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CIRI Alaska Tourism Expands in Seward

SEWARD, ALASKA - Summer 2007 - Bottles of champagne broke across the bow of the newest member of the Kenai Fjords Tours (KFT) fleet - the m/v Aialik Voyager - at 11 a.m., Friday, May 18, 2007, before a crowd of approximately 80 CIRI executives, board members, visitor industry representatives, and clients on the dock of the Small Boat Harbor in Seward, Alaska. CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation continues to expand to Seward, adding an environmentally sound, 82.8-foot catamaran to Kenai Fjords Tours and 36 guest rooms to Seward Windsong Lodge in May and June this year.

"The visitor industry in Seward and Southcentral Alaska has been growing steadily for the past several years; a trend we expect to continue. In fact, KFT served more than 1,500 guests on each of four record-breaking days this summer," says Scott Torrison, chief operating officer for CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation, "The deluxe guest room addition at Seward Windsong Lodge and new custom built catamaran at Kenai Fjords Tours allows us to accommodate increasing demand."

The addition of the 150-passenger m/v Aialik Voyager to the Kenai Fjords Tours fleet allows the company to introduce 300 more tour passengers per day to Alaska's beautiful Kenai Fjords National Park. The new well appointed guest rooms at Seward Windsong Lodge brings the total to 144 -- 134 guest rooms and 10 Jacuzzi suites.

m/v Aialik Voyager

The m/v Aialik Voyager, which operates out of Seward, uses the Teknicraft design, providing superior stability, fuel efficiency and maximum guest comfort on high-speed catamarans. The vessel features a wide tunnel with a high ceiling between the semi-planing demi-hulls, giving it the ability to travel fast in rough water while maintaining a smooth ride. The design provides excellent fuel economy, enabling up to a 40 percent savings in fuel costs.

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The spacious table seating and large fog-free picture windows offer passengers uncompromised views from every angle. Two large wrap-around outdoor decks provide easy access to see the wildlife up close. The main deck was custom designed without stairs to enable guests of all abilities full access to wildlife viewing. High-tech LCD video monitors and a fully integrated sound system assist the Captain in sharing the marine tour route along with special on-screen presentations. All of this combined with a full-service galley ensures a first-class experience for all passengers.

Seward Windsong Lodge

Set amidst towering spruce trees and Alaska wildflowers, with a view of the Resurrection River Valley, is Seward Windsong Lodge. A 36-room addition opened in early June 2007, brings the smoke-free facility room total to 144, including 134 deluxe rooms and 10 suites, nine with Jacuzzi tubs.

The spacious rooms feature a lodge décor, forest green and rust red plaid bedspreads, and hardwood furnishings. All rooms have a full private bath, hair dryer, coffee maker, remote control cable television, VCRs, telephone, and data port. Suites include a trundle bed, microwave, mini fridge, Jacuzzi tub and an additional television and VCR. Deluxe rooms have private balconies and flat screen televisions/DVDs.

Kenai Fjords Tours, Seward Windsong Lodge, Prince William Sound Glacier Cruises, Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, and Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge are part of the Alaska Heritage Tours family, Alaskan owned and operated by CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation. For more information or to make reservations, visit www.alaskaheritagetours.com.

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