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M/S Viking Grace has already hit five million passenger mark Viking Line treated all passengers to a glass of sparkling wine to celebrate

The Baltic Sea's most elegant cruise vessel, M/S Viking Grace, welcomed aboard its five millionth passenger on March 23, 2017. Viking Grace, which serves the Turku (Finland)–Stockholm (Sweden) route, was put in service in January 2013 and is the first cruise vessel in the world to run on liquefied natural gas. On board, passengers can enjoy top-quality restaurants, lovely Spa & Wellness facilities and unique shops.

The five million passenger milestone was celebrated on March 23, when all cruise passengers were treated to a glass of sparkling wine. The master, the terminal manager and the mascot Ville Viking presented a bouquet of flowers to the five millionth passenger.

“We are really pleased about Viking Grace’s ever-growing popularity. Five million passengers in four years is a fine performance, and we would like to extend our warm thanks to all the passengers on our vessels. It feels good that so many people have had great experiences on a cruise with us on the Baltic Sea’s most elegant cruise vessel. Our investment in environmental sustainability, quality restaurants, unique shopping options and luxurious comfort has clearly been noted, and Viking Grace has found a place in people’s hearts”, says Riikka Arola, Regional Manager at Viking Line.

Viking Grace is a green choice for passengers

An amount equivalent to the ticket price of the five millionth passenger was donated to the protection of the Baltic Sea. This donation serves to emphasise Viking Line’s long-term work for the benefit of the Baltic Sea and highlight Viking Grace’s operations that take the environment into consideration. Viking Grace is the first cruise vessel in the world to run on low-emission liquefied natural gas. The vessel also has a new energy circulation system that converts waste heat from its engines into clean, emission-free electricity. In April 2018, Viking Grace will become even greener, when a rotary sail is installed. The sail will convert wind into propulsion for the vessel and reduce fuel consumption. During 2017, Viking Line will highlight its environmental work in its capacity as a partner in the Finland 100 centenary project.

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