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OPENING OF TOURIST AND NAUTICAL SEASONS 2012th

This year's tourist - nautical season is opened today, on March 24th by sailing the ship „River Adagio" into international passenger terminal in Luka “Beograd”, in early morning. About 160 American tourists will stay in Belgrade, within twelve days tour named “Eastern Europe to the Black Sea”, organized by famous tour operator Grand Circle Travel. Tourist Organization of Belgrade and Luka „Beograd“ have prepared presents and buffet for guests and there was also performance of artistic centre Taliija with its folklore group.

According to current announcements during this year's season, Belgrade should be visited by 450 ships and more than 55 000 tourists. Last year's season had the biggest number of visits so far, with 445 ships and about 58 000 tourists. If we meet the expectations of this year, about 471 ship, there will be recorded another year with record number of visits. All this can confirm that Belgrade is more and more popular destination on nautical map of Danube River. Danube cruising is attractive for tourist from USA, Germany, UK, as well as from Austria, France, Italy and Scandinavia. These tourist visits historical, cultural and entertainment events during their stay. The most visited places are Belgrade fortress, St. Sava temple, Museum “25. Maj”, Knez Mihailo Street, and many other localities. In another half of this year we expect several additional sailings within the “new year's cruises”.

In order to be informed about the city and its touristic offer, the passengers could use info centre of Tourist Organization of Belgrade with many different promotional items. Our main goal is to satisfy the needs of all passengers and offer complete service. In that way, on international passenger terminal of Luka “Beograd” will work daily exchange office, ATM and shop with various souvenirs, delicious food and beverage products, traditional items and authentic national costumes; the products that promote authentic spirit of our country.

During touristic season, the tourists who stay in Belgrade, but also the residents could feel the comfortable atmosphere also through manifestations organized within promotions of Danube and Sava River, such as Belgrade boat carnival, Belgrade Latino marathon, Days of Danube, ecological programmes and Fish fest.

