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Another of the AIDA family arrives at Portland



AIDAura arriving at Portland Port

Today Portland Port again welcomed one of the AIDA family. On her inaugural visit to the Port we welcomed AIDAura. Launched in 2003 AIDAura is one of the smallest of the AIDA cruise vessels, the 42,289-ton, 1300 -passenger cruise ship AIDAura was the third vessel to join the AIDA fleet.

Having her sister ship AIDAvita return to the Port on Monday and then having the inaugural visit of AIDAura from the same line during the same week has been amazing. Portland Port have in total 8 AIDA cruise ship visits scheduled in 2019 including another inaugural voyage of AIDAcara later in the year. This marks an exciting point in the development of the port's cruise business and shows the great support Portland Port is being given by AIDA. The Port have in total 17 German ship's coming in this season which shows the attractiveness of the region to the German market.

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As this was AIDAura's inaugural visit she received the Portland Port stone plaque, which was presented to the Captain on board by Alex Hayes General Manager – Landside. This was the third German ship to visit Portland in the same week which has been a great boost for the Port and the surrounding areas.



AIDAura Portland Stone Plaque

NOTES TO EDITORS

Attached pictures are as follows:

P1: AIDAura

P2: AIDAura Plaque

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Previously a naval dockyard for over 150 years, Portland Harbour is now a thriving and successful commercial facility. It still maintains a close relationship with the past through its ongoing contract to support the RFA, as well as being home to the activities of Global Marine and Portland Bunkers UK. It has almost 2,500 hectares of water at depths of up to 15m (C.D.); and provides vessel services from long term lay-ups to brief maintenance calls, luxury cruise liner docking facilities to industrial cargo shipments.

The tariff and general Portland Harbour Authority information can be viewed at <http://www.portland-port.co.uk/> M/F

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Portland Port has over 2,000 metres of alongside berths and 11.6 metres (C.D.) depth of water at the deepest alongside berth.

Berthing for vessels up to 350m (subject to Harbour Master's approval).

11 designated anchorages are within the 1,015-hectare inner harbour.

Six designated anchorages are within the 1,436-hectare Outer Harbour.

A width of 210 metres and depth of over 12.6 metres (C.D.) at the entrance of the harbour mean that there are few vessel beam, lock, or air draft restriction.

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