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Viking Line vessels to be modernized for 8 million euros

Viking Line passengers can look forward to ever more multifaceted cruise experiences once the Company renovates its vessels in early 2016. In the future, passengers will be able to enjoy even more pleasant cabins, a richer assortment of restaurants and expanded spa options. This spring, Viking Line is investing a total of eight million euros to modernize three of its vessels.

Viking Line's vessels the M/S Viking Grace, M/S Amorella and M/S Gabriella will undergo dry-docking early in the year. The dry-docking work includes a large number of improvements and modernizations in addition to investments in safety and maintenance.

"In the future, we also want to offer our customers experiences that they cannot get anywhere else. We listen to our customers' wishes, monitor travel trends and try to meet such needs as well as possible," says Kaj Takolander, Viking Line's Vice President of Sales and Marketing in Finland, the Baltics and Russia.

A more splendid M/S Gabriella with new restaurants and a facelift on the Turku route

The Viking Grace, which serves the Turku (Finland)–Stockholm (Sweden) route, will be dry-docked January 18-25. The Company's flagship has been in service for about three years, and the luxurious spa facilities have become especially popular. The spa will now be improved even further, with changes that include a larger sauna and a VIP sauna that can be booked for private events. The conference facilities will also be modernised, while the range of games on offer to teenagers will be expanded.

The Amorella, which also sails the Turku-Stockholm route, will be dry-docked on January 27 and return to service on February 11. During the dry-docking, work will include the modernization of 37 cabins in line with passenger wishes. The night club will also be equipped with an impressive LED wall, and the café's food service facilities will be improved. The Gabriella will sail the Turku route while the M/S Amorella and M/S Grace are in dry-dock.

The Gabriella, serving the Helsinki (Finland)–Stockholm route, will undergo dry-docking April 3–16. During the two week refurbishment, changes will include a brand-new range of eateries consisting of eight restaurants and bars. General passenger comfort will also increase when almost 100 cabins are modernized and furnished with double beds.

"We carried out similar improvements last year on the Mariella, and passengers were really pleased with the high-class double-bedded cabins and the various restaurant options. In addition to traditional cruise features, it is a pleasure to also offer services that meet the desires of today's passengers," says Lauri Orpana, Viking Line's Route Manager.

In the future, people will also be able to enjoy spa treatments on the Stockholm routes. After the renovations on the Gabriella, a new Travel Spa will open adjacent to the sauna facilities.

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