



~ Merry Christmas to all our friends! ~

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## OSLO SETS CRUISE RECORD

Oslo experienced a record cruise season in 2005 with approximately 186.000 passengers from 145 visiting ships (calls up 27%, passengers up 28%). Among these passengers, there were 100 different nationalities. The most important nations were USA (28% of the passengers), Great Britain (23%), and Germany (22%).

The highlight of the 2005-season was when Queen Mary II sailed up the Oslofjord for the first time in July, she was a magnificent sight!



Another unforgettable call was when P&O extended the cruise season in the Nordic waters by sending MS Aurora to Oslo on a Christmas cruise in December. The Oslo Cruise Network greeted the ship on her departure with Christmas carols and lit torches on the pier.



## OSLO CRUISE NETWORK

Oslo Cruise Network was established in 2004. The main objective is to market and develop Oslo as a cruise destination.

Participants in this cooperation come from Oslo Port Authority, tourist destination organizations, attractions, shops, tax-free shopping, hotels, cruise agents, transport, guide service and cruise lines.

Important focus areas for the network are marketing, product development and "governmenting". The last meaning creating an understanding amongst politicians and other authorities for the cruise business and its commercial and reputational contribution to the city, and ensuring that enough berths are available for the many large vessels sailing to Oslo in the years to come.

### Opera Quay

Oslo's waterfront is set for redevelopment including a new National Opera House due for completion 2008. The opera building is designed by the famous architects Snøhetta and is now rising close to one of Oslo's central berths.

## BALTIC AND NORWEGIAN..

Oslo is an attractive port for both Baltic and Norwegian cruises. In 2005 60% of the calls to Oslo were part of a Baltic cruise, and 40% of Norwegian fjords/NortCape/Spitsberg cruises.

Oslo Cruise Network also participate in the Cruise Baltic Network which is a close cooperation between 10 countries, 16 destinations and 28 partners in the Baltic Sea Region. The aim is to integrate the region's international cruise tourism industry by exchange of knowledge and information. Through Cruise Baltic, all the participating countries are able to offer the same service, high standards and full integration between ports and cities for cruise lines that want to discover the unique possibilities of the Baltic Sea Region.

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