

**DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**  
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**PORT OF DETROIT, NEW HOME FOR  
GREEK CRUISE SHIP, ARCADIA**

Detroit, May 30, 2000-The Detroit Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA) is proud to announce the newest addition to its Great Lakes Cruise Ship itinerary for 2001.

The cruise ship, Arcadia, chartered by Great Lakes Cruises, Inc. and operated by Golden Sun Cruises, will use the Port of Detroit as its U.S. home base beginning in the summer of 2001. The Greek ship, which winters in the Mediterranean, will feature seven, four and three night cruises in the Great Lakes. It will make 24 separate sailings on 11 itineraries in all five lakes. The Arcadia will feature food and service comparable to that of the five-star lines. In addition to Detroit, other Michigan ports of call will include Muskegon, Traverse City, Charlevoix and Mackinac Island. Cruises will begin in June and run through October.

"We are very excited to have Detroit chosen as Arcadia's U.S. home port in the Great Lakes. This attests to Detroit's strategic international location and its importance in developing the Great Lakes cruising industry. The cruise ship's economic impact on Detroit will be a significant boost to its recreation and tourism economy, generating revenues for hotel rooms, restaurants, casinos and museums," said John Jamian, executive director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. There will be an estimated average of 200 people per sailing on the Arcadia. Each cruise vessel visit will infuse approximately \$110,000 in tourist revenue into the local economy.

Detroit, along with many other Great Lakes cities, has been working hard to return the passenger cruise ship industry to the Great Lakes on a regular basis. After decades with no passenger ships on the Great Lakes, cruising has grown steadily. 1998 was the first time in over 30 years that the City of Detroit hosted a passenger liner, the C. Columbus, which brought in 423 German tourists for a fall color tour of the Great Lakes.