



As you have previously expressed an interest in cruising with Swan Hellenic, we are pleased to enclose a copy of our latest Journal.

Swan Hellenic's *Minerva* – the perfect ship for discovery cruising

For almost 60 years Swan Hellenic has been defining the art of discovery cruising, travelling in comfort and style on board our small ship, *Minerva*, in the company of our eminent Guest Speakers. Each cruise includes a tailor-made programme of inclusive shore excursions which combine the 'must see' sites with some hidden gems, whilst the history and culture of each destination is brought into sharper focus by our Guest Speakers, each of whom is chosen for their expertise relative to the cruise itinerary. Our all-inclusive fares also feature all gratuities on board and ashore.

This Journal follows on from the announcement of a multi-million pound upgrade to *Minerva*, our 350 berth passenger ship which has been designed specifically for our unique brand of cruising. The innovative upgrade, to be carried out between 23 November 2011 – 29 February 2012, includes the provision of 32 new balcony suites, new ensuite facilities to all cabins, and the creation and expansion of public areas to provide more space on board as well as panoramic views from the new observation lounge on the top deck. This new *Minerva* will enable us to remain at the forefront of discovery cruising for years to come.

Be the first to sail aboard the 'all new' *Minerva* in spring 2012

When the newly upgraded *Minerva* returns to cruising in March 2012, she embarks on a series of six fascinating spring cruises to the Atlantic Islands, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, details of which are given in this Journal and the enclosed flyer. The first of these cruises, departing on 2 March 2012 from *Minerva*'s historic home port of Portsmouth, is 'Islands of the Sun', which visits Iberia, Morocco, the Canary Islands and Madeira.

Book now for your 2012 or 2013 cruise aboard the 'all new' *Minerva*

We are already experiencing a high level of interest in our 2012-13 cruises aboard the newly upgraded *Minerva* and, as cabins do sell out quickly, we recommend booking early in order to secure the cabin and cruise itinerary of your choice. To make a reservation, or for any further information, please call us today on **0843 218 9383 quoting SWPNQ67** (Monday-Friday 9am to 7pm; Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm) or visit us online at www.swanhellenic.com.

I hope the enclosed information conveys how excited all of us at Swan Hellenic are about *Minerva*'s new upgrade, and that it inspires you to experience our distinctive discovery cruises in even more comfort and style.

On behalf of our Captains, Cruise Directors and staff on board and ashore, we look forward to welcoming you aboard a Swan Hellenic cruise soon.

Yours sincerely

Colin Stone
Managing Director

P.S. See enclosed flyer for details of our fascinating Spring 2012 cruises – already selling fast!



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