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Destination Trinidad Welcomes 28,000 Visitors So Far for 2023/2024 Cruise Season

Approximately twenty-eight thousand (28,000) cruise visitors have arrived at the Port of Port of Spain since the 2023/2024 cruise season began in October 2023. Yesterday, two thousand and six hundred (2,600) passengers arrived on the Jewel of the Seas while the MSC Seaside's inaugural visit to Trinidad last Thursday, brought four thousand, two hundred and thirty-four (4,234) passengers, the largest contingent to our shores for the current cruise season.

According to the May 2023 'Survey Report of Cruise Visitors to Trinidad' prepared by Tourism Trinidad Ltd (TTL), cruise ship visitors spend on average approximately USD 50 and crew members USD 26 per visit. By these estimates the money injected into the economy thus far is upwards of USD 1.4 million. This figure is expected to continue to grow as we welcome 22 more cruise calls to the Port of Port of Spain for the season.

Visitors enjoyed pre-packaged tours to key tourist attractions to the Maracas waterfalls, a city tour and then to Maracas beach or Mt St Benedict, kayaking on the Caroni River and a Paramin 4x4 adventure. A total of twenty-one (21) maxi taxis transported visitors to the various sites that showcase the island's history and natural beauty.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, in conjunction with its implementing agency TTL, continues to work collaboratively to enhance the island's international reputation as a preferred tourist destination. Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell stated that he is "pleased with the increase in cruise calls as a result of our strategic destination marketing. Visitor arrivals will not only provide economic benefits to the island but the opportunity for cultural exchanges between the visitors and our citizens as well."

The Jewel of the Seas will continue to dock at the Port of Port of Spain every Tuesday for the 2023/2024 cruise season as it has since November 21, 2023.



Jewel of the Seas docked at the Port of Port of Spain, Trinidad.



Cruise passengers disembarking the ship in preparation for their prepackaged tours.



Cruise passengers enjoying the craft items provided by our local artisans.

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