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4/27/09 - New Itineraries for Thomson in 2010

With the Thomson Celebration sailing an all-new variety of itineraries out of Marmaris, Turkey, the Thomson Spirit relocating to Corfu and a variety of early booking offers including free all inclusive upgrades, summer 2010 looks to be another great year for cruises.

Launching April 23 2009, the Thomson Cruises Summer 2010 brochure unveils a new look which will offer customers and agents a clearer quick reference cruise calendar, an updated design and a fantastic selection of itineraries, designed with customers in mind.

The port of Marmaris in Turkey is an exciting addition to the Thomson Cruises variety of offerings, opening up a gateway for holidaymakers to explore more of the Eastern Mediterranean from just £779* per person. Starting in May 2010, the Thomson Celebration will be positioned in Marmaris and cruises will take in beautiful ports such as Izmir, a port steeped in history and where old meets new; Santorini in Greece; Alexandria in Egypt, home of the pink granite Sphinx and Ashdod in Israel, the gateway to the Holy land.

David Selby, Director of Cruising, TUI UK & Ireland said this: "Our new summer 2010 programme reaffirms our belief that the Eastern Mediterranean is the next cruising hotspot for the UK market, it reflects our ongoing commitment to our customers and what we believe they are looking for when booking a cruise holiday. The launch of a brand new full season of cruises from Marmaris in Turkey with flights from 12 UK airports offers our customers easy access to an exciting and popular area of the Mediterranean."

The ever popular Thomson Destiny will be sailing the summer out of Palma. For the comfort of customers, the itineraries will now begin on a Saturday rather than a Thursday and departing flights will be available from fourteen different regional UK airports. Three different itineraries are available – the Mediterranean Renaissance, Jewels of the Mediterranean and the Moorish Delights – taking in ports such as Monte Carlo, Cannes, Barcelona, Tangier and Casablanca. Prices start from £699* per person.

Corfu will be the new home of the Thomson Spirit, sailing towards Venice, Dubrovnik, Kotor in Montenegro, Athens and Rhodes. Again, offering departing flights from fourteen different regional UK airports. The Adriatic Explorer cruise starts from £749* per person.

The Calypso is retiring this year, but not before spending the summer in Halkidiki. The farewell voyage will be a seven night cruise out of Limassol to the Pharaohs and the Promised Land, taking in Alanya, Turkey; Alexandria, Egypt; Port Said, Egypt; Ashdod, Israel and Haifa, Israel before sailing back into Limassol for the last time.

Thomson Cruises summer 2010 programme also includes a variety of early booking offers, including FREE all-inclusive upgrades for all summer '10 cruises, savings of up to £300 per couple on most cruises and great offers on cabin upgrades.

The summer 2010 brochure goes on sale on Thursday 23 April - for more information visit your local Thomson travel agent, visit www.thomson.co.uk/cruise or call 0871 231 3253