

M/S Viking Grace handed over to Viking Line

Viking Line Abp today took delivery of the Viking Grace from the STX Finland Oy shipyard. The vessel was ordered on December 22, 2010 and built in Turku, Finland. It begins service on Tuesday, January 15. The price of the vessel is approximately EUR 240 million.

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Viking Grace represents a totally new generation where modern design, future concepts, high standard of services and an overall environmental consciousness characterize the whole project. The passengers will be offered innovative experiences regarding the product and service concepts.

The vessel is an environmental pioneer in the cruise industry. Viking Line has systematically planned the construction of the Viking Grace in a ways that will enable the use of cutting-edge technology to achieve a cleaner environment, in accordance with sustainable development principles. The Company has endeavoured to find optimal environmental solutions in all areas. The M/S Viking Grace will be the world's first large passenger vessel to be powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG). The cleanest fossil fuel available today, LNG provides major environmental advantages. By using natural gas the hazardous emissions will decrease to a minimum. Nitrogen emissions and particulates are reduced by 85 per cent and greenhouse gases by 15 per cent. Sulphur emissions are practically zero.

The vessel has a hydrodynamically optimized hull shape and highly effective propulsion machinery that saves energy. Extensive development work has been devoted to the hull shape, which minimizes swell waves. In day-to-day operations on board the vessel, recycling and resource optimization will be guiding principles.



Technical information about the Viking Grace:

Length: 218 m

Width: 31.8 m

Speed: 22 knots

Gross tonnage: 57,600

Route: Turku- Mariehamn/Långnäs (Åland islands)-Stockholm

Classification: Lloyd's Register

Flag state: Finland

Passenger capacity: 2,800

Cabins: 880

Lane metres: Cargo 1,275 m, cars 500 m on

Deck 4 plus 500 m on Deck 5

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