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Cruise terminals at Océankaj celebrate anniversary

Ten years ago, Copenhagen received flexible, modern cruise terminals at Océankaj.

On 2 May 2014, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II officially opened the terminals in Outer Nordhavn. "Legend of the Seas" from Royal Caribbean International had the honor of being the first ship to call Océankaj on this day. These three identical terminal buildings, which later that year were honoured by the City of Copenhagen as particularly beautiful buildings, extend over 3,300 square metres each and are equipped with flexible

facilities for passenger and baggage handling. The quay, which is 1,100 metres long, ends at the south with a 12-metre high observation tower with public access. The quays are also able to receive wastewater from the ships, which is sent directly to treatment plants.

Expectations met

Oceankajen's terminals have lived up to the expectations of ten years ago. They have created the optimal framework for turn-around calls, where passengers board and disembark from the ships. Together with Nordre Toldbod and Langelinie, Oceankaj enables Copenhagen to welcome cruise ships of all sizes and types. This has made a positive contribution to Copenhagen's economy and employment. This year, Copenhagen was even named Europe's leading cruise port by World Travel Awards.

In their first year of operation, the new terminals had more than 100 calls, and last year this number had almost doubled and accounted for more than half of Copenhagen's cruise calls. The ten years of the terminals have brought more than 1,300 ship calls with a total passenger capacity of 5 million guests to Copenhagen. If you add all calls together, this corresponds to a total ship length of 380 kilometres!

Future plans

There are big plans for the next decade. In 2025, Europe's largest onshore power facility will open at both Oceankaj and Langelinie, allowing ships to switch off their generators when they are berthed. In 2027, the Nordhavn tunnel will open, which will improve accessibility to Nordhavn. Finally, the present container terminal at Levantkaj will move next to the cruise terminals. Urban development will also gradually come to Outer Nordhavn, which with Nordhavnsparke will house one of the city's largest recreational areas, and the Metro will have a station not far from the terminals.

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