

Press release

Increase in Viking Line's passenger and cargo volume

The summer holiday period encouraged maritime travel in July. A total of 798,649 (+0.5 per cent) passengers travelled on Viking Line's vessels during that month, and the number of cars was 95,974 (+9.1 per cent).

Favourable figures in July

On the Helsinki (Finland) – Tallinn (Estonia) route, more than 195,000 passengers chose to travel on the Viking XPRS, thus breaking the record from July 2008 by more than 15,000 passengers. On the Helsinki – Stockholm (Sweden) route via the Åland Islands (Finland), the number of passengers in July was 123,783, i.e. the same level as one year earlier (123,899). On the Rosella, which sails between Mariehamn (Åland) and Kapellskär (Sweden), the number of passengers decreased by 4.7 per cent to 244,374 in July compared to a year earlier, primarily due to the capacity increase on the route. The Cinderella, which provides cruise service between Stockholm and Mariehamn and goes on summer cruises to Riga (Latvia), carried 101,334 passengers in July, a reduction of 5.2 per cent which was due to lower capacity in the number of berths as well as the expanded number of Riga cruises. The number of cargo units transported on Viking Line vessels rose by 5.9 per cent in July.

Increase during the first three quarters of fiscal 2008/2009 as well

During the first nine months of the 2008/2009 fiscal year, i.e. November 2008 – July 2009, total passenger volume on Viking Line rose by more than 124,0000 or 2.7 per cent to 4,744,686 (4,620,672). The number of cars on all routes increased by 13.2 per cent to 434,945 during this period, and the number of cargo units by 9 per cent to 76,420. The positive outcome for cargo volume is encouraging, since the general trend in the shipping industry is currently the opposite.

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Viking Line is a public limited company and the market leading brand in passenger traffic on the northern Baltic Sea, with a mission to provide large-scale, affordable, safe passenger and cargo carrier services including first-class recreation, good food and shopping. Its shares have been listed on the Helsinki Stock Exchange since 1995. Viking Line serves Finland, Sweden and the Baltic countries with seven vessels. During fiscal 2007/2008 sales were about EUR 475 M. The number of passengers totaled nearly 6,2 million. The average number of employees was 2,994.

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