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**Excitement builds as *Stena Superfast* X arrival draws near**

THE **Stena Superfast X** ferry, which is due to make its debut sailing from Holyhead to Dublin Port next week, has left the Polish shipyard in Gdynia where staff have been working around the clock to ensure that the vessel is ready for its eagerly awaited launch.

Excitement is growing ahead of the imminent arrival in Holyhead of the latest flagship of Stena Line’s already impressive Irish Sea fleet, a sister ship of the award winning Stena Superfast VII and VIII ships which have been a huge success on the Cairnryan to Belfast route since their launch in 2011.

With no fewer than 10 decks, the Stena Superfast X will carry up to 1200 passengers and offer almost two kilometres of lane space for vehicles and freight traffic - a significant increase in capacity for both leisure and freight customers on the Holyhead-Dublin route.

Passengers travelling on the Stena Superfast X from Holyhead to Dublin Port will have access to a wide range of onboard facilities including deluxe cabins, Barista Coffee House, Met Bar and Grill, retail shopping in the ‘Outlet’, two free cinemas, a family lounge featuring a children’s play area and X-Box stations, a dedicated freight driver lounge and lots of other areas for passengers to enjoy their crossing, including Stena Line’s premium lounge *Stena Plus*.

“As we count down the days to Stena Superfast X’s arrival, the excitement and anticipation is certainly growing,” said Stena Line’s Head of Travel Orla Noonan. “We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy a unique, relaxing and exciting journey, and for them to want to come back and travel with us again. So we have paid special attention to every little detail to make sure that the Superfast X experience is as comfortable and enjoyable as possible for all our passengers.

“We have left no stone unturned, from the type of bed linen used in our cabins to the quality and comfort of our seating onboard as we know how important this is to our customers. From choosing the free movies that we’ll be showing in our two onboard cinemas, to the wide range of products that we’ll be selling in our retail outlet, we are leaving nothing to chance to provide Superfast X passengers with a range of facilities that we firmly believe are unrivalled on the Irish Sea.

“As a company, we are proud of Stena Superfast X and are looking forward to welcoming all passengers onboard whether they be families, holidaymakers, business or freight travellers.”

Stena Line’s Ian Davies, Route Manager, Irish Sea South said: “Providing additional capacity and facilities to expand our Holyhead-Dublin route with the introduction of Stena Superfast X is an important strategic development for Stena Line on the Irish Sea at this time.

“Our freight and travel customers will now be able to benefit from an enhanced service on this key trade and tourism gateway at a time when commercial and leisure traffic between Ireland and Britain are both showing really encouraging signs of future growth.

“By introducing a much larger ship onto the route, we are demonstrating our confidence and commitment to driving forward the economies on both sides of the Irish Sea,” he added.

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“In the last five years alone Stena Line has invested over £250m across its Irish Sea operations and we are confident that the improving economic climate in Ireland and Britain will show that this significant resource commitment has been extremely well timed,” concluded Ian.

The Stena Superfast X will make two return sailings daily between Holyhead and Dublin, completing the crossing in 3 hours and 15 minutes. Superfast X will operating alongside the Stena Adventurer, providing Stena Line customers with a choice of up 28 return sailings per week all year round on the route.

To be amongst the first passengers to enjoy the new Stena Superfast X experience, customers can book their tickets online at www.stenaline.co.uk, call 08447 70 70 70 or contact their local travel agent.

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