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**TRINIDAD WELCOMES THREE CRUISE SHIPS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF
FEBRUARY**

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD – February 27, 2024: The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts and its implementing agency, Tourism Trinidad, are pleased to announce the arrival of three cruise ships to Port of Spain on February 27 and 28. This continues the positive trend of our 2023-2024 cruise season.

On February 27, the Jewel of the Seas and the Seven Seas Splendor docked at the Port of Port of Spain with a combined 3035 passengers. On Wednesday 28th, February, the Emerald Princess will arrive bringing approximately 2,916 passengers. These visits promise exciting opportunities for passengers and beneficial economic activity for our community.

The 2023-2024 cruise season has been successful thus far, with a total of 25 vessels calling bringing in 57,424 passengers and 21,097 crew members. Nearly 40,000 passengers have disembarked and explored our beautiful island, with an average spend of US\$43 per person, contributing significantly to our local economy.

The itineraries for these arrivals offer many ways to experience Trinidad's culture and landscapes. The Jewel of the Seas provided organized tours for 667 of its passengers using 41 maxi taxis. The Seven Seas Splendor also offered pre-packaged tours for 589 of its passengers using 39 maxi taxis. The Emerald Princess will take 1,131 of its passengers on tours using 69 maxi taxis tomorrow.

To celebrate the inaugural visit of the Seven Seas Splendor, a traditional crest exchange ceremony was held onboard the vessel which arrived at midday and will depart at 9pm.

Senator the Honourable, Randall Mitchell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts said, “We are delighted to welcome these magnificent cruise ships to our shores. Their arrival reaffirms that Trinidad is a desirable and exciting destination for visitors from around the world. The cruise industry is a significant contributor to our nation's economy, and we remain committed to providing the best possible experience for both visitors and our local communities.”

The Ministry and Tourism Trinidad Limited thanks all partners involved in making these arrivals successful. We invite all locals to join us in welcoming these ships and their passengers, as we showcase the warmth, beauty, and hospitality of Trinidad.

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