



Anyone with information on this barge from Belgium?



Cruise Ships Visiting Uruguay

In 2010, Uruguay issued the second set depicting cruise ships that have visited the country. The first one was issued in 2006 and depicted the **QUEEN MARY 2**, **COSTA FORTUNA**, **ZUIDERDAM** and **STAR PRINCESS**. See *WP* 53:52/53 for more information.

MSC LIRICA (cruise ship)

Uruguay # a (2010) \$37

2003 – Newco Lirica SA, Geneva, Switzerland (reg. Panama); STX France SA (the former Chantiers Atlantique), St Nazaire, France (yard No K 32); Gt. 59,058, nt. 33,747, dwt. 6,563; 251.25m x 28.80m x 34.85m., length bhp. 222.25m, 6.8m (draught); four Diesel electric Wärtsilä 12V38A diesel engines geared to 4 electric generators 7,650 kW each, propulsion by two azimuthing pods, 27,174 hp. (20,000 kW), 21.5 kn; 19 Watertight compartments; 14 Cont. decks of which nine are passenger decks with 780 cabins, passenger capacity 1,560 double cabin occupancy; crew 700; building cost 280 million Euro.



She was built as a **MISTRAL**-class cruise ship by STX France SA (former Chantiers Atlantique), St Nazaire, France, for Newco Lirica SA, Geneva, Switzerland. She was floated out as the **MSC LIRICA** and delivered to manager Mediterranean Shipping Co, Italy, on March 24, 2003.

She was christened **MSC LIRICA** in Naples, by the famed actress Sophia Loren on April 12, 2003, and is registered under Panama flag. She is mostly used in Mediterranean cruises during the summer and in winter to the Caribbean.

In 2010, she was listed with same name and owner.

Sources: Bureau Veritas; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS_C_Lirica; http://www.faktaomfartyg.se/msc_lirica_2003.htm

VEENDAM (4) (cruise ship)

Uruguay # b (2010) \$37

1996 – Holland America Line, Rotterdam, Netherlands (managers: Holland America Line Inc., Seattle U.S.A.); Fincantieri Breda, Marghera, Venice, Italy (yard No 5954); Gt. 55,451, nt. 26,945, dwt. 6,604; 219.21m x 30.80m x 7.50m; two diesel electric Sulzer-Grandi 12ZAV40S diesel engines and two Sulzer-Grandi 8ZAL40 diesel engines, 34,560 kW., twin shafts, 20.3kn; Accommodation for 1,350 passengers and 580 crew.

Built as a cruise vessel by Fincantieri Breda, Marghera, Venice, Italy, for Holland America Line, Nassau, Bahamas, she was launched as the **VEENDAM (4)** on May 25, 1995, named after a town in the Province Groningen, Netherlands.

She was completed on April 23, 1996, sailed from Venice to Malaga, Spain, on April 28, then to Fort Lauderdale, where she began her first cruise on May 25.

On Jan. 9, 2006, she was transferred to Dutch registry, registered at Rotterdam, and in April 2009, she underwent a refit in Freeport, Bahamas.

In 2010, she is listed as in service owned by HAL Nederland and managed by Holland America Line Inc., Seattle U.S.A.

Sources: Various web-sites; http://www.faktaomfartyg.se/veendam_1996.htm

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