

Press release

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Increase in Viking Line's passenger, car and cargo volume

Beautiful summer weather encouraged maritime travel on Viking Line's vessels. During the summer months of June – August 2011, a total of 2,094,485 passengers, or 19,622 more than in the same months of 2010, travelled on the big red boats. The number of cargo units and cars also increased. Viking Line transported 26,741 cargo units during the period, or 5.4 per cent more than a year earlier. The number of cars was 244,770 or 2.3 per cent more than the year-earlier period.

New record: 593,000 passengers on the M/S Viking XPRS

The largest increase in passenger volume was achieved on the Helsinki (Finland) – Tallinn (Estonia) route aboard the high-speed M/S Viking XPRS. During June – August 2010 the vessel set a then-record of 567,000 passengers. This year the figure for the same period rose to 593,142. In July 2011, the M/S Viking XPRS set a single-month record of 221,079 passengers; in other words, the vessel carried an average of 1,800 passengers per departure.

On the Helsinki – Mariehamn (Åland Islands, Finland) – Stockholm (Sweden) route, the number of passengers was 333,860 or 1.6 per cent more than in June – August 2010.

Passenger volume on the Turku (Finland) – Åland – Stockholm route aboard the vessels M/S Isabella and M/S Amorella was 592,866 or 2.6 per cent fewer than during the corresponding period of last year.

On the short route over the Sea of Åland, that is, Mariehamn – Kapellskär (Sweden), 298,964 passengers travelled on the M/S Rosella during the three summer months. Here the number of passengers was relatively stable, totalling 0.8 per cent fewer than during the corresponding period of last year.

The M/S Cinderella, which provides cruise service between Stockholm and Mariehamn and also made six cruise voyages to Riga (Latvia) during the summer, carried 275,653 passengers or 7,033 (+2.6 per cent) more than during the same period of 2010.

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