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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO PREPARES TO WELCOME 30,000 CRUISE VISITORS



Port of Spain, Trinidad – September 29, 2015 - Sixteen ships and over 30,000 cruise visitors are expected to experience the scenic wonderland of [Trinidad & Tobago](#) during the 2015/2016 cruise ship season, which kicks off in November.

As Trinidad & Tobago continues to aggressively pursue the cruise market, the upcoming season, which ends in

May 2016, represents a 56 percent increase in cruise passenger arrivals to the destination compared to the same period last year.

Some of the world's most luxurious cruise ships have added Trinidad & Tobago to their itineraries for the upcoming season, including the MSC Orchestra, with a capacity of over 2,000 passengers, and the intimate yet sumptuous World Odyssey and Voyager ships. Also making a return to Trinidad & Tobago's waters are the Saga Sapphire and Seven Ocean Princess.

The increasing popularity of Trinidad & Tobago as a port-of-call comes as the Caribbean Tourism Organization reported 104 percent growth in cruise tourism arrivals for the twin-island nation between 2014 and 2015, the largest rate of growth reported for any destination.

As the amount of visiting ships grow in number, so too are the variety of on-shore activities and tours available for cruise passengers, both in and beyond the city of Port-of-Spain. Shore side activities are as much a part of the cruise experience as enjoying the onboard services of the cruise ship, and visitors to the islands can explore through the eyes of a local. Cruise passengers will have the opportunity to bask in the beauty of the lush northern mountain range en route to Maracas Beach or witness the spectacular sight of Scarlet Ibis at the Caroni Bird Sanctuary.

The Tourism Development Company (TDC) of Trinidad & Tobago is committed to ensuring that every cruise visitor experiences the warmth and vivacity of the destination and will be deploying Visitor Guides in and around the Port of Port-of-Spain to assist passengers. Local tourism ambassadors will also be strategically positioned at the cruise ship terminal and in the streets of the capital city to assist passengers with maps and information on local points of interest.

For more information on Trinidad & Tobago, visit www.gotrinidadandtobago.com.

About Trinidad & Tobago

Home to the largest Carnival celebration in the Caribbean, Trinidad & Tobago is the southernmost Caribbean nation located seven miles east off the Venezuelan coast. Ranked the happiest nation in the Caribbean by the United Nations' [World Happiness Report](#), in 2013 and 2015, the destination's distinct and harmonious blend of cultures, eclectic cuisine and eco-adventure activities continue to attract travelers of all ages to its shores. Birthplace of the limbo and the world famous steelpan, the only-acoustic instrument invented in the 20th century, as well as a diverse mix of monthly [festivals and events](#), it's little wonder that Trinidad is known as the 'cultural capital of the Caribbean.' Sister island Tobago offers a quintessential Caribbean vibe with secluded beaches, quaint villages, private villas and award-winning environmental treasures. Tobago is home to the largest brain coral in the Western Hemisphere and the oldest protected reserve in the Western hemisphere, The Main Ridge Rainforest. Come explore Trinidad & Tobago - the true Caribbean. For more information on Trinidad & Tobago, visit www.goTrinidadandTobago.com or www.visittobago.gov.tt.

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