



TURKU CRUISE PORT, FINLAND

- *a new destination but 850 years old* -

• Turku – the Moominworld Home Port

- The lovable Moomin family with friends live in Moominworld in Naantali, just 12 km from Turku. This theme park is a great favourite of children and recently received 4th highest ranking among the world's theme parks by the British "Independent on Sunday". Turku Cruise Port is now officially the Moominworld Home Port – so welcome on a cruise with kids to spend an exciting day full of adventure and surprises as the guest of the Moomins. More on www.moominworld.fi

• Freedom of the Seas – built in Turku

- The world's largest and most innovative cruise vessel left its birthplace Turku on 13 April 2006. More than 1000 crew members flew with 3 charter planes to Turku International Airport to board Freedom of the Seas. The vessel sailed to Hamburg and a few other European destinations before crossing to the Caribbean. The next vessel in the series - Liberty of the Seas – is already under construction in Turku planned to be delivered in 2007 to Royal Caribbean Cruises cruise line.

• Swan Anniversary Regatta 2006, 26 – 30 July in Turku

- This is the first time the Swan regatta will be held off the Finnish shores in the beautiful Turku archipelago, the river Aura and the regatta village close to the city centre. The event will be held in honour of the 40th anniversary of NautorSwan. The event has attracted great interest and will bring together an estimated 100 Swan yachts. More on www.swananniversaryregatta.com

• Cruise Season 2007

- Turku has four calls confirmed for the next season: Astor, Black Watch, Silver Cloud and The World. The vessels will receive a warm welcome in medieval atmosphere with market stalls and music. A free shuttle bus operates between the port and the city centre throughout the call. Being a five star cruise port with ample space we look forward to more cruise calls to Turku!

• FinnFest 2008 / Tall Ships' Race 2009

- These events will be held in Turku. FinnFest is an annual summer event bringing together thousands of Finns living in America. This is the first time the event will be held outside North America. Tall Ships' Race again will bring together dozens of beautiful tall ships into the heart of Turku. Turku hosted the event in 2003 with great success and over half a million visitors. More information about the two events in Newsletter 3/2006 or pekka.rasanen@turku.fi