminal which was 15 years old. The Port Authoity of Barcelona is planning to build a new cruise terminal at Adossat Pier due to be completed in 2013.



Cartagena, Spain

## Expansion plans on target



artagena's ambitious plans to provide simultaneous berthing for two cruise ships at the Cruise Terminal, located just 200mtr from the city centre, are on track to be completed next spring.

The berth is being extended by 150mtr which will provide a total length of 500mtr when finished. In addition the terminal will also be expanded by 1.500sq mtr to cater for the rise in passengers at any one time.

The port has had a very successful 2009 with calls up 32% on last year and an 86% rise in passenger numbers. In total 50 ships will arrive in 2009 bringing 65,000 passengers. Further growth is anticipated in

2010 when 60 ship calls are already booked. Amongst new ships delivering next year and visiting Cartagena are Seabourn Sojourn. Nieuw Amsterdam and Oueen Elizabeth.

Nearby Caravaca de la Cruz. located in the northwest region of Murcia. celebrates the Jubilee every seventh year. The next Jubilee is 2010. A unique and ancient city with the remains of fortresses. churches. convents. monastries and chapels. It is one of only five Holy Cities of the world (as declared by the Vatican). Caravaca shares this honour with Rome. Jerusalem. Santiago de Compostela and Santo Toribio de Liébano. The Santisima and Vera Cruz Sanctuary, built on the hill overlooking the town includes 14 towers.

#### Cypriot ports

## Benefiting from winter callers

inter cruise traffic in the Eastern
Med is on the rise with 28 calls
scheduled in Lemesos during
November and December of this year,
compared to 19 in the same period last
year.

Overall 334,000 cruise passengers are expected in the Cypriot ports of Lemesos and Larnaka during 2009 representing a 10% decrease over 2008 and about 317,000 cruise passengers in 2010, accounting for a 5% decline over this year.

Of these home porting passengers (on cruise originating from Cyprus) are expected to show the sharpest fall whilst international cruise ship calls are expected to be around the same as last year.

Looking at international cruise calls at Lemesos in the first six months of 2009 there were 62 bringing 90.400 passengers which compares to 63 and 92,700 in the same period last year. For the second half of 2009, 114 ships are scheduled to call.

Balmoral, Dawn Princess, Insignia, Vision of the Seas, Costa Mediterranea, Costa Pacifica, Seabourn Pride. Spirit of Adventure and Thomson Celebration are on the roster of newcomers to Cyprus this year.

Plans for the redevelopment of Lemesos and Larnaka ports continue to move forward. At the island's main port of Lemosos a new passenger terminal will go out to tender at the end of this year and a separate tender for extending the quay will be issued next year. Both projects should be completed by the end of 2011. At Larnaka, a major project is planned to cater for transit calls and includes a new marina for 1,000 craft. This will be implemented in stages over a six year period,



#### French Riviera

### Two new ports make five

rench Riviera ports number five with new destinations Antibes and Golfe-Juan adding to the cruise offering along the Cote d'Azur.

Golfe Juan and Antibes are located 5 and 15 nautical miles respectively from Cannes with both ports located in the town centres surrounded by cafes and restaurants providing direct access to shopping and sightseeing. Both destinations offer repeat passengers a chance to discover a new part of the coastline.

The French Riviera Cruise Club, a local tourism network launched in March 2007, was formed to

bring together all the professionals working in the cruise industry in the Cote d'Azur to raise awareness among local opinion makers of the valuable economic input generated by the cruise industry and also to provide a one stop shop to inform cruise lines about the ports and destinations, including shore excursions.

The founding members are French Riviera Tourist Board, Riviera Ports Authority, Chamber of Commerce, Cannes, Nice and Villefranche Tourism Boards. Cities of Cannes, Nice and Villefranche.

