



TURKU CRUISE PORT, FINLAND

- Turku – Official Christmas City of Finland
 - Turku is the birthplace of Finnish Christmas traditions and the gateway through which many foreign customs arrived in the country. On Christmas Eve at noon the Christmas peace declaration is read out from the balcony of Brinkkala Mansion at the Old Great Square. Hundreds of people attend and the declaration is broadcast live to many countries in Europe. A string of festive events take place from 2 December until 13 January. More details on www.christmascity.com
- Cruise season 2007
 - Turku has six calls confirmed for 2007: Hanseatic, Vistamar, Silver Shadow, Black Watch, Astor and The World. The vessels will receive a warm welcome with music and market stalls. A free shuttle bus operates between the port and the city centre throughout the calls, the distance being only 3 km. As a five star cruise port with ample space we look forward to welcoming more cruise vessels to Turku
- Cruise passenger satisfaction survey
 - Turku carried out a customer satisfaction survey in summer 2006. The cruise passengers, mainly British and German, regarded Turku as a beautiful, clean and safe destination with good service and friendly inhabitants. The rich history, architecture, the archipelago and a variety of sights were also listed as assets. The Medieval Market days held every summer were considered a special treat. In 2007 the event will take place on 28 June to 1 July. More details on www.keskiaikaisetmarkkinat.fi
- Find Finland 2008 – Turku grand festival
 - Turku will organise a great festival for expatriate Finns on 11-15 June. This is the first time such a meeting will be held outside North America and Australia. The festival is a good opportunity for expatriates to find their roots as well as get to know the modern Finnish society. A wide variety of events will take place during the festival. Read more on www.turku.fi/findfinland
- Change of contact person
 - Harbour master and cruise port director Pekka Räsänen has left the port this autumn to take up new duties. Harbour master a.i. Kari Riutta is currently in charge of cruise matters at the port. He can be contacted at +358 50 5533 123 or kari.riutta@turku.fi.