

AIDAcosma: 140-meter-long LNG engine room unit to be transferred from Rostock-Warnemünde to Papenburg

February 24, 2020

Early this morning (February 24, 2020), it was "Cast off!" at the Neptun Werft shipyard in Rostock-Warnemünde for the 140-meter-long, 42-meter-wide, and four-deck-high floating engine room unit for AIDAcosma. The construction module of AIDA Cruises' second cruise ship to be operated with low-emission LNG in the future is on its way to the MEYER WERFT shipyard in Papenburg. In May 2021, AIDAcosma's premiere season begins with cruises to Northern Europe and the Baltic Sea. As early as 2023, the cruise line will be putting its third LNG cruise ship into service.

The heart of AIDAcosma's floating engine room unit (FERU) are the four dual-fuel engines and three LNG tanks with a total capacity of 3,550 cubic meters.

For AIDA Cruises, the use of low-emission liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a bridge technology is an important step on the path to emission-neutral cruising. Through the use of LNG, local ship emissions are sustainably reduced. In collaboration with industry and research partners, the company is also already investing in the future use of synthetic liquefied gas and renewable fuels, such as biofuels, today. This year, the currently largest battery storage system ever installed on a passenger ship will be put into operation on board AIDAperla. In 2021, the first trials with fuel cells will be conducted on AIDAnova.

AIDAcosma's premiere season starts in May 2021. By October 2021, the ship will be departing from Kiel on weekly alternating cruises to the Norwegian fjords and some of the most beautiful cities on the Baltic Sea. In the 2021/2022 winter season, AIDAcosma will be sailing the Persian Gulf from Dubai and Abu Dhabi. All cruises can be booked now at travel agencies, with the AIDA Customer Center at the phone number 0381/202 707 07, or online at www.aida.de.

Rostock, February 24, 2020

Photo note: Here are the most important stages of the transfer (pending further weather conditions):

2/24/2020, around 11 p.m., arrival in Kiel

2/25/2020, morning, the passage down the Kiel Canal

The further voyage passes Brunsbüttel, Cuxhaven, Emden, and, via the Ems, ends in Papenburg.

3/1/2020 expected arrival in Papenburg