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## TWENTY-TWO HOURS OF FUN

An “amusement park for adults” – that’s the slogan for the newest cruise-ferry of Tallink. Sailing between Helsinki and Tallinn, the 48,900 gross tons *Baltic Princess* operates one roundtrip a day, offering a competitive short-cruise product tailored especially for the Finnish market. Complete with all the bells and whistles, the *Baltic Princess* provides accommodations and public rooms that nearly rival the quality of many new cruise ships.

The *Baltic Princess* is a stretched version of the *ms Romantika*, which was the first-ever newbuilding for Tallink. Since then, the Estonian company has introduced new ships at a brisk rate, and the *Baltic Princess* is the fourth of five new cruise ferries being built for the company at STX Europe’s Finnish shipyards. Additionally, both STX Europe and Italy’s Fincantieri have delivered one ropax vessel each for the company’s Helsinki-Tallinn shuttle service. The fifth cruise ferry, a project code-named *Cruise 5*, will be delivered from the Rauma shipyard in spring 2009 and will enter service on the Stockholm-Tallinn route.



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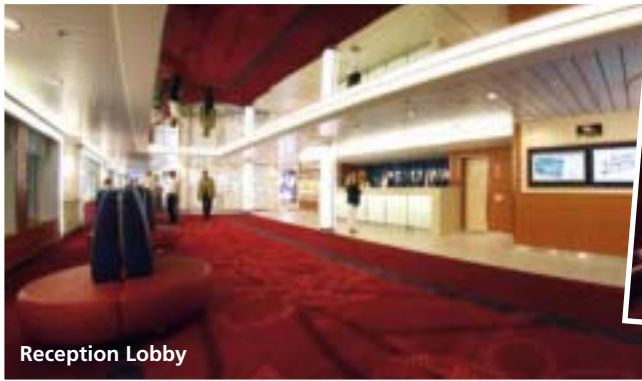
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Starlight Night Club

The Baltic Princess is nearly identical to the ms Galaxy delivered in 2006. She can carry 2,800 passengers, of which 2,500 can be accommodated in 927 passenger cabins. While small, the cabins, pre-fabricated by Piikkio Works, are adequate for an overnight cruise. There are several restaurants and public rooms, ranging from a buffet restaurant to the grill Restaurant, Russian restaurant and gourmet Restaurant. Entertainment areas include a large, two-deck show lounge and nightclub called the Starlight, a disco, a dance bar and two pubs, among others. Below the car deck, there are a swimming pool and saunas.

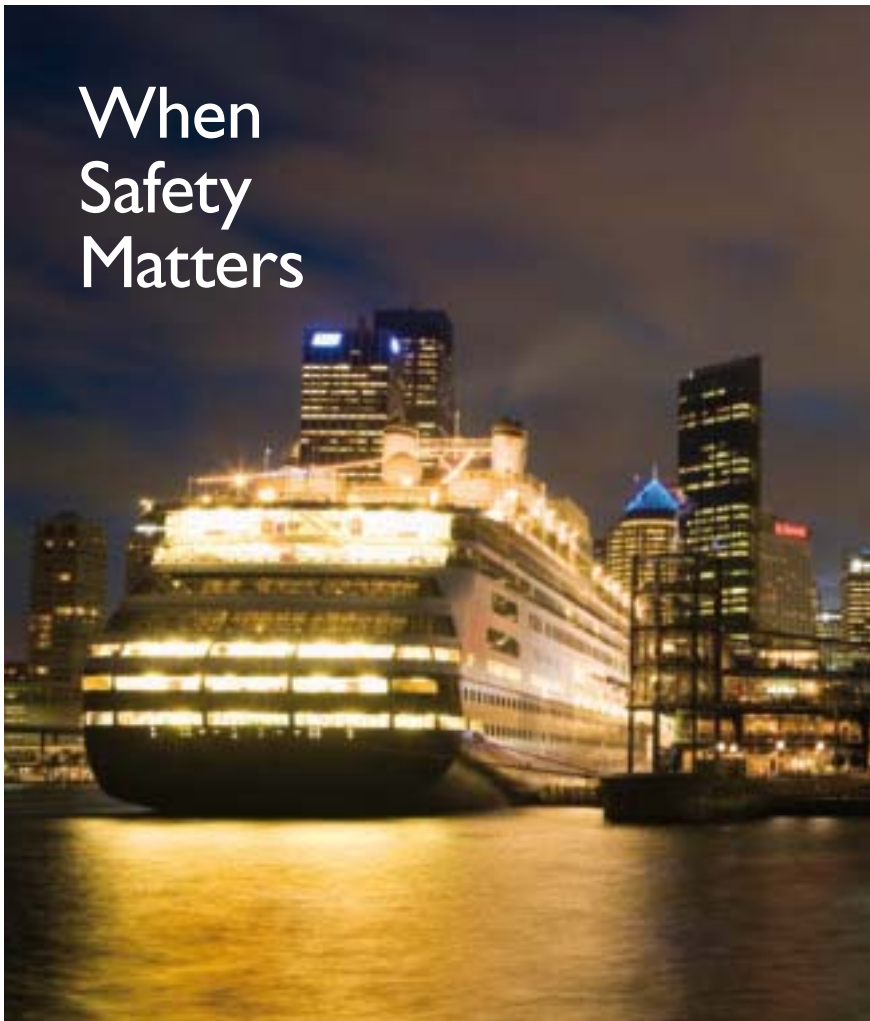
The interior architects for the Baltic Princess were Helsinki-based Aprocos, while outfitting companies included Merima Oy and N.I.T. Naval Interior Team. Other notable names were Wartsila for the engines, TTS Ships Equipment for the car deck and ramps, Viking Life-Saving for MES and life rafts, Pilkington for wind screens and glass roofs, Koja Marine for HVAC and ventilation, KONE Elevators for the elevators onboard, and Finlayson for cabin textiles and bedding products. ■



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