

PRESS RELEASE

Cruise ship Disney Destiny before Ems passage **Ems passage starts Friday evening with passage of the sea lock**

Papenburg, September 16, 2025 – MEYER WERFT's newest cruise ship, the Disney Destiny, is expected to leave Papenburg late on Friday evening, 19 September 2025, and be transferred along the Ems to Eemshaven (Netherlands). After a short adjustment voyage, arrival in Eemshaven is planned for Sunday morning. Final outfitting and handover of the ship to the shipping company will take place in Eemshaven.

The following schedule applies to the passage along the Ems, which may be subject to change at short notice depending on weather and tide conditions:

Friday, 19 September 2025

Approx. 11:30 p.m. Ship in waiting position (Papenburg)

Saturday, 20 September 2025

Approx. 12:00 a.m. Passing through the dock lock (Papenburg)

Approx. 4:00-4:30 a.m. Passing the Friesenbrücke bridge (Weener)

Approx. 7:00–8:00 a.m. Passing the Jann-Berghaus Bridge (Leer)

Approx. 11:30 a.m. Arrival at the Ems barrage (Gandersum)

Approx. 12:30 p.m. Passing the Ems barrage

Approx. 2:30 p.m. Passing Emden

All information is subject to wind and weather conditions, water levels and is therefore not guaranteed. Time delays are also possible at short notice!

The Disney Destiny will travel backwards on the Ems towards the North Sea with the support of two tugs. This type of transfer has proven its worth due to its better manoeuvrability.

Ems pilots carry out manoeuvres

The transfer of the ship will once again be carried out by the team from the Emden Pilot Brotherhood. The Ems pilots have been carrying out the manoeuvres for many years. The team uses state-of-the-art technology to prepare for a realistic simulation of the Ems crossing in Wageningen (Netherlands).

The conveyance across the River Ems will take place with the support of the Ems barrier. The duration of the passage will always be kept as short as possible so as not to interfere with shipping on the Ems. Further information on the function and operation of the river barrier can be found at www.nlwkn.niedersachsen.de