

Andrejsala moors its first passenger cruise ship

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On June 7, the Andrejsala moorage received its first passenger ship. *Delphin Voyager*, a sea vessel with approximately 485 passengers, arrived from Helsinki en route to Klaipėda.

Valters Māziņš, chairman of the board of SIA "Jaunrīgas attīstības uzņēmums" (the company in charge of the Andrejsala development), comments: "Through efficient use of the existing infrastructure and mooring space in Andrejsala, which is located near the historic centre of Rīga, we can contribute to the number of cruise ships served and thus advance the development of tourism in the Latvian capital. Before, the Andrejsala anchorage was used commercially for handling of timber; it has now transformed into a harbour for cruise ships."

Currently the moorage of Andrejsala can accept passenger ships that are up to 210 metres long and have a draught of up to 7.3 metres. SIA "Jaunrīgas attīstības uzņēmums" plans to continue to offer mooring in Andrejsala to a variety of maritime companies.

During this year's holiday season Andrejsala expects to welcome at least a dozen cruise ships. The next cruise ship arrival is scheduled for the 16th of June.