



Classic International Cruises

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New Italy to Australia Voyage Aboard Athena

Classic International Cruises will begin its seventh annual season Down Under next summer with its first-ever voyage from Italy to Australia.

Sailing from Rome on November 14, 2010, Athena's 35-night cruise includes 12 days spent visiting ports in the Mediterranean, including Naples for trips to Pompeii, an overnight stay in Venice, calls at Dubrovnik, Corfu in the Greek Islands and Athens and an extended visit to Port Said in Egypt to allow passengers to see the Pyramids.

Athena will then sail on to Sri Lanka, Thailand and Singapore before docking in Perth on December 19, 2010, to begin Classic International Cruises' seventh annual program of summer cruises from Western Australia.

The voyage, available from \$171 per person per day, with single supplements of just 25 per cent in selected cabins, will be the first of 13 cruises Athena will offer to and from Perth next summer.

The onboard currency will also be in Australian dollars, adding to the savings.

The 35-night voyage from Rome to Perth is available from \$5995 per person, twin-share (or \$171 a day).

The 600-passenger Athena is a traditional, mid-sized liner boasting an intimate, yacht-like atmosphere, personal, old-fashioned service and fine cuisine as well as traditional wooden deck chairs, marbled reception foyer, pool, fitness centre and sauna, five bars and lounges, nightclub, showlounge, casino, library, boutiques, cinema and two restaurants. And all cabins have a full-sized bath – a luxury only found in suites on the latest superliners.

Bookings are available via travel agents.

For general information, visit www.classicintcruises.com

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