



Classic International Cruises

ATHENA – Fact Sheet

<i>Name:</i>	Named after the Greek goddess of wisdom
<i>Registered/Flag:</i>	Madeira, Portugal
<i>Size/number of decks:</i>	16,144 tons/ 8 decks – Classed as a mid-sized liner
<i>Length/width:</i>	160m long/ 21 m wide
<i>Draft (under water)/Speed:</i>	7.6m – a deep draft designed for stability on ocean voyages/ 16.5 knots
<i>Passengers:</i>	580, with 240 crew
<i>Number of Cabins:</i>	276, including 43 suites. Eight of the top suites have private balconies and jacuzzi baths. Every cabin offers a bath – a luxury only found in suites on the latest superliners.
<i>Rebuilt/Last Refurbished:</i>	Originally a transatlantic liner. Totally rebuilt as a cruise ship in 1994 at a cost of US\$150 million. Refurbished 2004.
<i>Features:</i>	Wrap-around promenade deck – most of which overhangs the hull, traditional wooden deck chairs, pool, fitness centre, sauna, five bars and lounges, nightclub, showlounge, casino, library, boutiques, cinema. internet café, formal and casual restaurants. Children’s activities during school holidays.
<i>Style of Cruising:</i>	Intimate small-ship cruising... In contrast to new huge resort-type superliners, Classic International Cruises offers a return to what it calls the ‘Classic Cruising Experience’ where crew escort passengers to their cabins on embarkation and know their names throughout the cruise in a friendly and relaxed setting. Attentive, old-fashioned service from the crew and first-class cuisine are the hallmarks of the Classic Cruising experience.
<i>Onboard currency:</i>	Australian dollars. Fares include all gratuities
<i>What the critics say:</i>	“This sturdily built ship (Athena) is really one of the old classics that has been lovingly maintained and holds a special charm for those not seeking the newest large resort ships.” From the <u>Berlitz Guide to Cruising</u> , considered the ‘Bible’ of cruising.
<i>2011/12 Cruise Season:</i>	In her longest season in Australia yet, Athena will offer 15 cruises to and from Fremantle/Perth in WA and Adelaide in SA between November, 2011, and May, 2012. Cruises from 2-40 nights in length. Destinations include Bali, Asia, Europe and the coasts of Western Australia and South Australia, including Kangaroo Island, and also Tasmania, Sydney, Melbourne and Eden.
<i>Fares:</i>	From \$450 per person for two nights including all meals and entertainment
<i>Classic International Cruises:</i>	Eighth successive summer cruising from Australia in 2011/12. Founded in 1982, Classic International Cruises carries 200,000 passengers a year, with the five-ship fleet offering cruises in Europe, the UK, South America, Asia and, since 2004, Australia.
<i>Bookings/Information:</i>	Via travel agents. More details on www.classicintercruises.com .