

The company Norwegian Cruise Lines announces 10 stops in Port of Valencia for 2017

Valencia, November 2nd, 2016. - Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) company plans to increase its presence outstandingly in port of Valencia for 2017. Specifically, the shipping company, one of the most important in the world in its sector, has scheduled ten scales of its vessels in Valencia Grao grounds. Thus, the US company returns to bet for Valencia after an exercise -2016- in which only occurred one scale.

Forecasts handled by Norwegian Cruise Lines include seven scales of Norwegian Spirit ship (January 11th and 22nd, February 3rd, March 31st, May 5th, November 21st and December 24th), two scales of Norwegian Epic (21st October and November 4th) and a scale of Norwegian Joy on May 10th. Indeed, the latest vessel, which is still in shipyards, is considered the most innovative and luxurious ship in the fleet of the company.

Norwegian Cruise Lines cruises are characterized by using the Freestyle Cruising concept, which gives passengers greater freedom and flexibility on board.

Cruises traffic

Valencia port closed 2015 with a total of 371,374 cruise tourists and in 2016 is expected to reach 402,000 cruise passengers. Currently, Valencia serves as homeport for shipping *MSC Cruceros* and *Costa Cruceros* and receives scales of other 34 companies in the sector. PAVs Strategic Plan expects to reach 600,000 passengers, 250 scales and 40 shipping by 2020.

The Port of Valencia has two docks that allow the berthing of ships up to 300 meters length and three other docks located in the area of the northern extension for those ships exceeding 300 meters length. All facilities have the latest standards of quality service and passenger and vessel safety. It is also expected that PAV outs a tender for the construction and operation of the new terminal at the cruise dock located on the northern extension in 2017.