

2020 cruise season: 206 port calls by 44 vessels

The 2020 cruise season at the Warnemünde cruise port starts on 24 March with the arrival of the passenger vessel *Boudicca* of British Fred Olsen Cruise Lines. All told, 206 port calls by 44 cruise vessels are expected in the coming year. 187 times the ships will berth in Warnemünde and 19 times at the overseas port. Six vessels will head for the mouth of river Warnow for the first time: *Celebrity Apex*, *Costa Fascinosa*, *Norwegian Escape*, *Norwegian Jade*, *Sky Princess* and *Spirit of Discovery*. Cruise vessels will be in the port on river Warnow on 131 days of the year 2020.

Rostock-based shipping company AIDA Cruises will operate three vessels from Warnemünde, its base port in the Baltic Sea: *AIDAdiva*, *AIDAmar* and *AIDAaura*. Out of a total of 53 port calls with change of passengers announced for 2020, 46 will be by AIDA Cruises. The Spanish cruise operator Pullmantur will carry out seven port calls with change of passengers by the cruise liner *Monarch* at the overseas port. Furthermore, 46 port calls with partial change of passengers are planned by the Italian shipping companies Costa and MSC Cruises as well as by the US shipping company Princess Cruises. Italian and German passengers in particular will be embarking and disembarking on these occasions.

The sailing list for 2020 includes 37 port calls by very large cruise liners with an overall length of 300+ meters: *Sky Princess* with a length of 330 meters, *Norwegian Escape* with 326 meters length, *Celebrity Silhouette* and *Celebrity Reflection* with 319 meters length each, *Celebrity Apex* with 306 meters and *Disney Magic* with a length of 300 meters. *Norwegian Escape* is the largest vessel of the coming season with a gross register tonnage of 164,600.

The Swiss-based shipping company Viking Ocean Cruises has included Warnemünde 23 times in the schedules of its four sister vessels *Viking Jupiter*, *Viking Sky*, *Viking Star* and *Viking Sun*. Phoenix Reisen plans two port calls by its passenger vessel *Albatros* in December (on December 12 and 19).

„Both the port and the railway infrastructure in Warnemünde are undergoing extensive improvements in the coming year: the new terminal building

„Warnemünde Cruise Center 8“ is to be ready for operation in the spring, in May the converted Warnemünde railway station is to be opened and the shore-based electricity supply facility is scheduled to take up its trial operation in the summer,” says Jens A. Scharner, managing director of ROSTOCK PORT.

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