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EMERALD CRUISES TO HOMEPORT AT TWO ANTIGUA PORTS IN 2023

St. John's, Antigua, September 26, 2022 — Antigua Cruise Port has confirmed that a luxury yacht owned by Switzerland-based Emerald Cruises will homeport in Antigua in 2023. Emerald Azzurra will begin conducting full turnaround calls at St. John's from November. Emerald Sakara will also begin transit calls on both Antigua and calls at Barbuda in January 2024.



“Serving as a homeport has been one of our main strategic objectives since we began managing Antigua Cruise Port in 2019, so naturally, we are extremely excited about this partnership,” explained

Dona Regis-Prosper, General Manager. “For us, taking this leap with Emerald Cruises makes it that much more satisfying, since our tourism product offering pairs well with the desires of luxury yacht clientele. This partnership has been two years in the making, so we are grateful to them for their willingness to work with us to try something new. This collaboration gives Antigua & Barbuda a huge advantage when promoting our destination as a luxury cruise partner.”

“In recent years, we have worked very closely with the Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority to strategically promote the country as the Caribbean luxury destination of choice,” she added. “To this end, we have meticulously coordinated every element of the homeporting experience, from provisioning to hotel partnerships, to airport movements and transfers. We will give passengers a seamless and enjoyable experience from start to finish.”

She also noted that “Barbuda, specifically, is developing into a key destination for the “eco luxe” sector, so these passengers will experience new tours and activities that combine the best of both worlds – an appreciation of the finer things, while embracing our shared love of our planet. What could be better?”

Mark Robinson, VP of Cruise Operations for Emerald Cruises, shared his team’s enthusiasm about the collaboration. “We are delighted to offer our passengers “double the pleasure” by offering two homeport stops in the stunning islands of Antigua & Barbuda next year. The depth of experiences that await them in this pristine destination have certainly expanded lately, and we are especially pleased to add new adventures to our Caribbean itineraries. We are always looking for what’s new and next, and Antigua & Barbuda is at the center of the future of Caribbean cruising.”

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 company will redevelop the port under the Antigua Cruise Port Development Project through a 30-year lease agreement between the Government of Antigua & Barbuda and Global Ports Holding. As a part of the marine works, Antigua Cruise Port has a new pier that can accommodate the biggest ships in the industry, making it possible for the port to welcome up to one million passengers per year. Upon completion, the new port will also have brand-new retail and food and beverage facilities, plus an additional 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial space that will 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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