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### **An Azamazing Evening at St Michael's Cave**

The cruise ship Azamara Quest will be calling at Gibraltar on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, the first of two special calls the ship will be making this year. It is special because Azamara Club Cruises have chosen Gibraltar, and in particular St Michael's Cave, for one of their "AzAmazing Evenings". These complimentary onshore events offer an up-close experience of local traditions — dance, music, theatre and cuisine - in gorgeous private settings and landmarks. At the Cave, Azamara Quest's passengers will enjoy a performance by the Band of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment, together with Andrea Simpson. Drinks and local canapés will be served and guests can choose between one of two concert times: 5:30pm or 7:30pm. Members of the Re-enactment Society "History Alive" will also be present at the Cave. The evening will be rounded off by a fireworks display, which will be set off from the Detached Mole.

As a souvenir for the ship's passengers on this call, the Gibraltar Tourist Board will leave a commemorative Diamond Jubilee Crown as gift in each of the ship's cabins.

"The decision by Azamara Club Cruises to choose Gibraltar for their "AzAmazing Evenings" is a result of my Ministry's direct marketing approach to the cruise companies that call at Gibraltar", said the Hon Neil Costa MP, Minister for Tourism, Consumer Affairs, Public Transport and the Port. "Meeting Azamara executives face-to-face and inviting their Global Tour Operations Director to Gibraltar has given us the opportunity to showcase the unique tourist product we are proud to have. The company immediately saw the potential of Gibraltar and our famous Cave as a unique venue for their exclusive product. I am delighted to welcome Azamara Club Cruises on this special occasion and look forward to more close collaboration with them for future calls."

The AzAmazing Evening will be the first major event to be held at St Michael's Cave since its refurbishment. The improvements, finished just in time for the event, include the refurbishment of the toilets with the provision of a second toilet for the disabled, the widening of the bridge inside the Cave, a new ticket office, the widening of the exit, which will become the Cave's new entrance, new turnstiles, the widening of the steps within the Cave, a specialised lift at the new entrance to enable guests with

disabilities to view the Cave from the first landing and general improvements to the exterior of the site.

Azamara Club Cruises have organised a similar event for the ship's next call on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.