

270 000 cruise passengers in Oslo in 2009

Despite global economic uncertainty, Oslo set a new record this year with nearly 270 000 cruise passengers visiting the city.

The cruise passengers called in Oslo from April until September (two Christmas cruises in December are also scheduled) on 150 calls. Altogether 134 nationalities were represented, among these 61 550 from Germany, 49 350 from United Kingdom and 40 300 from USA.



RCCLs Vision of the Seas in Oslo on seven turn around calls 2009

RCCL sailed eight short cruises out of Oslo in 2009 and almost 25 000 Norwegian cruise passengers used this opportunity to cruise in northern waters. Next year RCCL will repeat the success, and will offer cruises to St. Petersburg and around the British isles as new itineraries in addition to Hamburg and Amsterdam to the Scandinavian market.

Barack Obama

From King to Obama at the Nobel Peace Center

At the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo (in walking distance from the main cruise ship pier), the exhibit "From King to Obama" portrays the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s—the effort that paved the way for Barack Obama's historic election.



The Nobel Peace Center (VisitOSLO/Nancy Bundt)

The Exhibition becomes all the more relevant when President Barack Obama is awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. More information: www.nobelpeacecenter.org

Ice bar opens in Oslo in November

In November Oslo will get a new tourist attraction when ICEBAR by ICEHOTEL opens its largest Icebar yet in the Norwegian capital.



ICEBAR Oslo will be located in Christian IV's gate in downtown Oslo. Tons of ice has been brought in from the north of Sweden to build the

bar. Everything inside the bar is made of this ice: walls, furniture, bar, artwork, glasses and plates. The temperature in the bar will be -5 °C, but guests are given an overcoat to stay warm.

Oslos need for cruise piers and cruise terminal

The Port of Oslo, the municipality city development committee and VisitOslo work together in a project to consider the need for dedicated cruise piers and a cruise terminal in the city.

A report will be published in May 2010.