



TURKU CRUISE PORT, Finland

- Turku is the official Christmas City of Finland
 - In Turku, the birthplace of Finnish Christmas traditions, you can experience a traditional, tranquil Christmas atmosphere from 27th November 2005 to 13th January 2006. The Declaration of Christmas Peace on the Old Great Square on Christmas Eve has been read out in Turku since the Middle Ages. The Christmas City offers hundreds of events, concerts and exhibitions for both children and adults (www.christmascity.com)
- Cruise terminal to open 2006
 - As the number of cruise calls is steadily growing, it has become necessary to provide more efficient and comfortable facilities for cruise vessels, both crews and passengers
 - The old "Olympic terminal" will be converted into a cruise terminal. It has an excellent location where the sea meets the river and with a view over the ancient Turku Castle. The city centre is a mere three kilometres away.
 - Facilities include telephone and internet connections, a resting area, tourist information material
 - The cruise vessels will be welcomed by a brass band and medieval market stalls
 - Free shuttle bus service provided by the port and tourist information centre from the pier to the city centre throughout the vessel's stay in the port
- State of the art surveillance cameras installed in the port area
 - Turku is a forerunner in security matters. The port now operates a surveillance system of the port area that is absolute top quality in the world!
- Seamen's Mission to move to a new location in October 2005
 - The bigger and more modern premises in the port area will offer better facilities for seamen, truck drivers and other visitors
 - The first floor has an altar area, cafeteria, souvenir shop, money exchange, the second floor has a sauna & shower facilities
 - Coach transport will be organised to the Seamen's Mission during a cruise vessel's call
- Cooperation with other cruise ports continues
 - Cruise Finland marketing together with Helsinki and Mariehamn
 - Cruise Bothnia marketing together with Kemi and Vaasa at the Gulf of Bothnia
 - Member of Cruise Europe (www.cruiseurope.com)
 - Member of Baltic Cruise Project (www.cruisebaltic.com)
- Seatrade Europe Cruise convention 1.-2.11.2005, Hamburg
 - ***Meet us at Cruise Finland stand number 107 to hear more what Turku has to offer!***