

**“VIKING ORION” DELIVERED IN ANCONA**

**Trieste, June 7, 2018** – “Viking Orion”, the fifth cruise ship which Fincantieri has built for Viking, has been delivered today at the shipyard in Ancona.

“Viking Orion”, as its sister ships, is in the small cruise ship segment; with a gross tonnage of about 47,800 tons, it has 465 cabins with accommodation for 930 passengers.

The ship has been designed by experienced naval architects and engineers, including an interior design team of London-based SMC Design, and Los Angeles-based Rottet Studios, who gave the “Viking Orion” a modern design of Scandinavian inspiration, characterized by sophisticated yet functional elegance. In addition to the all-veranda staterooms, the ship also has spacious suites with sweeping views, two pools, of which one Infinity Pool off the stern, and a Spa designed according to the wellness philosophy of the Scandinavian tradition, with a sauna and a snow grotto.

The Viking units are all built according to the latest navigation regulations and equipped with the most modern safety systems, including the “Safe return to port”. Furthermore, they feature high-efficiency engines, hydro-dynamically optimized streamlined hull and bow for maximum fuel efficiency and equipment that minimizes exhaust pollution and meets the strictest environmental regulations.

The first of the series, “Viking Star”, has been built at the shipyard in Marghera and delivered in 2015. The other units, “Viking Sea” (2016), “Viking Sky” (2017) and “Viking Sun” (2017), were all built at the Ancona yard, as is the sixth ship, “Viking Jupiter”, which was floated out just a few weeks ago. Other 10 units will take to the sea from the Group’s Italian yards between 2019 and 2027, thus witnessing the bond of trust between the Fincantieri Group and the shipowner.

Fincantieri has built 84 cruise ships from 1990 to today (61 from 2002), while other 43 are currently being designed or built in the Group’s yards.

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