Cruise traffic is on the rise along the French Riviera coast: In 2009 over 772,000 passengers are expected to call with 450,000 visiting Villefranche, 250,000 calling in Cannes and 69,000 at Nice. Antibes will welcome 3,150 passengers up 158% in a year. The average spending per call per passenger is €90 in Cannes, €80 in Villefranche and €75 in Nice.

In 2010, Cannes will host Seatrade Med from November 30th to December 2nd.



#### Lisbon, Portugal

## New welcome, new perspectives



new cruise quay at Santa Apolonia, in the heart of the city will be finished in 2011, together with a new cruise terminal paving the way for improved facilities for both ships and passengers calling in Lisbon.

In 2009 Lisbon will welcome 14 new visitors: AIDAluna, Costa Luminosa, MSC Splendida and Celebrity Equinox will all call on their maiden voyages. Other first timers are Atlantic Star, Tahitian Princess. Celebrity Solstice, Eurodam, Princess Daphne, National Geographic Explorer, Mein Schiff, Zenith, Ruby Princess and Sovereign.

In total, 296 ships and around 400,000 passengers are expected in 2009, representing a decrease of 4% in calls and 2% in passengers compared to 2008. So far, 290 calls are booked for 2010.

Winter cruise traffic is constant averaging around 50 calls each season. The busiest months are November and December with a tailing off during the first three months of the year. For the upcoming

winter, 34 ships are booked for the last two months of 2009 with 23 provisional calls scheduled between January and March, 2010.

Lisbon is constantly developing new approaches to shorex. New this year is the Tagus Tour, which includes a river cruise enabling passengers to get to know Lisbon from two different perspectives. First up is a gentle cruise along the tranquil Tagus on a river ship operated by Lisboa Vista do Tejo, Then follows a trip around the city on the top of a yellow double-decker bus providing a chance to view from 4mtr high the mythical zone of Belem, the Jeronimos Monastery and the city centre dating back 800 years.

Livorno, Italy

# Pier 75: new dedicated cruise quay



new experience awaits
passengers arriving in Livorno
next year as dredging work on
new Pier 75 (dedicated to cruise) will
be completed in 2010. The berth will
provide a 350mtr quay length with
10mtr water depth alongside.

From here passengers will be able to walk through the new marina and commercial centre near the Benetti mega yacht shipyard and reach Livorno's well known promenade. The Porta a Mare project, involving the regeneration of the former L. Orlando shipyard, is currently in progress.

Livorno is expecting 458 cruise ships and 800.000 passengers in 2009 and is anticipating 490 ships in 2010. Amongst new arrivals this year are Celebrity Solstice. Ruby Princess. Carnival Dream, Sovereign and Crown Princess whilst two more Princess Cruises' ships: Ocean Princess and Star Princess will be among six new callers in 2010.

Of note is the growing size of ships sailing in the Mediterranean during the winter months. For example, on December 1st, 2009, three mega ships (Celebrity Solstice, Grand Princess and Norwegian Gem) will all visit Livorno. In total 35 calls are slated for the upcoming winter season 2009–2010.



Malaga, Spain

## Over 25% increase in passengers



his year 306 calls are scheduled to bring 450,000 passengers to the Spanish port of Malaga, an increase of 27.5% compared to passenger counts in 2008.

Some €10.2m (co-financed with EU funds) is being spent on a second mega ship berth alongside the new passenger terminal which became operational in February 2008. When completed this year, the new berth will be able to receive ships up to 350mtr long. This will enable Malaga to accommodate four large ships simultaneously together with the already existing piers.

Later this year, work will commence on the second phase of the two-storey terminal building. Covering an area of 8.000sq mtr and involving a €14.5m investment by Cruceros Malaga. it will take 18 months to complete. The building will be connected with the existing terminal and will be serviced by two gangways specially designed for the latest generation ships.

Future investment plans involve the construction of a new terminal designed to handle small and medium–sized ships close to the town centre.

