



Welcome to the Family: Azamara Journey® Meets Sister Ship Azamara PursuitSM During Its Maiden Voyage in Haugesund, Norway

Miami, Florida (August 7, 2018) — Yesterday, [Azamara Club Cruises®](#) celebrated a rare occurrence as two of its three vessels, **Azamara Pursuit** — currently on its maiden voyage — and **Azamara Journey** — welcoming new officers — met in Haugesund, Norway. The meeting was celebrated with a variety of activities including an on-shore gathering, which brought the guests and crew from each ship together, as well as a sail away party featuring Norwegian cuisine, cocktails and entertainment.

“Azamara Pursuit, joining its highly award-winning sister, Azamara Journey, marks a new era for the Azamara brand,” said Larry Pimentel, President & CEO of Azamara Club Cruises. “To celebrate the special meeting of the two ships, we could not think of a better way to welcome the new ship and team members than with a celebration that brings together our crew and guests. We are thrilled to do this in Norway — one of Azamara’s most popular destinations.”

Exploring the Destination

As part of its land programming, enabling guests to explore deeper into Haugesund, Azamara offered guests from both ships an exclusive tour of Kyvik Herring Factory, led by the executive chefs onboard Azamara Pursuit and Azamara Journey. During the tour, travelers met the local producers who are committed to keeping Norway’s vibrant Herring fishing tradition alive and learned the process of salting, seasoning, and preserving the fish for use in classic cuisine.

On-Shore Party

To give guests the opportunity to celebrate with crew from both ships, Azamara and the port of Haugesund hosted a party on the pier upon arrival and as guests were returning from their day exploring. The event featured a display of authentic Norwegian customs with a flag parade led by local children dressed in Bunad, traditional Norwegian folk costumes that are worn for special events. The event also included the opportunity for guests to join the plaque ceremony between both captains, the Haugesund Mayor and the port officials.

Sail Away Party

The celebration continued on-board the vessels with a party showcasing Azamara’s commitment to Destination Immersion®. As the ships departed from port, both blew their horns in unison as guests and crew waved goodbye. They also toasted the sister ships meeting with a cocktail mixed with Linie Akvavit — a signature liquor of Norway — all to the sounds of “We Are Family.” The evening concluded with Azamara’s white night-inspired sail away party with a special Scandinavian twist.



Exploring Azamara Pursuit and Azamara Journey

Guests and crew had the opportunity to tour each ship upon arrival in port. They were guided through the various spaces of the ship including the restaurants, pool deck, fitness center, and more.

About the Destination and Voyages

The port town of Haugesund is considered one of the country's principal cultural centers and known as the birthplace of Norway. The lands around Haugesund were lands of power during the Viking Age, and the first king of Norway lived very near by the present city center. Azamara Journey is sailing the 15-Night Journey to North Cape and Azamara Pursuit is sailing the [12-Night Norway Intensive Voyage](#) with eight stops in Scandinavian country.

Photos from the Sisters Meet event can be viewed [HERE](#).

Azamara fans joining the celebration from afar can view additional photos from the festivities by following [@AzamaraVoyages](#) and [#SistersMeet](#) on Twitter and Instagram.

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About Azamara Club Cruises

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