

## **Ferryboat cruises start between Mersin and Beirut... Denizhaber, 06.12.2010**

**Ferryboat cruises is planned to be started between Mersin port and Lebanon's Beirut port within the scope of "Economic Co-operation Agreement" which has been signed between Lebanon and Turkey in December 13th, 2010.**



Mersin became prominent with its logistics power and infrastructure. Thus, Mersin is becoming a major force in the Mediterranean especially with its recent efforts. Mersin's improvements open new markets not only to the cities in this region and also to Turkey. Additionally, it also offered the opportunity to have passed the global crisis. According to news, Ferryboat cruises will be implemented by Fergün Shipping. The ship is called "Azurra", which is planned to be worked between Mersin and Beirut, is capable of carrying 25 trucks and 250 cars.

It is expected that ferryboat cruises takes about 10 hours. Furthermore, it is stated that the ship has some places such as restaurants, cafe-bars and casinos in order to have fun the passengers. Moreover, it is also emphasized that sea transportation is more advantageous from highway for passenger and freight transport. Tourism Platform Chairman, Numan Olcar stated that Mersin is the intersection point of civilizations and it is a big step for the tourism. This shows that more tourists mean more tourism and this is also a big advantageous. Call will be twice a week in winter and every weekday in the summer time. Finally, one of the most important proofs is that "Mersin is the attraction center".