



2nd February 2009

Three new Shipping Line Services between MALTA, CATANIA, GENOVA and CIVITAVECCHIA

New 'Low Cost' passenger connections to further develop tourism and cargo/passenger traffic
between Italy, Sicily and Malta

- Malta / Genova/ Malta: 1 weekly sailing for passengers, 2 sailings for freight
- Malta / Civitavecchia/Malta: 1 weekly sailing for passengers, 2 sailings for freight
- Malta / Catania / Malta: 2 weekly sailing for passengers, 4 sailings for freight

Malta 26th January 2009 – On the 19th January 2009, Grimaldi Group Naples bravely announced 9 new motorways of the sea services. Malta will be at the forefront of this new venture with 3 new 'low cost' passenger services calling at Valletta Grand Harbour with effect from 2nd February 2009. This development will improve the already existing touristic connections between Italy and Malta, improving the free circulation of citizens and cohesion within the European Union internal markets. The combination of Pax/RoRo and RoRo vessels deployed on the Malta Trade, will continue to strengthen the cargo flows and port connections, which during the past three years have seen great developments. This scenario will further increase Malta's competitive edge and the Maltese economy in general.

The following are the developments presented by Grimaldi Lines:

- **Malta / Genova / Malta and Malta / Civitavecchia / Malta**
The motorways of the sea services introduced by Grimaldi Group will offer a weekly departure from Genova and Civitavecchia for both passengers and rolling cargoes. **Passenger Services** will offer a Saturday departure from Genova to Malta and Thursday from Malta to Genova, with a total transit time of 36 hours. From Civitavecchia to Malta, the departure will be on Tuesday whilst that from Malta to Civitavecchia on Monday; the total sailing time on this leg will be of 26 hours. Modern 'Visentini type' passenger/Roro vessels will be deployed on these services, with a capacity of carrying up to 834 passengers with 93 cabin facilities. These vessels also dispose of a cargo carrying capacity comprising of 170 cars and 172 commercial trucks and trailers.
- **Malta / Catania / Malta**
The Malta / Catania service will incorporate two new weekly services dedicated to passengers whereas services focusing on Roro cargoes will remain four times weekly. Passenger Services will be provided every Sunday and Wednesday from Catania, and every Monday and Thursday from Malta. The total sailing time on this leg will be of 6 hours. Modern passenger/Roro vessels will be deployed on these services, type Visentini buildings with a capacity of carrying upto 834 passengers with 93 cabin facilities. These vessels also dispose of a cargo carrying capacity comprising of 170 cars and 172 commercial trucks and trailers.

RoRo Cargo Services. Grimaldi Group will be deploying modern Eurocargo type Roro vessels on traffic moving between Genova, Civitavecchia, Catania and Malta, each with a cargo carrying capacity of over 400 cars and 170 trucks and trailers. These vessels also offers cabin facilities for 50 drivers.

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The New Line		
	Passenger & Freight	Freight only
Genova>Malta>Genova	1 x Week	2 x Week
Catania>Malta>Catania	2 x Week	4 x Week
Civitavecchia>Malta>Civitavecchia	1 x Week	2 x Week