A total of 306 calls are scheduled for this year, from which up to 150 will be received in September–December, including homeport operations by RCI's Navigator of the Seas, Iberocruceros' Grand Voyager.
Pullmantur's Zenith and MSC's MSC Lirica.
New deliveries Costa Luminosa and Carnival Dream are among the maiden calls expected.

Looking to 2010, RCI will deploy Adventure of the Seas for 22 complete turnarounds in Malaga between July and November. Odessa, Ukraine

## Quay extension and facelift for maritime station



Reconstruction work on going through to the end of this year at the Black Sea port of Odessa includes rebuilding of berth 16.

Currently measuring 290mtr in length the renovation work involves straightening of the mooring line at berths 15 and 16 to provide a total length of 416.6mtr. The 4.500sq mtr of asphalt covering the berth is also being replaced with ecological friendly paving slabs whilst the maritime

station, on the berth side, is getting a facelift.

In total. 117 cruise ships bringing about 70,000 passengers will visit Odessa this year compared to 171 ships and 125,200 passengers last year. 2010 looks set for an improvement in traffic compared to this year with more than 120 ships scheduled to bring 80,000 passengers. Princess Daphne and Costa Mediterranea are due to be first time callers next season. The

former is owned by Classic International Cruises whose ship Arion paid a maiden visit this year as did Louis Cruises' Aegean Pearl.

2009's season will finish with a November call by Spirit of Adventure and as of now there will be no cruise calls during the winter months with the first scheduled arrival for 2010 being Crystal Serenity which opens Odessa's cruise season on April 5th.

Toulon, France

## French Med safe haven

osta Concordia made an unexpected call in Toulon in July as strong winds at nearby Marseille prevented the 112,000gt ship from making her scheduled call.

This was the sixth cruise ship this year that had re-routed to Toulon for similar reasons. Five were scheduled to call in Marseille and one at Villefranche. Three of the unexpected visitors were MSC ships – Fantasia (twice) and Splendida. The others were Princess Daphne in January and Sovereign in July.

'Due to windy conditions preventing comfortable and safe operations at these ports, all have been moved to Toulon and we expect others will moved for the same reasons through to the end of the year,' says Delphine Beudin, head of cruise operations at Port of Toulon.

She believes the lengthening of the Mediterranean season will result in more unscheduled calls as the bigger ships 'can find a well-protected natural harbour in Toulon'.

The southern French port has two passenger



terminals alongside three berths for vessels up to 300mtr plus an additional quay of Le Mole measuring 330mtr with 9mtr draft. A pontoon provides a draft of 15mtr enabling any size ship to tie alongside.

In 2009, 70 calls and 85,000 passengers are expected in Toulon which quick access to the many tourist attractions of Provence and the Cote d'Azur. This represents a growth of 13% and 20% respectively compared to 2008 and further expansion is anticipated in 2010 when 95 to 100 calls are booked.

Toulon is an active member of the Var– Provence Cruise Club formed last year and promoting 10 ports along the coast between Marseille and Cannes. A new website www.cruises-var.com is under development and new excursions are amongst the latest information being added. Valletta, Malta

## Extended quay open for business

ISET Malta plc, operator of the Valletta Waterfront and Cruise Passenger Terminal, invested over €2m to extend its primary quay Pinto Quay 1-2 in Valletta's Grand Harbour to provide better infrastructure for larger cruise ships.

The works included the removal of a ro-ro ramp as well as excavations and dredging works on the seabed and were completed in time for the summer season.

This development has created a continuous 308mtr berth for larger vessels from the previous 264mtr. bringing the total quay length available to 1.383mtr.

One of the first ships to use the newly extended berth was MSC Splendida which called in Malta in July on her maiden voyage, three days after being named in Barcelona.

The 138,000gt ship entered Valletta's Grand





Dr. Anton Micallef, Chairman VISET Malta plc, presenting a commemmorative plaque to Commandante Giuliano Bossi, captain of MSC Splendida

Harbour, accompanied by a tug boat performing water displays and the vessel was greeted by a village band. Inguardia re–enactors were 'standing at attention', as passengers went ashore. Two Maltese girls dressed in traditional costumes gave out maps of Valletta and other information. These events were supported by the Malta Tourism Authority and the Valletta Waterfront.

