

**SPECIAL ISSUE: CRUISE TOURISM**

**TOURISM**

**AIM**

Cruise tourism has grown phenomenally over the past three or four decades. In recent years growth has stagnated in North America, while huge expansion has been seen in Europe and in Australia and New Zealand. With this growth, some ports have seen expansion that exceeds their expectations (and sometimes their capacity), while other have seen little growth or shrinkage. Regardless, the landscape is one where ports are competing for cruise business and cruise lines have the luxury to pick and choose the ports that are most attractive to them for a variety of reasons.

Our vision is that this issue will address emerging and cutting issues related to cruise tourism. While articles focusing on cruise tourism in all regions of the world are welcome, the desire is that findings and/or implications be relevant to markets where cruise tourism is relatively recent or undergoing considerable growth, particularly (though not limited to) the Mediterranean and other areas of Europe.

Within this broad framework, all articles (5,000 – 6,000 words) are welcome. Those considering a submission may want to contact the editor in advance by email in order to discuss their planned submission and how best to orient the article to fit within the theme of issue. It is hoped that all articles will include a section that discusses "lessons learned" or "implications for" ports and port communities. Authors should provide the editor a short abstract by 1 September 2011. Missing this deadline does not preclude one from submitting a paper by the 15 November 2011 deadline, however advance contact with the editor is advised.

**CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE**

All paper submissions will be double-blind refereed. Papers will be judged on the quality of research and relevance to the thematic issue of cruise tourism.

**TIMETABLE**

Short Abstract	1 September 2011
Full paper submission	15 November 2011
Reviewers' Comments	20 December 2011
Resubmission of Papers	20 January 2012

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