

PRESS STATEMENT

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ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT CONDUCTS SIMULTANEOUS HOMEPORTING OPERATIONS

St. John's, Antigua, November 19, 2023 –

Antigua Cruise Port successfully conducted two homeporting operations on Saturday, November 18, 2023, as the company dives deeper into homeporting.

Arvia docked at the fifth berth and brought near her maximum capacity of 5,200 passengers to the destination. In a well-executed exercise, over 700 passengers ended their itinerary in Antigua, while another 700 boarded the P & O Cruises vessel.



EMERALD SAKARA at the Nevis Street Pier



Arvia docked at the Fifth Berth

At the Nevis Street Pier, Emerald Sakara did a full turnaround with over 80 passengers starting their journey in Antigua. It was also the first time the 100-passenger capacity super yacht visited the country.



Four vessels berthed at Antigua Cruise Port

Meanwhile, Artania and Marella Discovery were berthed at Heritage Quay making it the first time four vessels have been in port for the season.

Antigua Cruise Port Officer-in-Charge Cynthia Jacobs-Browne said, "Today's success indicates our capacity to manage homeporting. We had four vessels in port, and operations were smooth, so guests had a pleasant experience at our port."

Arvia began homeporting in Antigua in January and will make a total of nine turnaround calls this season, while Emerald Sakara will make 13.

Royal Clipper and SeaDream II will also homeport at Antigua Cruise Port.

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. Once the project has been completed, Antigua Cruise Port will have a new pier that can accommodate the biggest ships in the industry, which will make it possible for the port to serve as many as one million 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 Antiguans and Barbudans.

Antigua Cruise Port launched operations in October 2019. Learn more about Antigua Cruise Port at www.antiguacruiseport.com.

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