To mark the occasion Maltapost plc's Philatelic Bureau issued a second set of four stamps in the maritime series entitled 'Cruise Liners'. The stamps were on sale at Maltapost's designated kiosk on the Valletta Waterfront promenade.

MSC Splendida is scheduled to call Malta every Wednesday throughout summer and autumn 2009, where it will conduct partial turnaround operations. For more information visit www.vallettawaterfront.com

Venice, Italy

## Expanding to meet demand

348,283 passengers are expected to visit the Adriatic base port this year on 571 ships representing an increase of 11% in passengers and 6.5% ships compared to 2008.

Earlier this year, the first part of a €17m two-storey cruise terminal at Isonzo Quay was opened and construction of the second phase has begun. When completed, the new facility will enable the simultaneous berthing of two large ships. Other planned developments

include the refurbishment of building 109/110 that will take over two years to complete, will add 10.000sq mtr on two levels, and new multi storey car park located in the Marittima area increasing parking space at the port.

In June 2009, a new contemporary art centre, Punta della Dogana, opened its doors. Also known as the Customs Point, it is located

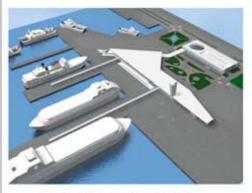


Punta della Dogana - Courtesy of Palazzo Grassi S.p.A. Image by ORCH Orsenigo-Chemollo

on a promontory at the entrance of St Mark's Basin where the Grand Canal meets the Giudecca Canal. The impressive buildings of Dogana di Mare were built in the late 17th century. Famous architects Tadao Ando from Japan and the Anglo–Iraqi Zaha Hadid have redesigned the 2.500sq mtr site across the water from St Mark's Square.

Zadar, Croatia

### New terminal



new passenger and ferry terminal is under construction at Gazenica, 3.5km south of the existing passenger facilities in Zadar town centre.

Work commenced in May and when completed will provide a facility for cruise ships calling in transit and to home port and for ferry traffic to the Croatian Islands in the vicinity of Zadar as well as ports along the Adriatic and Mediterranean coasts.

Phase 1 will take a year to complete and involves excavation, land reclaimation and the construction of a breakwater.

Phases 2 and 3 involve construction of 1.420mtr of quays creating 12 berths for ferries and cruise ships plus a 300mtr long quay for fishing vessels. This will start in February 2010 and take 18 months to complete.

Finally, between November 2011 and August 2013, a new passenger terminal building will be constructed.

The 3.000 year old city of Zadar has many attractions with the most popular for cruise passengers being a visit to St Donat Church, the Sea Organ, and the five National Parks nearby. This year 24,231 cruise passengers visited the city on 97 ships. Passengers calling in June have a chance to visit the Garden Festival, a celebration of live dance music, which takes place annually in the beautiful village of Petrcane, 5km from Zadar.



#### **Thomson Cruises**

# Thomson Dream to join Destiny in Palma



homson Cruises, which inked a 10year bareboat charter with purchase option for Costa Europa, will operate the ship as Thomson Dream from Palma de Mallorca starting in April.

Joining Thomson Destiny, which currently sails summer itineraries from Palma, Thomson Dream will offer three seven-night routes to destinations including Rome, Florence and Barcelona. A new port is Tunisia's La Goulette.

David Selby. Thomson's director of cruising, described Palma as a great homeport for the UK market, accessible via a short flight from 22 UK airports and 'ideally situated to reach a whole host of fantastically varied destinations during a seven-night cruise.'

Selby expects Thomson Dream to help the brand reach a wider audience, attracting new customers as well as introducing a new option for followers who return year after year.

