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## New Savona-Porto Torres line close to start

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The Grimaldi Group is getting ready for the launch of its new Savona-Porto Torres ro-pax line. The ferry Zeus Palace will sail on the new route, departing for the first time from Porto Torres on 16 May.

The new maritime link will enhance the network of connections offered by the Neapolitan company between Sardinia and mainland Italy for the benefit of passengers and transport companies.

The new service will operate three times a week from 16 May to 1 July 2022 and from 19 September to 31 December 2022, with sailings from Savona every Tuesday and Thursday at 8.30 pm and every Saturday at 6.30 pm. Departures from Porto Torres are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 pm. In the same period a weekly call is also scheduled in Cagliari, where the ship, coming from and heading to Porto Torres, will arrive every Saturday at 8.00 pm and then depart at 11.59 pm.

From 2 July to 18 September 2022, the Group will raise the number of weekly departures to six in both directions. Until 13 August, from Monday to Saturday, the Zeus Palace will sail from Savona at 10.00 pm and from Porto Torres at 10.00 am. From 14 August departure times will be reversed, with sailings from Savona at 10.00 am and from Porto Torres at 10.00 pm.

The Italian-flagged ro/pax vessel Zeus Palace can carry up to 1,720 passengers and about 2,000 linear meters of rolling freight (cars, vans, trucks, semi-trailers, etc.). She has 202 cabins (for a total of 796 beds) of various types (inside, oceanview and superior-class), all with en suite facilities and air conditioning, some of which are equipped for passengers with reduced mobility. With the purchase of a special pet kit, all cabins can also accommodate pets traveling in tow. In addition, the lounge has 212 comfortable reclining seats. The services and facilities offered on board include the self-service restaurant, cafeterias, swimming pool with solarium, shops, children's play area and evening entertainment with live music.

The Zeus Palace is a modern ship with a high environmental performance, thanks to the application of top quality silicone paints on the hull, to the optimized propulsion system with innovative blade profile and to the exhaust gas cleaning system that reduces sulphur and particulate emissions.

The extensive network of connections that Grimaldi dedicates to Sardinia will therefore grow with this new, efficient service. The Group currently operates the historic Civitavecchia-Porto Torres-Barcelona route and other regular lines for the transport of both freight and passengers, such as Civitavecchia-Olbia, Naples-Cagliari-Palermo and Civitavecchia-Arbatax-Cagliari, as well as numerous pure freight services linking Cagliari with Genoa, Livorno, Salerno and Valencia/Sagunto.

***(Grimaldi)***