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## ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT'S HISTORICAL DAY – 7 IS PERFECTION!



**[St. John's, Antigua – February 08, 2022]** — It is a historical day for Antigua Cruise Port with 7 ships in port! Today, February 08, 2022, signals the highest single day arrival not only since the commencement of Antigua Cruise Port, but in the history of Antigua and Barbuda.

Grandeur of the Seas of Royal Caribbean International, Britannia of P&O Cruises, Norwegian Epic of Norwegian Cruise Line, MS Mein Schiff 2 of TUI Cruises and Celebrity Equinox of Celebrity Cruises were collectively docked at the Nevis Pier, Heritage Quay Pier and the new fifth berth, while Star Legend of Windstar Cruises and Royal Clipper were berthed at Falmouth Harbour. The cruise calls combined for a total of 5,405 passengers. This special day has been preceded by countless 5-ship days and therefore this 7-ship day is significant in our history.

“Today is historical for Antigua and Barbuda as we are able to accommodate 5 ships in the St. John's Harbour and 2 ships at Falmouth,” said Mr. Rawle Reynolds, Operations Manager – Pier Services. “It shows that the cruise lines have not selected us by chance but have confidence in

us as a destination. We have meticulously planned our port-side welcome to provide a superior guest experience and through collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment we ensure that all protocols are in place and adhered to.”

“Tour operators, taxi drivers, restaurants, shops, vendors, ship provisioners and suppliers would all benefit from today’s ship calls,” Mr. Reynolds continued. “Although the season started very modestly, it has greatly accelerated. Since our vaccination rate is commendable and our health protocols are strongly observed, these are amongst the reasons why we would be the destination of choice.”

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## ABOUT ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT

Located in St. John’s harbor, Antigua Cruise Port is the gateway to the city, serving over 800,000 passengers annually. The port will be redeveloped under the Antigua Cruise Port Development Project through a 30-year lease agreement between the Government of Antigua & Barbuda and Global Ports Holding. The newest pier constructed at the port, which was completed in November 2020, can accommodate Oasis Class vessels, making it possible for the destination to serve as many as 1 million cruise passengers per year. The new port will also have brand-new retail and food and beverage facilities, plus an additional 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial space to be leased to Antiguan and Barbudans.

Antigua Cruise Port launched operations in October 2019. Learn more about Antigua Cruise Port at [www.antiguacruiseport.com](http://www.antiguacruiseport.com).