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Azamara Club Cruises schedules more calls

Miami-based Azamara Club Cruises, a two-ship company owned by Royal Caribbean Cruises Limited, has announced it is adding two additional calls to Gibraltar this year, following discussions with the Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, Hon Neil Costa. Azamara Club Cruises was established in May 2007. The 700-passenger Azamara Journey is scheduled to call once, while her sister ship, Azamara Quest, is now visiting the Rock four times, three of them within a week, between 29 November and 3 December. Azamara Quest returns to Gibraltar six times in 2013. Azamara has not yet finalised the itineraries of its two ships for summer 2014, but is considering a number of overnight calls.

This increase in activity from Azamara has arisen following discussions held in March, between Minister Costa and Claudius Docekal, the company's Director of Deployment and Destinations, as well as senior executives of other major cruise lines based in Miami.

Commenting on the above, Minister for Tourism, Transport and the Port, Neil Costa MP said: "I am increasingly convinced that it is only through continuous personal contacts and meetings that we can hope to bring business to Gibraltar and grow the cruising industry. Given the usual long lead-in time for schedules to be published, the extra calls of Azamara Quest on the 29th November and 3rd December are most welcome. Although the first is only a half day call, the second is a 16-hour stay, during which passengers and crew will be able to fully enjoy what Gibraltar has to offer. Azamara follows Pullmantur in scheduling extra calls after I had established personal contact with senior management responsible for itinerary planning. I am confident that with continuous work we should convince other operators to follow suit."