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Sydney Harbour Comes Alive in February

“Sydney embarks on the liveliest month of the cruise season next week with the arrival of Radisson Seven Seas’ Seven Seas Voyager,” said Greg Martin, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ports Corporation.

The Seven Seas Voyager will sail into Australia’s busiest cruise port for the first time on Monday morning accompanied by a spectacular water display by Sydney Ports’ Fire Tug Ted Noffs.

“Traditionally there is a concentration of cruise vessels visiting Sydney in February and 2004 is no exception.”

“There will be 21 cruise vessel visits this month with 15 of these from overseas cruise liners,” Mr Martin said..

“There will be a cruise vessel at one or both of Sydney’s two dedicated cruise terminals for 23 out of the 29 days of February.”

“In this time three cruise vessels will visit Sydney for the first time including Seven Seas Voyager, P&O Cruises’ Adonia and Fred Olsen Lines’ Black Watch.”

“There will also be the return visits of local favourites including the QE2, Aurora, SuperStar Leo and the Star Princess which will make its fourth and final visit to Sydney for the year,” said Mr Martin.

The arrival of Black Watch at the end of the month will be the first visit ever by a Fred Olsen vessel.

“This year (2003/2004) Sydney is host to a total of 81 vessel visits demonstrating the continuing popularity of Sydney as a cruise destination.”

“Over the next month Sydney sidlers will enjoy a magnificent vista of grand ships entering and departing Sydney Harbour as well as the colourful Spirit of Tasmania III visiting three times a week,” Mr Martin said.

When:

6am, Monday, 2 February 2004: estimated time Seven Seas Voyager will enter the Heads in Sydney Harbour sailing from Noumea.

7am, Monday, 2 February 2004: estimated time Seven Seas Voyager will berth at the OPT.

4pm, Tuesday, 3 February 2004: estimated time Seven Seas Voyager will depart Darling Harbour for New Zealand.

Other Sydney arrivals:

6 February 2004: SuperStar Leo

14 February 2004: Star Princess

16 February 2004: QE2

19 February 2004: Aurora

26 February 2004: Adonia

28 February 2004: Black Watch

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