

## Silversea adds a little extra Spirit



**A NEW 15m section is added to Silver Spirit in Palermo.**

**SILVERSEA** Cruises created a grand spectacle around the lengthening of its *Silver Spirit* in Sicily on the weekend, hosting dozens of international industry guests and media at the Fincantieri shipyards in Palermo.

The group donned hardhats and sipped champagne as workers finished the task of cutting the ship in two, then returned the next day to see a new 15m section manoeuvred into position and inserted in *Spirit's* middle.

The operation is part of a US\$70m overhaul of *Silver Spirit* which will result in 34 new cabins and four new dining options, as well as completely refitting interiors throughout.

After witnessing the engineering marvel, guests were treated to a lavish gala dinner at Palermo's

one-time royal palace, the Palazzo Gangi, where they dined beneath chandeliers and were entertained by a string quartet and opera singer.

The weekend also provided an opportunity to explore Palermo's stunning baroque architecture and sample plenty of Sicily's fresh Mediterranean seafood.



**SILVER Spirit being prepared for surgery at the Fincantieri shipyards.**



**SILVERSEA** vp of fleet operations Christian Sauleau, Captain Mino Pontillo, chief marketing officer Barbara Muckermann and senior vp of technical operations and crewing Andrea Zito.



**WORKMEN** make the final cut.



**THE** new section is eased into place.

**SILVERSEA** manager of partnerships and events Elena Simonazzi and director of communications Marina Vivian.



**SILVERSEA** md for the UK Peter Shanks & md for the Americas Mark Conroy.



**PROJECT** manager for *Spirit's* extension Brian Swenson.



**SOPRANO** Julia Mazzola performs at the Palazzo Gangi.

**THE** teams from Fincantieri and Silversea Cruises.

