



Press Release

Grimaldi Lines: New route between Livorno and Valencia

Spain holiday makers travel from Northern Italy over sea

Naples, Xth July 2010 – On 14th of July, the Italian ferry shipping company Grimaldi Lines opens its new route Livorno - Valencia. The passenger and freight ferry MS Sorrento will cross twice a week, every Wednesday and Saturday, between Northern Italy and Eastern Spain. The trip will take between 28 and 38 hours, depending on the departure. The new route of Grimaldi Lines is a comfortable and cheap alternative for guests, who travel by car to Spain. The harbour of Livorno is situated 750 kilometres from Munich. Thanks to the combined offer „Superfamily & Friends“ (four travel, two pay) and „Super Bonus“ (free car transport by booking of a cabin on a round trip) costs a 4-berth inside cabin from 660,- EUR. Further information by the agents or www.grimaldi-lines.de

The new link connects one of the biggest harbours of Italy with the third biggest city of Spain. The departures from Italy will be on Wednesdays at 17.00 h and on Saturdays at 23.59 h. Thanks to the late departure time, guests from Germany will be able to reach Livorno conveniently during the day. The ship arrives in Spain 1,5 days later at respectively 7.00 h or 8.00 h. The return trips Valencia – Livorno will start on Monday at 20.00 h (arrival on Wednesday at 7.30 h) and on Friday at 14.00 h (arrival on Saturday at 18.00 h). Campers will get on the line 30 percent discount on the vehicle price.

Valencia on the Eastern side of Spain is an optimal landing harbour for family trips along the coast. Different holiday spots on the Costa Blanca and Costa Azahar can be reached easily from Valencia. The Spanish capital Madrid is only 320 kilometres away from the harbour and contrasts to the beach holiday. During the crossing from Livorno to Valencia, guests enjoy a restaurant, a bar and shops on board of the MS Sorrento. The ship has 93 cabins and 62 ATS-seats. It can transport until 800 passengers.

The Italian shipping company Grimaldi Lines was founded in 1945 in Naples. In terms of ferry services it operates 14 routes in the Western Mediterranean with six vessels. Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, and Livorno are connected to Barcelona. Livorno also

proposes a link to Valencia. Additional crossings connect Rome/Civitavecchia to Porto Torres on Sardinia, Catania and Trapani on Sicily, Tunis in Tunisia and Malta. Further connections exist between Salerno - Tunis, Palermo - Tunis, Trapani – Tunis 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.