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Viking Line increases departures between Helsinki and Tallinn

Viking Line is increasing travel options between Helsinki and Tallinn from 12 June to 31 August 2014. M/S Gabriella and M/S Mariella, which normally sail on the Helsinki-Mariehamn-Stockholm route, will be introduced between Helsinki and Tallinn while normally they would stay at port in Helsinki during the day. These ships will operate on the new route both as cruise and scheduled traffic.

Ships cruising between Helsinki and Stockholm normally stay at port in Helsinki for about seven hours, enabling the cruise passengers from Stockholm to spend a day in Helsinki. Next summer, however, the ships that would normally stay at port in Helsinki during the day will sail to Tallinn and back – offering more departures between Helsinki and Tallinn.

“There has been a great need for more capacity on this route, especially during the summer season,” Mikael Backman, President and CEO at Viking Line, points out. “It’s great that we’re able to come up with these kinds of out-of-the-box solutions which enable us to make good use of the existing fleet – in both a cost-efficient and creative manner.”

The intention is to carry out the renewals so that they have as little impact as possible on the current routes. M/S Viking XPRS will continue scheduled traffic on the Helsinki–Tallinn route with almost the same timetable, though with slightly earlier departures in the morning and before noon. M/S Mariella and M/S Gabriella will continue the Day in Stockholm cruises between Helsinki and Stockholm with almost the same timetable as before.

More departure times and new possibilities

Following the renewal, Viking Line will have a total of three daily departures in the summer from Helsinki to Tallinn, two of which will depart during the morning and one in the evening. The M/S Viking XPRS morning departure from Tallinn to Helsinki will leave one hour earlier, while the evening departure time will remain the same. In addition, there will be a new afternoon departure from Tallinn to Helsinki.

For passengers leaving from Finland, the new departure will especially increase the number of parking spaces and also introduce a six-hour Picnic cruise from Helsinki. The renewal will also provide a welcome option to those passengers boarding the ship in Stockholm: they can choose whether they prefer to spend a day in Helsinki, cruise on board to Tallinn or possibly spend a night in Tallinn. Passengers from Estonia will have a new option to travel by ship either to Åland or Stockholm.

“We’re happy to now provide an even wider range of opportunities on the Baltic Sea and serve our customers even better than before,” Mr Backman concludes.

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Timetable 12 June 2014–31 August 2014:

M/S Mariella (MA), M/S Gabriella (GA), M/S Viking XPRS (VX)

Stockholm-Mariehamn-Helsinki-Tallinn-Helsinki-Mariehamn-Stockholm

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						20:30	←	18:00	VX
						21:30	→	00:00	VX

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