



# *Classic International Cruises*

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## **Tie the Knot at Sea on a Romantic, Classic Liner**

### **New Wedding and Renewal of Vows Packages from Only \$125 Aboard Athena in Australia Next Summer**

Romantics can get married or renew their vows at sea aboard the classic ocean liner, Athena, in Australia next summer, with Classic International Cruises releasing new, affordable wedding and vow packages from just \$125.

Once a transatlantic liner and sporting its own chapel, the intimate, yacht-like Athena will offer traditional cruise holidays from Fremantle in WA and Adelaide in SA from December 2009 to March 2010.

“A cruise is one of the most romantic holidays you can have and bringing along your friends and relatives to share your wedding or renewal of vows at sea provides a very special and memorable experience,” said Classic International Cruises Managing Director Grant Hunter. “And it’s very affordable, with the wedding and honeymoon – or second honeymoon – all wrapped up in one value-added package.”

The new wedding, same-sex commitment and renewal of vows packages can be used on any of the 16 cruises from 2-35 nights that Athena will offer from WA and SA next summer including a special four-night **Valentine’s cruise**, sailing from Fremantle on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2010, for Bunbury and the famous Margaret River wineries and also the spectacular coastal scenery of Albany. Fares for this romantic cruise start at **\$850** per person, twin-share. \*

The new wedding deals, which are available from **\$250** per package, include use of Athena’s chapel, beauty/hair treatments for the bride and groom, pre-wedding drinks for the wedding party, escort to the wedding venue, music at the ceremony, champagne and canapés after the ceremony, wedding portrait and group picture, private area in the restaurant for dinner, with selected wines included, wedding cake, French champagne, petit fours and fresh fruit for the honeymooners in their cabin, bouquet of flowers for the bride, commemorative certificate and invitation to the captain’s dinner table for the couple on cruises longer than seven nights. Wedding ceremonies are performed by celebrants as arranged by the couple. \*

The renewal of vow packages, priced from **\$125**, include the ceremony conducted by the captain, use of Athena’s chapel, beauty treatment for the bride, music at the ceremony, portrait of the couple, private area in the restaurant for dinner with selected wines and cake included, French champagne and petit fours for the couple in their cabin, commemorative certificate and invitation to the captain’s dinner table for the couple on cruises longer than seven nights. Post ceremony cocktail parties can also be arranged. \*

Discounts for group bookings are also available for relatives and friends joining the couple on the cruise.

Carrying just 600 passengers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, Athena boasts 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.

**Cruise fares start at \$435 per person, twin-share, for a two-night cruise. Bookings are available via travel agents or visit [www.classicintcruises.com](http://www.classicintcruises.com).** \*

\* Conditions apply. Subject to availability.

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