



Press Release

A Luxury Hotel on the High Seas between two Metropolises

Cruise feeling between Rome and Barcelona / Grimaldi Lines offers short trip packages including crossing and stay in the Catalan metropolis

Naples, xx/04/10 - Grimaldi Lines offers the possibility to easily expand a mere vacation in Italy by a trip to Spain. In Rome/Civitavecchia guests will comfortably check in on one of the cruise ferries Cruise Roma or Cruise Barcelona operated by Grimaldi Lines. Within no more than 20 hours, the ferry will take its passengers to Barcelona overnight and vehicles are transported at no extra cost. Guests travelling on foot will take the train in Rome and arrive at the port of Civitavecchia within approx. one hour. A mini-cruise return ticket from Rome/Civitavecchia to Barcelona in a cabin plus a two-day stay in the Catalan capital is available from 193,00 Euros per person with 2 nights in Barcelona. This offer includes car transport and all charges.

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While Rome impresses by its many historical sites, Barcelona is a trendsetter in terms of art, fashion, design and architecture. Both metropolises are characterized by its euphoric Mediterranean joie de vivre. However, not only the destinations but also the vessels have a lot to offer. Thanks to modern ferries commissioned in 2008 even the crossing will become a relaxing holiday as passengers will indulge in service and comfort comparable to those of a cruise. During the crossing passengers will relax in the large spa area or the relax and fitness centre, a 400-square-meter area offering sauna, Turkish bath, solarium, massages and a fitness centre. For those preferring entertainment, there is a large casino and a discotheque available and various restaurants will satisfy all culinary wishes. Grimaldi ferries combine all advantages of a luxury hotel.

Ferry crossings with Grimaldi Lines are bookable via its agents in Germany or directly with the shipping company. Complete packages including accommodation in Barcelona can directly be booked via the associated company Grimaldi Lines Tour Operator.

The Grimaldi Group was founded in 1945 in Naples. Today, in terms of ferry services it operates 13 routes in the Western Mediterranean with five vessels. Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, Porto Torres and Livorno are connected to Barcelona. Additional crossings connect Rome to Porto Torres in Sardinia, Catania and Trapani in Sicily, Tunis in Tunisia and Malta. Further connections exist between Salerno - Tunis, Palermo – Tunis, Trapani-Tunisi and Salerno - Palermo. The Grimaldi Group is specialized in RoRo and RoPax vessels, car carrier vessels and ferries. The company's area of activity extends from the Northern Atlantic to the Eastern Mediterranean. The shipping company holds the majority of shares in Finnlines and it is the principal shareholder of Minoan Lines. Currently the whole group has 7,000 employees.

The Grimaldi Group operates a fleet of more than 100 ships and is a world leading operator in the transport of cars and ro/ro cargo. Established in 1947, the Group is headquartered in Naples and has 8,000 employees. In 2010, it registered a turnover of € 2.2 billion and transported about 2.8 million cars, 1.4 million trailers and TEUs and more than 2.7 million passengers. In the passenger sector, the Group controls Finnlines, leader in ro/ro transport in the Baltic Sea and Minoan Lines, the Greek ferry operator leader in the Adriatic Sea and on the route between Piraeus and Crete.