

MS EUROPA, the only cruise ship in the world to receive the Six Star Diamond Award from the American Academy Of Hospitality Sciences

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- Additionally wins a Green Star Diamond Award
- Five Star Diamond Plaque for Its New Restaurant

For the fourth time in a row, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises' MS EUROPA is the only cruise ship in the world to be awarded the prestigious Six Star Diamond Award by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences is renowned worldwide for awarding excellence in the global travel and luxury services sector. Each year the Academy bestows its coveted International Star Diamond Award exclusively to five star establishments that are deemed to be the pinnacle of quality by its esteemed Board of Trustees. The EUROPA was for the first time additionally awarded the Green Star Diamond Award recognizing environmental responsibility, and her new "Restaurant Dieter Mueller," launched last year, received a Five Star Diamond plaque, awarded for high quality and superb performance.

"The MS EUROPA is the only ship amongst our prestigious members deserving of the Six Star Diamond Award. It's the most elite on the high seas," said Academy President, Joseph D. Cinque. "The MS EUROPA, continuing to upgrade its superior product has earned its right again to this award, as well as receiving for the first time the Green Star Diamond Award and a Five Star Diamond plaque for its new restaurant."

EUROPA is the first "all-suites" cruise ship, with staterooms that are never less than 290 square feet, 80% of them having their own veranda, assuring privacy and relaxation. The EUROPA is one of the few ships in the cruise industry that offers guests the largest space per passenger, as well as one of the highest staff passenger ratios, with 280 staff members for max. 408 guests. New to the EUROPA in September 2010, Dieter Mueller became the first award-winning chef to open his own gourmet restaurant onboard the EUROPA. He's personally on board 70 days a year.

The EUROPA offering international cruises (German/English) ensures English-speaking passengers feel comfortable from the moment they step onboard.

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