

INTERNATIONAL Cruise & Ferry REVIEW



Richard Fain unveils the Oasis

Howard Frank details Carnival Corporation's Global Outlook

Pier Francesco Vago reinforces Italian heritage

US travel agents lead fightback

FCCA's Paige confirms strength of Caribbean cruising





Ideally located in the heart of the Mediterranean, Corsica shines over all the other cruise destinations this zone has to offer.

Corsica, the fourth-largest island in the Med, is a mountain in the sea – its vast coastline made up of seaside resorts and a succession of unspoiled creeks, existing side by side with a forest covered hinterland where villages perched on the mountain slopes guard preciously the traditions of an age-old culture.

Wild and mysterious, the island of Corsica is also the pride and the spirit of a people profoundly attached to its ancestral traditions and which have succeeded in combining modernity with the preservation of its cultural specifics.

Visitors will experience something unique.

Whether you are after crafts, culture or simply sun, sea and sand, a visit to one of these four ports will provide a welcome contrast of a very different part of France, as well as a relaxing alternative to the cities on Italy's mainland.



The Chamber of Commerce & Industry of South Corsica meets your needs

As a leading actor in cruise development, the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Ajaccio & South Corsica (CCIACS) is focused on optimizing the services offered to cruise lines and cruise passengers and as such this will result in:

- improvements to comfort and practicality for ships with a new cruise berth in Ajaccio (for ships up to 340 metres), project of quay extension 160m to 240m – 4th dolphin for 2010 season in Propriano, refitted quays in Bonifacio and Porto-Vecchio;
- improvements to the ships' security with the application of the ISPS Code (marsec level 1): PFSO, security guards, video cameras, ALS system, compliant fences; and
- improvements to the welcoming policy with the organization of specialized welcomes (Corsican music show and tasting of specialities on the quay, the parade of the Napoleonic Imperial guard, etc) offered on specific occasions such as a maiden call, or the 10th call, etc.

Accordingly, the intensification of the Chamber of Commerce's marketing and promotion policy has enabled a constant increase in the number of visits to the cruise ports.

These ports are welcoming not only a growing number of cruise passengers but also new cruise lines attracted by our exceptional environment, the quality of our port facilities and the customized welcome at the arrival of cruise ships.

CCIACS is strongly determined to act as a partner in the deployment of the cruise market at the heart of the Mediterranean and to put at the disposal of cruise lines its skills and high performing, up-to-date technologies. ●