

## PASSENGERLINER SPECIAL – PART 1



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## PASSENGERSHIPS CRUISING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (1)

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The Mediterranean is a popular area for cruising in Europe, a lot of cruise vessel are operating on several routes and visiting the most popular ports in Italy, Greece, Croatia, Spain and North Africa. You can find in the Mediterranean large cruise vessels for mass entertainment or smaller ones for more cozy cruising with less passengers onboard, but with a lot of attention of the staff onboard.



Old and new ships as can be seen as on the picture above, on the left side the large in 1996 build **COSTA VICTORIA** and on the right the 1956 build **TOPAZ**, both vessel moored at the cruise terminal at the port of Palma de Mallorca October 24<sup>th</sup> 2002.

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The Panamanian flagged **TOPAZ** which is at present in charter for THOMSON which is a part of the **TUI group** was built under the name **EMPRESS OF BRITAIN** and sailed under the names **QUEEN ANNA MARIA**, **CARNIVALE**, **FIESTA MARINA** and **OLYMPIC** this vessel is one of the older vessels and charter to end in May 2003

The **COSTA VICTORIA** was built during 1996 at the Bremer Vulkan Yard in Germany and measures 76.000 GRT, is 251 mtr long and can carry more than 2000 passengers, the crew onboard is about 800.



One of the latest additions is the **A'ROSA BLU** which is laying at the port of NAPLES at the picture left, this ship can be recognized easily with the large red rose and lips painted on the bow, this ship was built under the name **CROWN PRINCESS** and was converted during June 2002 at the Lloyd Werft into the **A'ROSA BLU**, it was a very large conversion, costing Euro 35 million which

was completed in 35 days.



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The **TRITON** was built at the Rotterdam Dydock Company in Rotterdam (Holland) under the name **CUNARD ADVENTURER**, was later renamed in **SUNWARD II** and is now cruising around under the name **TRITON** for Royal Olympic Cruises.



On the picture left the **TRITON** is moored in the port of Genua with in the background the **EUROPEAN STARS**,

The **EUROPEAN STARS** owned by **FESTIVAL Cruises**. The **EUROPEAN STARS** is the latest addition to the Festival Fleet, she was inaugurated in April 2002 in Barcelona and is the first modern



On the picture left the **EUROPEAN STARS** moored in the port of TUNIS and right in the port of NAEPLS.



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cruise ship to operate year-round cruising in the Med, offering weekly departures from Genoa, Marseilles and Barcelona through December 7 and then operating 10-day sailings from Genoa to the Canary Islands and Morocco until March 27, 2003.

The **EUROPEAN STARS** boosted the Festival fleet to six vessels with a total capacity of 6600 passengers, the vessel is built at Chantiers de l'Atlantique, the 58.700 grt 1566 berth ship is the **EUROPEAN VISION** and flies the Italian flag.



Top : One of the more cozy vessels is the **SILVER CLOUD** seen here just disembarking the pilot after her departure from the port of Palma de Mallorca October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Note that the most outside cabins have private balconies.

Her sistership (at the photo right) **SILVER WIND** at the Mariotti yard in Genua for maintenance.



The **COSTA TROPICALE** of COSTA CROCIERE which is build under the name **TROPICALE** during 1982, the vessel sailed for Carnival Cruises until the vessel was purchased by Costa, Costa Grociere is also a part of the Carnival Group, at the picture the vessel is departing from the port of Palma de Mallorca Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002.



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Left : The **MELODY** during her departure from Genua cruise terminal Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

The **MELODY** was build during 1982 and started her life as the **ATLANIC** was later renamed in **STARSHIP ATLANTIC** and is now named **MELODY**, at present the vessel is operated by MSC (Mediterranean Shipping Company)



The **COSTA MARINA** started her life as the container vessel **AXEL JOHNSON** which was build during 1969 later the vessel was renamed **REGENT SUN** in 1986, the same year she was renamed **ITALIA** and during 1990, after purchasing this vessel by COSTA the vessel was converted passenger vessel **COSTA MARINA**, this vessel has a sistership named **COSTA ALLEGRA** which will be highlighted in a special later during November.

At the picture above the **COSTA MARINA** moored at the cruise terminal in the port of Naples.

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Technical details of the vessels mentioned above :

Name	built	built at	Length	Width	Draft	Passengers	Cabins
<b>Costa Victoria</b>	1996	Bremer Vulkan	251 mtr	32 mtr	7.8 mtr	2250	965
<b>Costa Marina</b>	1990	Mariotti	174 mtr	25 mtr	8.2 mtr	1025	386
<b>Costa Tropicale</b>	1981	Aalborg Vaerft	204 mtr	26 mtr	7.11 mtr	1400	511
<b>Melody</b>	1982	La Seyne	205 mtr	27 mtr	7.8 mtr	1076	735
<b>Silver Cloud</b>	1994	Mariotti	155 mtr	21 mtr	5.3 mtr	315	148
<b>Silver Wind</b>	1994	Esercizio	155 mtr	21 mtr	5.3 mtr	315	148
<b>Triton</b>	1971	Rot Drydock	149 mtr	21 mtr	5.8 mtr	945	378
<b>European Stars</b>	2002	Chantiers Atl	247 mtr	28 mtr		1566	783
<b>A'Rosa Blu</b>	1990	Fincantieri	245 mtr	32 mtr	8.1 mtr	1910	795

  

Name	GRT	Speed	Power	Operator
<b>Costa Victoria</b>	74.000 ton	23 knots	30.000 kW	Costa Crociere
<b>Costa Marina</b>	25.441 ton		19.152 kW	Costa Crociere
<b>Costa Tropicale</b>	36.674 ton		19.556 kW	Costa Crociere
<b>Melody</b>	36.500 ton	23 knots	39.000 kW	MSC
<b>Silver Cloud</b>	16.800 ton		11.700 kW	Silversea Cruises
<b>Silver Wind</b>	16.927 ton		11.700 kW	Silversea Cruises
<b>Triton</b>	14.155 ton		19.860 Kw	Royal Olympic Cruises
<b>European Stars</b>	58.600 ton	20 knots		Festival Cruises
<b>A'Rosa Blu</b>	7.000 ton		24.000 kW	A`Rosa



Top : The **COSTA VICTORIA** departing from the Port of Genua.

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### Part 2 of passengerships in the Mediteranean will follow soon

with the following vessels **CONSTELLATION**, **RADISSON DIAMOND** and other vessels which are operating in the Mediterranean during the summer season.



The **GOLDEN PRINCESS** anchored off Monaco

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