

# Athena



## Fact Sheet

<b>Name:</b>	Named after the Greek goddess of wisdom
<b>Registered/Flag:</b>	Madeira, Portugal
<b>Size/number of decks:</b>	16,144 tons/ 8 decks – Classed as a mid-sized liner
<b>Length/width:</b>	160m long/ 21 m wide
<b>Draft (under water)/Speed:</b>	7.6m – a deep draft designed for stability on ocean voyages/ 16.5 knots
<b>Passengers:</b>	580
<b>Number of Cabins:</b>	276, including 42 suites. Eight of the top suites have private balconies and jacuzzi baths. Every cabin offers a bath (with overhead shower) – a luxury only found in suites on the latest super liners.
<b>Rebuilt/Last Refurbished:</b>	Originally a transatlantic liner. Totally rebuilt as a cruise ship in 1994 at a cost of US\$150 million. Refurbished 2004.
<b>Features:</b>	Wrap-around promenade deck – most of which overhangs the hull, traditional wooden deck chairs, pool, fitness centre, sauna, five bars and lounges, nightclub, showlounge, casino, library, boutiques, cinema. internet café, formal and casual restaurants all serviced by 2 lifts. Children's activities during school holidays.
<b>Style of Cruising:</b>	Intimate small-ship cruising... In contrast to new huge resort-type superliners, Classic International Cruises offers a return to what it calls the 'Classic Cruising Experience' where crew escort passengers to their cabins on embarkation and know their names throughout the cruise in a friendly and relaxed setting. Attentive, good old-fashioned service from the crew and fine cuisine are the hallmarks of the Classic Cruising experience.
<b>Onboard currency:</b>	Australian dollars. A cashless system operates onboard.

### What the critics say:

"This sturdily built ship (Athena) is really one of the old classics that has been lovingly maintained and holds a special charm for those not seeking the newest large resort ships." *From the Berlitz Guide to Cruising, considered the 'Bible' of cruising.*

### 2010/11 Cruise Season:

Athena will offer 13 cruises to and from Fremantle/Perth in WA between November, 2010, and April, 2011. Cruises from 2-39 nights in length. Destinations include Bali, Asia, the coasts of Western Australia and South Australia, including Kangaroo Island and voyages to and from Europe.

### Fares:

From \$445 per person for 2 nights including all meals, onboard entertainment and gratuities.

### Classic International Cruises:

Seventh successive summer cruising from Australia in 2010/11. Founded in 1982, Classic International Cruises carries 200,000 passengers a year, with the five-ship fleet offering cruises in Europe, the UK, South America and, since 2004, Australia and from 2010, Asia.

