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CRICKET LEGEND SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS MAKES A SPECIAL APPEARANCE AS ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT ENDS HOMEPORTING SEASON



[Sir Vivian Richards meets with adoring fans.](#)

St. John's, Antigua, March 13, 2023 – Antigua Cruise Port has brought its homeporting operations with P & O Cruises' Arvia for the season to an impressive close.

On Saturday March 11, passengers and crew members had the unforgettable experience of meeting national hero and cricket legend Sir Vivian Richards who met with adoring fans along the pier and aboard the vessel.

Sir Vivian said to guests during a tour of Arvia, "You've come to one of the best if not the best destination in the region." The former West Indies player also handed Captain Paul Brown a signed cricket bat as a special token.

Antigua Cruise Port's General Manager Dona Regis- Prosper said, "We wanted to do something special for Arvia. We know the vessel has many passengers from countries who love Sir Viv, so it was only appropriate to ask him to grace us with his presence."

Meanwhile, Minister of Tourism Charles Fernandez presented a plaque of appreciation to Captain Brown on behalf of Antigua Cruise Port.

Captain Brown has spoken highly of the homeporting operation in Antigua. He said, "The first one was great...and it's just gotten better and better and we've seen improvements to the facilities that we've got here."

Four thousand, eight- hundred and fifty- nine passengers arrived aboard the vessel on Saturday with 864 disembarking and 878 getting onboard.



[Antigua Cruise Port General Manager- Dona Regis- Prosper, Sir Vivian Richards and Captain Paul Brown and ACP Team Members](#)

P & O has shown how pleased they are by announcing another one of their vessels will come to Antigua for the next season. Arvia will return in November to homeport again as previously announced.

Mrs. Regis- Prosper said, “We thank everyone for the role they played in making the operations a success- the Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority, the Ministry of Tourism, the Antigua & Barbuda Airport Authority, The Immigration and Customs Departments, The Police Force and our sponsors.”

Emerald Cruises, Royal Clipper and SeaDream will also homeport in Antigua in the next cruise season.

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.

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