



Classic International Cruises

General editorial – 2010/11 Far East Summer Season

PRINCESS DAPHNE - The Classic Cruising Experience

Classic International Cruises will operate one of its five liners, *Princess Daphne*, in the Far East from December 2010 to April 2011, doubling the line's presence in the Asia-Pacific region.

A 32-page brochure for the Australian market highlights nine, mostly round-trip cruises aboard *Princess Daphne* from Singapore and Hong Kong. Itineraries from seven to 17 nights are available with exotic destinations including China, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Korea, Brunei, Vietnam and India's Andaman Islands, with overnight stays planned in many ports.

Fares start from **A\$1135** per person, twin-share, for a seven-night cruise from Singapore and the currency onboard the *Princess Daphne*, which normally sails in Europe, will be in both Australian dollars and Euros. Each itinerary is different and can be sailed back-to-back with a 10 per cent discount to create longer voyages. Up to a quarter of CIC passengers have previously combined cruises in Asia.

Classic International Cruises, which will this summer (2010/11) operate its seventh annual summer season in Australia with its 550-passenger flagship, *Athena*, based in Perth, has offered numerous successful Asia cruise programs over the last decade using two of its smaller ships, *Funchal* and *Arion*, most recently in 2006. The 508-passenger *Princess Daphne* will be the line's latest vessel to be based in the Far East.

"In the summer of 2010-11, Australians will have the choice of sailing on *Athena* from local ports or flying to the Far East to enjoy a traditional ocean cruise aboard our beautiful *Princess Daphne*," said Classic International Cruises' Australian Managing Director, Grant Hunter.

"More than 50,000 Australians have sailed with Classic International Cruises as part of our annual summer season here since 2004 and up to 50 per cent of our passengers are repeat customers who love our mix of smaller ships, friendly, attentive service, relaxed atmosphere and fine dining," Mr Hunter said. "*Princess Daphne* will offer our loyal customers and new passengers our popular brand of classic cruising in the Far East. We expect our new cruises in the Far East to be very popular amongst Australians and other international passengers."

Registered in Portugal, refurbished in 2008 and once named *Port Sydney*, the 15,833-ton *Princess Daphne* boasts a deep hull for ocean cruising as well as five lounges and bars, elegant restaurant, gym/spa, library, casino, showlounge, spacious decks and 241 cabins including 73 suites – six of which offer private balconies. A high 86 per cent of all cabins offer ocean views, mostly through traditional portholes. And almost all cabins boast a shower and a bathtub – a luxury only found in suites on the latest superliners around the world.

"The atmosphere aboard *Princess Daphne* and all our stylish, traditional liners deliberately reprises the traditional shipboard life of a bygone era," Mr Hunter said. "It's cruising as it was meant to be, with a sense of the ocean and all its mystery, adventure and nautical traditions. Our passengers love it."

In contrast to the rapid growth of ever-expanding resort-type superliners, with their rock climbing walls, flying foxes, skating rinks, rides, boxing rings and long queues, 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 an intimate, friendly and relaxed setting.

Founded in 1982, Classic International Cruises carries 200,000 passengers a year, with the five-ship fleet (Athena, Princess Daphne, Princess Danae, Arion and Funchal) offering cruises in Europe, the UK, South America and, since 2004, Australia, with Asia to return to the line's line-up of cruises in 2010-11.

* According to the Berlitz Guide to Cruising, considered the 'Bible' of cruising: 'This solidly built ship (Princess Daphne) has a pleasing, traditional, shipboard ambience and the décor combines a mixture of the classic and contemporary.'

In the summer of 2010-2011, *Princess Daphne* will offer nine cruises in Asia:

- Nine-night round-trip Christmas cruise from Singapore on December 19, 2010, to four ports in Malaysia plus three days in Phuket, from **\$1455** per person, twin-share
- Nine-night return New Year's cruise from Singapore on December 28, 2010, to Vietnam, Brunei and Malaysia from **\$1580** per person, twin-share
- Seven-night round-trip cruise from Singapore on January 6, 2011, to Penang, Phuket, Langkawi and Kuala Lumpur, from **\$1135** per person, twin-share
- 11-night round-trip cruise from Singapore on January 13, 2011, to five ports in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam from **\$1650** per person, twin-share
- 13-night Bay of Bengal return voyage from Singapore on January 24, 2011, to ports in Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and India's Andaman Islands from **\$1940** per person, twin-share
- 14-night return cruise from Singapore on February 6, 2011, to Cambodia and up the coast of Vietnam from **\$2095** per person, twin-share
- 14-night one-way cruise from Singapore to Hong Kong, sailing on February 20, 2011, via Cambodia and Vietnam from **\$2085** per person, twin-share
- 17-night round-cruise from Hong Kong on March 6, 2011, to six ports in China, Korea and Japan from **\$2545** per person, twin-share
- 12-night one-way cruise from Hong Kong to Singapore on March 23, 2011, via six ports in China, Vietnam and Cambodia from **\$1790** per person twin-share

All itineraries are different and can be combined back-to-back with a 10 per cent discount to create longer voyages with a variety of ports.

Cruise bookings and fly/cruise packages are available via travel agents. For general information, visit www.classicintcruises.com

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