

**ROME, Italy (March 3, 2003)** – Queen Zenobia, a relatively unknown but increasingly popular budget cruise line has announced it will cancel future cruises and cease its operations indefinitely. This bold decision comes amidst a barrage of unsubstantiated complaints from passengers and company employees, including reports of illness due to unsatisfactory sanitary conditions and frequent mechanical problems aboard two of the cruise liner's vessels. The Italian cruise line already faced one major setback this year after the unfortunate disaster forced them to relocate their homeport from the city of Terragrigia. Other local cruise operators were also hurt by the loss of this once-thriving island destination.

While the duration of the cruise line's hiatus is unspecified, the CEO remains optimistic about Queen Zenobia's future. "We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this interruption has caused, but we will overcome this hurdle and likely resume operations by the end of the year," stated Lodovico Boccaccio, Queen Zenobia's co-founder and CEO. The cruise line already initiated a series of plans to restore the company's reputation and fix recurring mechanical problems. Boccaccio and his management team have addressed the ships' sanitary issues and claim the reported sicknesses have all been linked to a single virus. After three confirmed deaths were linked to the virus, scientists are studying the strain to determine if it's contagious or poses a serious threat to the other infected passengers.

In response to the mass exodus of Queen Zenobia staff members recently leaving the company, Boccaccio announced the cruise line would hire additional employees in the near future. Boccaccio added, "We're excited to welcome additional team members to the Queen Zenobia family at the end of the year. Visit our website in the upcoming months for a complete job listing." The company would like to remind jobseekers that Queen Zenobia offers competitive salaries, a full benefits package, and the unique opportunity to explore the Mediterranean Sea aboard a world-class fleet with the best crew in the cruise line industry.

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