The 54,000gt 1.506-passenger ship will be the fourth and largest in the fleet, and the most luxurious. Selby said. All cabins have been recently renovated, and the overall décor is described as stylish, with spacious, tastefully decorated public areas.

Under the charter agreement with Costa Crociere. Thomson has an option to buy the ship after five years.

Built in 1986 as Homeric for Home Lines, it was subsequently lengthened and sailed as Westerdam for Holland America Line until transferring to Costa in 2002.



#### **Crystal Cruises**

## Crystal expands Med inland journeys



ew luxury packages to Spain's Costa Brava and Madrid and Segovia are among several new hotel and land programs Crystal Cruises is offering with 15 Mediterranean sailings this summer and fall.

The three- to five-night add-ons.

available with Crystal Serenity's Mediterranean. Black Sea and Canary Islands cruises from June through October, depart from MedCruise member ports: Barcelona, Venice and Rome.

Other choices include a three-night program at Lake Como's Villa d'Este and a five-night option to Prague and Budapest.

#### Voyages of Antiquity

### New start-up focuses on the Med



ruise industry innovator Gerry Herrod's new venture, Voyages to Antiquity, begins sailing in May 2010, with the fully refurbished and upgraded Aegean Odyssey embarking on culturally oriented Mediterranean sailings.

Herrod, who singles out the Mediterranean as his favourite part of the world, will operate nine 14-night itineraries that trace the region's great civilizations. Excursions are included in each port, and among the special events that pepper the programmes is an exclusive evening visit to St. Mark's Basilica in Venice with special lighting illuminating the mosaics.

Noted experts will bring the history of Mediterranean civilizations to life. Herrod said. adding that the guest speakers on ship and ashore will be assisted by a team of young and keen classical history graduates.

Voyages to Antiquity, which will open sales this month, plans to source half its customers from the UK office. Free or low cost air from scores of gateways is available from the US and Canada.

Herrod is fully refurbishing the former Aegean I in Greece, enlarging upper–level accommodations and adding 42 balcony staterooms and an extra restaurant. Passenger capacity for the 11,500gt ship is reduced from 500 to 382.

#### Cruise & Maritime Voyages

### New ex-UK brand to operate Marco Polo and Ocean Countess



ruise & Maritime Services
International (CMS) is launching a
new two-ship ex-UK cruise
operation to be marketed under a new
brand and trading name called Cruise &
Maritime Voyages.

The 820-passenger, 22,000gt Marco Polo has operated in the UK market during the past two summer seasons trading under the Transocean Tours brand. This success has encouraged CMS, which has been acting as UK gsa for Transocean Tours since 2006, to extend her presence on the UK market in 2010 with a year-round programme of cruises to offer a much wider and varied choice of sailings.

Chris Coates, director of CMS, said. While our core market will predominantly be the British sector, we believe the programme will also appeal to the wider North American market.

Australasian and South African English-

speaking markets where sales representation will be sought.

Following a short docking period in the UK, the vessel will commence operations under her new livery on January 2. The Mediterranean will feature in the summer programme. Marco Polo will be positioned as an adult only (16 years and over) product.

The 800-passenger. 17,000gt Ocean Countess will also be joining the Cruise & Maritime Voyages fleet next April under an initial two-season charter arrangement from the Greece-based Majestic International Cruises Group, also managers of the Ocean Majesty.

Ocean Countess will operate a year-round programme of 22 ex-UK regional 'no fly' sailings including some summer Med sailings. Prior to delivery. Ocean Countess will undergo a £3m refurbishment and upgrade programme.

#### Compagnie du Ponant

## French luxury trio head for the Med



rench cruise company. Compagnie
du Ponant has launched its new
winter 2009/2010 programme
which includes a Med series of cruises
on three-masted, 64-passenger Le
Ponant sailing between Libya and
Egypt in November 2009, before
heading to the Middle East.

After exploring the Amazon and Caribbean the 90-passenger yacht Le Levant heads back to Mediterranean, in Italy and Greece next April.

