

Ship offers 2010 rooms

Vessel to dock in North Van

BY DAMIAN INWOOD, THE PROVINCE JANUARY 9, 2009



The Norwegian Star, seen here lit up while on the river Ems in Leer, Germany, will dock in Vancouver to provide rooms during the 2010 Games.

Photograph by: Ingo Wagner file, AFP

Vancouver 2010 Olympics cruise ship guests will pay up to \$2,770-a-night to wake up to a view of the big yellow sulphur pile east of the Lions Gate Bridge.

"You will be waking up to sunshine," quipped Darrell Mussatto, mayor of North Vancouver City.

"I'm not sure I'd want to stay on a ship tied up in an industrial area."

Edmonton-based GolfAhoy announced yesterday that the 2,240-passenger Norwegian Star will dock "directly across from Stanley Park" during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games.

Mussatto said he's been told the ship will tie up at the Kinder Morgan dock in the District of North Vancouver.

He added that the city is close to finalizing a deal to moor two, 700-passenger pocket cruise ships at the Burrard Dry Dock Pier, next to the SeaBus terminal, during the Games.

According to a GolfAhoy press release, four-night stays on the Norwegian Star range from \$2,370 for an inside cabin to \$11,095 for the "Owners Suite" and include complimentary meals.

Anthony Webber, managing director of Caribbean Cruise Lines Canada Ltd., GolfAhoy's parent company, said the cruise ship will be available for anyone who already has secured Games tickets and is looking for somewhere to stay during the Games.

Four-night packages run from Feb. 16 to Feb. 20 and Feb. 20 to Feb. 24, while six-night packages,

starting at \$3,425, run from Feb. 10 to Feb. 16 and from Feb. 24 to Mar. 2.

Webber said he didn't know the exact location of the dock that the Norwegian Star will use.

He said the packages include transfers from Vancouver International Airport and to a downtown Vancouver transit hub so that guests can get buses to the Olympic venues.

dinwood@theprovince.com

© Copyright (c) The Province