

Press release

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## **Ready for the holiday? Scandlines is ready to transport millions of travellers!**

*The summer holidays are just around the corner – and so is Scandlines' absolute peak season. As the school holidays begin, so does the great summer journey, and Scandlines expects to welcome almost 3 million passengers on board during June, July and August. That's almost half of the total number of passengers in a year.*

Last summer, over 2.7 million holidaymakers travelled with Scandlines, and this year promises to be just as busy. Already in early summer, many people have secured tickets for the popular routes between Germany and Denmark – and with good reason!

"We look forward to once again being the departure point for thousands of holidays. The summer will be busy – and the ferries will be full of happy travellers. We recommend booking well in advance, especially if you want to travel on weekends," says Lars Kyrø, SVP Head of B-t-C Passengers at Scandlines.

### **Tip: Travel smart - save money**

With Scandlines' dynamic ticketing system, you can get the best prices by travelling early or choosing the less busy departures. It's both cheaper for you and better for the utilisation of the ferries' capacity.

"We want to give everyone a good start to their holiday – and a pleasant journey home. That's why we encourage flexibility and planning. The earlier you book, the greater the chance of a low price on the desired departure," explains Lars Kyrø.

### **The start of your holiday - stress-free**

Scandlines expects more than 100,000 passengers to travel between Germany and Denmark on the last weekend in June alone, and the busiest weekends are expected to be the last two in July, when many passengers start and end their holidays. The ferry operator expects to carry up to 150,000 passengers in just three days.

So book now if you want to take one of these attractive departures!

And remember - start your holiday stress-free: leave well in advance; there may also be a queue down the E47/E55 motorway.

On board the Scandlines ferries await:

- New modern, **self-service food and café areas** with freshly brewed **quality coffee**, **Hansen's Ice Cream** and great views
- New **children's areas** where the whole family can learn more about the Fehmarnbelt and the sea creatures that live here

We have also **digitised** the entire **customer experience** with an **updated mobile app** that makes it easier to plan and change your journey and introduced **number plate recognition** in the ports of Puttgarden and Rødby.

### **The journey home is more flexible**

While many people prefer to start their holiday early, experience shows that most people are far more flexible on the journey home. Many choose to travel outside of rush hour – and this provides an extra relaxed end to the holiday.

"Our goal is to give everyone the best break on the journey - both on the outbound and return journey. That's why we're constantly working to better distribute traffic and ensure an efficient and pleasant experience for everyone on board," concludes Lars Kyrø.

### **Facts**

#### How many people take the Scandlines ferry during the summer holidays

- In the summer of 2024 (June, July and August), over 2.7 million passengers travelled with Scandlines between Germany and Denmark (Puttgarden-Rødby and Rostock-Gedser)
- In July 2024 alone, there were 1.2 million passengers (Puttgarden-Rødby and Rostock-Gedser)

#### School summer holidays in Denmark

- This year the school summer holidays start on Saturday 28 June
- This year the school summer holidays end on Sunday 10 August

Scandlines expects all weekends during the school summer holidays to be very busy.

#### German summer holidays in selected states

If you want to avoid congestion through Germany, it might be a good idea to plan your journey home around the big German holidays or try to avoid the rush hour. Here are the school summer holidays for some of the main German states:

- Schleswig-Holstein: 27 July-6 September
- Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: 27 July-6 September
- Lower Saxony: 3 July-13 August
- Brandenburg: 24 July-6 September
- Berlin: 24 July-6 September

### **About Scandlines**

*Scandlines is a modern and innovative ferry operator with a green vision for the future. We have a proud culture based on strong German-Danish cooperation and maritime history dating back to 1872.*

*Scandlines operates two ferry routes with high capacity and frequency. Six of our ferries are hybrid ferries, and two are furthermore fitted with an innovative rotor sail – and that contributes to making our ferries ready for a more sustainable future.*

*Our core business is to provide an efficient and reliable transport service for both passengers and freight customers. The focus for all our activities – on board the ferries as well as in our BorderShops – is to give our customers a great experience.*

*With 37,500 departures on seven ferries, Scandlines in 2024 transported close to 6.4 million passengers, over 1.6 million cars and 700,000 freight units on the routes Puttgarden-Rødby and Rostock-Gedser.*



Read more about Scandlines at [www.scandlines.com](http://www.scandlines.com).

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