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Cruise quay in Visby has opened

The new cruise quay in Visby was opened today in connection with the visit to the port of the ship AIDAdiva. The venture is a collaboration between Region Gotland and Copenhagen Malmö Port, CMP, with Region Gotland building the quay and CMP taking responsibility for the actual operation starting from now. At the same time, both parties are marketing Gotland as a destination together with Gotland Cruise Network.

Work started in February 2016 on the new cruise quay in Visby, and it has now been opened for arrivals completely in accordance with the time schedule. The official inauguration was held today, with almost 200 guests participating. The ship AIDAdiva arrived in the morning and is the second

ship to have docked at the new quay. The ship Astoria visited Gotland as early as April 16.

“CMP has long and positive experience of developing cruise ports and marketing destinations. The fact that we are now also able to offer our customers Visby as a cruise destination is a milestone. It makes the cruise routes in the Baltic Sea even more attractive. Today is a big day and we are delighted to have the opportunity to be involved in developing Gotland as a cruise destination”, says Barbara Scheel Agersnap, CEO of Copenhagen Malmö Port AB.

90 arrivals with a total of some 90,000 passengers are scheduled to visit Gotland during this year's cruise season. The aim is to reach 150,000 passengers within a few years.

“Together with CMP and Gotland Cruise Network, we want to establish conditions for the visitors to have unique and positive experiences of cruising to Gotland and that businesses throughout Gotland perceive the business opportunities our initiative and our collaboration with CMP entail,” says Peter Lindvall, Regional Director of Region Gotland.

Sustainability issues have played a major role during the project. The ships that come to Visby can empty their waste water into an underground basin, from where it is pumped onward to the sewage works. The sludge can then be used in biogas production on Gotland.

Two 340 metre long ships can dock simultaneously at the cruise quay. Including abutments, it will extend a total of about 600 metres out into the sea. The terminal, which is adjacent to the quay, is 300 m² and intended for services for passengers and crew.

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Facts about the cruise quay in Visby:

- In total the new quay extends 599.5 metres out to sea including abutments.

- The land area is around 15,000 square metres in size, with 12,000 square metres for the cruise quay. It was created from approximately 130,000 cubic metres of dredging spoils.
 - The terminal building covers 300 square metres and houses tourist information, toilets, storage and areas for authorities and crew members.
 - Two ships, each of 340 metres, can dock at the quay simultaneously.
 - The breakwaters consist of approximately 80,000 tonnes of granite. Approximately 20,000 tonnes comes from Gotland, the rest was delivered by barge from the mainland.
 - The quay's anchor rods are drilled 10 metres down into the bedrock.
 - There are 44 bollards on the quay: 4 on the dolphins, 24 on the quay and 16 on the access bridge.
 - Beneath the land area is an equalising tank with a total capacity of 1,200 cubic metres that can receive waste water from the ships.
 - There are five lighted buoys in the water on the sides of the quay. The lighted buoys denote the dredged area with a free depth of 11 metres at average water level.
 - At the far end of the quay are two dolphins by which ships will anchor. From the bridge between the dolphins it is about five metres down to the surface of the water.
 - 90 calls are booked at the cruise quay in 2018, with a total of 90,000 passengers.
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