

## **Media release**

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### **Ports North welcomes 'Ritzy' cruise ship Europa2**



#### **Vessel Information**

**Built:** 2012  
**GT:** 42,830  
**Builder:** STX Europe, France  
**Length:** 225.6m  
**Beam:** 26.7m  
**Draft:** 6.3 m  
**Decks:** 7 passenger  
**Passenger capacity:** 516  
**Crew:** more than 370  
**Shipping Agent:** Gulf Agency

Considered the number-one cruise ship in the world, the MS *Europa 2* will make its maiden visit to the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal with approximately 800 passengers and crew on board.

The ship is scheduled to dock in the Port of Cairns on Saturday January 28 at 1300 and will stay overnight before departing on Sunday evening at 1900.

*Europa 2* entered service in 2013 and has since been named the number-one cruise ship in the world by the *Berlitz Guide to Cruising & Cruise Ships*, replacing her fleet-mate, MS *Europa*, which was in Cairns only 10 days ago.

Ports North will be marking this first-time visit to Cairns with a commemorative plaque presentation to the ship's captain.

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