

## **Press Release**

## There's a Christmas feel aboard the AIDA fleet The popular Nordmann fir trees have arrived on 12 ships around the world

The last Christmas trees arrived aboard the 12 AIDA ships in recent days. Today, December 20, 2017, AIDAcara received a delivery of 13 fir trees that will get our world travelers in a festive Christmas mood while they're far from home. A further 14 Nordmann fir trees will go aboard AIDAstella in Dubai on December 22, 2017, just in time for Christmas.

All other ships in the AIDA fleet have already been supplied with the popular Nordmann fir trees grown in Lower Saxony. The youngest fleet member, AIDAperla, for example, received 36 Christmas trees of varying sizes while in Livorno, Italy. These included two that each measure five meters in height. The trees are now being festively decorated and set up in the Theatrium, the restaurants, the bars and, of course, the Kids Club.

Captain Jens Janauscheck is delighted with AIDAperla's Christmas delivery: "Christmas is very important to a seaman as well. This is a time when we particularly think about our loved ones at home and, as a crew, we come closer together. A festively decorated fir tree is simply part of Christmas – not only for our guests but also for our crew. Together, we want to celebrate a peaceful Christmas on board."

Christmas Eve will be rung in aboard all ships of the AIDA fleet with a Christmas dinner. AIDA's restaurants will be serving every kind of culinary treat from juicy roast goose with red cabbage and dumplings, to traditional carp and a caviar buffet, to crispy gingerbread houses. After dinner the AIDA Show Ensemble and the crew will be stepping up the festive mood with the Christmas gala. And there will be a real Christmas feel on board during the traditional carol singing with the guests and a nativity play performed by the children.

The AIDA Hosts have come up with an exciting program especially for children and teenagers. On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus will come aboard with his sack of gifts. After that, our younger guests can enjoy a sleepover at the Kids Club. While their parents can enjoy a beautiful evening of light-hearted celebration, the children will get to snuggle up and listen to Christmas stories, and then drop off to sleep in the best of care.

All AIDA Christmas Cruises can be booked in travel agencies, at www.aida.de and at the AIDA Customer Center by calling +49 (0)381/20270707.

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