



Classic International Cruises

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Sail Away for a Christmas Party on the Longest Weekend of the Year

Weekend Cruise from Perth from \$435

Hard working WA residents can enjoy the longest weekend of the year and the best-ever work Christmas party by joining Athena's two-night weekend cruise from Fremantle on December 18, 2009.

The special 'Christmas Party' ocean cruise sails from Fremantle after work at 6pm on Friday December 18, 2009, and returns to Freo at 7am on Sunday December 20, the day before the longest day of the year. This means that during the weekend cruise in waters south of Perth, passengers will enjoy about 14 hours and 21 minutes of daylight on the Saturday – or over four hours more than on the shortest day of the year in Perth on June 21.

During the weekend cruise to 'nowhere', earlyrisers or those who haven't gone to bed yet will see the sun rise over Athena's decks at 5.04am and set for pre-dinner cocktails on deck at 7.25pm.

Passengers will also save on beverages, with drinks often cheaper than in land-based bars. Full-strength beer on Athena is priced from just \$5.75, a glass of wine from \$7, cocktails from \$7.10 and cappuccinos from \$3.25. And the onboard currency is Australian dollars, adding to the savings.

Classic International Cruises Managing Director, Grant Hunter, said the weekend cruise was ideal for companies or businesses seeking a novel, end-of-year Christmas party for their staff or for anyone seeking a break from the Christmas rush.

"Whether you sail with your partner, family, friends or colleagues, our affordable weekend cruises this summer aboard Athena provide a brief but effective escape from reality," Mr Hunter said. "You can relax in a deckchair by the pool, indulge in a massage, watch a free movie or a show and enjoy the great food, low-cost drinks and friendly atmosphere. And what better time to do all that on the longest weekend of the year this December."

Fares on the two-night weekend cruise from Fremantle on Friday December 18, 2009, are available from **\$435** per person, twin-share, including all onboard meals and entertainment. Fares for extra adults sharing a three or four-berth cabin start at only **\$255** per person while fares for children sharing a cabin start at only **\$175**. *

Based in WA each summer, the popular, mid-sized Athena carries 600 passengers and offers a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with a marbled reception foyer, pool, fitness centre and sauna, five bars and lounges, nightclub, showlounge, library, boutiques, cinema and two restaurants. And all cabins have a full-sized bath – a luxury only found in suites on most other ships.

Bookings are available via travel agents. For general information on Classic International Cruises, visit www.classicintcruises.com.

* Conditions apply and subject to availability.

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