



Oscar-winning actress Penélope Cruz debuts as Chanel's new ambassador

She is also the face of the 2018/19 Cruise collection, photographed by Karl Lagerfeld.

"My earliest memory isn't of a boat, but of the sound of a boat," says Karl Lagerfeld.

Berets, bare shoulders, and a gaze towards the horizon all speak to one thing – sailing on the Mediterranean.

For the 2018/19 Cruise collection, Penélope Cruz takes centre stage as the campaign's face and inspiration. Having appeared in front of the camera for some of cinema's greatest directors, the actress now steps off the film set and into the world of Chanel.

As Penélope Cruz brings to life Karl Lagerfeld's latest creations,

her confident elegance glows. Whether in knitwear or a tweed jacket, Penélope Cruz gazes at the viewer directly, holding our attention with her undeniable presence. At other moments, Karl Lagerfeld catches Penélope Cruz looking elsewhere, perhaps momentarily lost in reverie, a memory of bygone travels, or picturing her next destination. Wrapped in soft, summery stripes, she can relax for the voyage ahead.

In frame after frame, Penélope Cruz reminds us that the journey itself is a pleasure. Backless evening dresses recall long nights under the stars; cardigans and berets anticipate a refreshing sea breeze. The actress, adorned by Karl Lagerfeld's perfect touch,



The 'Accademici' at table

Italian delights in St Julian's

Il Ponte restaurant in St Julian's recently welcomed the Malta delegation of the Accademia Italiana della Cucina led by Massimiliana Tomaselli for the Cena Ecumenica. That evening the Di Lecce family who manages the restaurant were awarded Il diploma di Buona Cucina, a first for Malta.

After explaining the importance of the Cena Ecumenica and its meaning in the life of every academician, Dott.ssa Tomaselli explained that the restaurant deserved this prestigious award as, in the past four years, it has shown its interest in the choice of first class Italian ingredients, thus promoting good Italian food which is universally acknowledged.

The kitchen of Il Ponte is in the hands of Donata and Giorgia, mother and wife respectively of Samuele Di Lecce who received the award on behalf of himself and his family from H.E. the Ambassador of Italy to



Ambassador Sammartino presents the Diploma to the Di Lecce family



Vice-delegato Joseph Mizzi, Ambassador Sammartino, Delegata M. Tomaselli, Samuele Di Lecce and Sig.ra Sammartino

Malta, Mario Sammartino, who was present with his wife. In honour of His Excellency the Ambassador who is Neapolitan the chefs, to the delight of His Excellency, prepared a Pastiera Napolitana, a type of tart for dessert.

At the end of dinner the participants gave a hearty applause to Donata and Giorgia who had produced such an excellent meal.



'Cavatelli in Crosta'



A photo for posterity of those who attended the dinner