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## ROYAL CARIBBEAN VESSELS VISIT ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT FOR TECHNICAL CALLS



**[St. John's, Antigua – June 10, 2021]** — Enchantment of the Seas and Rhapsody of the Seas, two Vision-class cruise ships from the Royal Caribbean fleet, made a technical call for provisions at Antigua Cruise Port today. The vessels are on their way to dry dock and wet dock locations for general inspection and maintenance. As with other recent technical calls, no passengers are aboard the vessels, and the crew will remain on board.

Dona Regis-Prosper, General Manager of Antigua Cruise Port, explained the recent increase in technical calls. “Now that cruising has officially resumed in the region, we can expect to see more technical calls to our port due to our strategically significant location. Our proximity to the



U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico puts us near key maritime lanes that are traversed regularly by cruise lines and cargo vessels, so taking on provisions here in Antigua is a fairly straightforward process for our cruise line partners. We are pleased to be of service.”

Vision of the Seas and Grandeur of the Seas will also visit Antigua Cruise Port for technical lay ups in the next few months. Each ship will remain in port for intervals of thirty days from July 1, 2021.

“Now that Royal Caribbean has reaffirmed its COVID-19 testing requirements and is about to embark on its first cruise with Adventure of the Seas departing from our sister port in Nassau on June 12, we anticipate that we will see a lot more activity from this brand gracing our shores in the future. We continue our discussions with all cruise lines and look forward to the reopening of Antigua Cruise Port in July where we anticipate a modest restart,” she added.

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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).