

# PRESS STATEMENT

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**Cultural performers greet L'Express des Îles passengers.**

**St. John's, Antigua, April 25, 2023** — L'Express des Îles ferry arrived at the Nevis Street Pier on Saturday bringing 427 passengers from Guadeloupe to Antigua Cruise Port.

The Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority in collaboration with the Antigua & Barbuda Festivals Commission and Antigua Cruise Port welcomed the visitors along the pier with a cultural show inclusive of steel pan music, dancers, and traditional characters.

The passengers were also given flyers promoting Antigua's Carnival, which is July 27- August 8. Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority Director for the Caribbean & Latin American Markets, Charmaine Spencer said, "Our biggest draw for the summer would be Antigua's Carnival and we are encouraging these visitors to

The vessel has already been fully booked for its return to Antigua on May 18. The ferry will also visit in July and December.

## 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 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).

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