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P&O cruise ship Iona leaves the dock

50th MEYER WERFT cruise ship floats out

Papenburg, 12. February 2020 - Spectrum of the Seas will most likely be leaving the covered building dock II at the MEYER WERFT shipyard in the night from February 13 to February 14. The ship has a rating of 184,000 GRT and measures 344.5 m in length and 4 m in width, with capacity for 5,200 passengers.

The ship built for the British cruise shipping company P&O Cruises will start to leave the dock at around midnight. Once Iona has left the dock, it will berth at the shipyard’s out-fitting pier to be fitted with its funnel cladding around 3:30 am. The ship will then remain in the shipyard port for further out-fitting work and on-board trials until its passage through the river Ems up to the North Sea, which is expected to take place end of March.

Possible delays due to the weather

For Iona to be able to berth at the out-fitting pier, the floating section (engine room unit) of Odyssey of the Seas that is currently moored here will have to be moved to another berth in the shipyard port. Once Spectrum of the Seas has left the dock, the floating part for Odyssey of the Seas, which is due for completion in autumn 2020, will be manoeuvred back into the free covered building dock II for further construction work.

All times are subject to the weather.