226-passenger Le Diamant will return to Europe in 2010 with a spring cruise programme in Spain, Italy and France.

From May 2010 other itineraries to the Black Sea and Dalmatian Coast will be added, with the arrival of new 140mtr long luxury yacht Le Boréal, under construction in Italy. 264–passenger Le Boreal will be capable of a 16 knot average cruising speed.

Reflecting the same image of the three existing ships in the fleet. Le Boréal will offer an ambiance created by a blend of relaxation, sophistication and intimacy. A contemporary style will favour natural materials and traditional nautical features in the public spaces, as well as throughout the 132 outside cabins and suites, 95% of which have balconies. A reception area, lounges, two restaurants, a fully equiped theatre, an outside swimming pool, a beauty and fitness centre and an observation lounge are planned.



#### Voyages of Discovery

## Discovery to get a \$3.5m makeover

oyages of Discovery has set aside a \$3.5m budget for improvements to the 650-passenger Discovery during the next 12 months.

The program includes refurbishment and improvements to the Yacht Club, as well as what the company called a 'major roll out' of cabin refurbishment.

A regular in the Mediterranean each year Voyages of Discovery's Fort Lauderdale office is promoting hefty savings on its 15-night 'Black Sea & Aegean Adventure.'

The October program begins with an Istanbul overnight on board the Discovery before sailing to Sinop. Turkey; Sochi, Russia;

Yalta. Sevastopol and Odessa. Ukraine: Nesebur. Bulgaria; Canakkale, Turkey; Volos (Meteora) and Piraeus, Greece.



#### Split, Croatia

### **Authentic Med**

roatian port of Split is expecting to finish 2009 with 236 calls including first time visits from Ocean Village 2, Thomson Celebration, Oosterdam, Celebrity Summit and Grand Princess.

An extension of St Duje's pier (Berth 18) will be completed in 2010 providing two additional cruise berths. Amongst newcomers next year will be Norwegian Gem, Nieuw Amsterdam and Celebrity Equinox.

Whilst cruising represents just 3% of Split's overall passenger traffic (totalling 4.1m in 2008), the beauties of this old Roman city, within the

walls of the Imperial Palace of Diocletian, are proving to be popular with cruise passengers in search of an authentic Mediterranean experience.



#### Dubrovnik, Croatia

## 4% passenger growth



t nearby Dubrovnik 880,000
passengers on 660 calls this year
will result in a 4% growth in cruise
business in 2009. Next year Eurodam,
MSC Magnifica and Celebrity Eclipse
will be amongst 700 calls scheduled at
Croatia's main port.

Winter cruise business is also on the rise with 40 ships booked to visit between November 2009 and March 2010. This compares with 33 calls in the same period 12 months ago.

The next phase of Dubrovnik Port Authority's major reconstruction of passenger handling infrastructure will start next year, including new terminal, a leisure complex, hotels and a shopping centre.

#### Ravenna, Italy

## Two capitals; six UNESCO sites

Ravenna Port Authority's €29m investment in a new dedicated cruise terminal at Porto Corsini is on target to be completed in 2010 providing four new berths including two for ships up to 300mtr in length.

Following a public tender, the assignment of its management was handed to a consortium of private operators which includes Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

Venezia Terminal Passeggeri S.p.A..

Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi di Bologna S.p.A. and Bassani S.p.A.

29 calls and 13,000 passengers will visit Ravenna this year, up from 21 calls and 9,000 passengers last year. Braemar's visit in November is a late season maiden caller whilst other newcomers this year were Delphin Voyager, Black Prince, Royal Iris and Callisto.

Calling at the Adriatic port provides access to two capitals: Ravenna and San Marino plus another four UNESCO sites, Ferrara, Modena, Urbino and Florence (by train). Ravenna and its surrounds are the land of motors: Ferrari, Lamborghini and Ducati, alongside nature, good food, wine, architecture, history and culture.



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