

COMPASS NEWS

ARUBA PORTS AUTHORITY NV

2011 in Review

A total of 103,268 cruise visitors arrived in Aruba in December 2011 which is an increase of 24.8% percent over the same period in 2010.

599,973 passengers arrived on cruise ships at our port during 2011, which is a 5.4% growth compared to January through December in 2010.

While we did project a growth compared to 2010, the full capacity of the ships surpassed our initial expectations which resulted in this surge in cruise traffic in December. The industry has shown exemplary resilience in the face of a lingering global financial crisis, and we foresee more growth in 2012. Current berth reservations indicate that 2012 might become another record year for Aruba.

Container traffic also increased in 2011 compared to 2010. The port handled 15,520 containers of different sizes for a total of 26,990 TEU's (20-foot equivalent units) during the entire year; this is a total increase of 8.92% more than last year.



	Accumulative (local) Amount of containers	Difference compared with 2010 in TEU's	Growth in TEU's
JAN	1,194	2,074	37.03%
FEB	2,300	4,006	27.62%
MCH	3,421	6,008	16.72%
APR	4,887	8,483	15.28%
MAY	6,119	10,651	12.90%
JUN	7,419	12,870	10.94%
JUL	8,703	15,025	11.30%
AUG	10,149	17,563	11.98%
SEP	11,421	19,771	11.67%
OCT	12,609	21,848	8.84%
NOV	14,078	24,415	7.60%
DEC	15,520	26,990	8.92%





Costa Deliziosa 1st Call

Since December 2011, Costa Deliziosa has embarked on a 100-day round-the-world cruise. Departing from Savona, the ship visited us on January 12th where a quaint plaque exchange ceremony took place. In addition to the Caribbean the vessel will also visit Los Angeles, Hawaii, Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt, before returning to Italy.

Costa Deliziosa is a cruise ship operated by Costa Cruises. It was constructed by Fincantieri, launched in March 2009, and handed over to Costa Cruises in January 2010. She is the flagship of Costa Cruises.

The cruise ship is a hybrid design: taking the best elements from the Vista and Spirit class cruise ships. Costa Deliziosa is 292 meters (958 ft) long, with a beam of 32.3 meters (106 ft). The ship has a gross tonnage of 92,700. Up to 2,828 passengers can be carried in 1,130 cabins. The ship has a cruising speed of 21.6 knots (40.0 km/h), and a top speed of 23.6 knots (43.7 km/h). Around 3,000 people worked on the construction of Costa Deliziosa which cost more than €450 million.

Caribbean Tops Cruise Passenger Destination Survey

The Caribbean continues to be the destination of choice for most cruise passengers, according to a new survey. The region topped the Cruise Holidays 2012 Cruise Trends ranking with 59.88 per cent bookings, leaving Europe (including Mediterranean, Baltic, Scandinavia & Greek Isles) a far second at 11.47 per cent.

Western Caribbean cruises were the most popular overall, followed by the Eastern Caribbean and Southern Caribbean. Cruise Holidays experts predict the best cruise values will remain in the Caribbean and Europe.

Additionally, it appears that cruisers' tastes are becoming more sophisticated since Celebrity Cruises – a "premium" cruise line – boasts the most popular new ships for both 2011 and 2012, according to Cruise Holidays cruise experts across North America.

Looking ahead to the first three months of 2012, known in the cruise industry as the "Wave Season", the level of optimism is at a three-year high for Cruise Holidays experts.

More than 73 per cent of the 118 consultants surveyed between December 21, 2011 and January 4, 2012 said they are very optimistic or somewhat optimistic. The survey is based on actual bookings from Cruise Holidays' proprietary booking system and a supplementary opinion survey taken by top Cruise Holidays owners and agents.

Source: Caribbean360





PAMAC Conference

Alfonso Boekhoudt, Aruba Ports Authority Director and Tamara Waldron, Marketing & Communications Manager, attended FCCA's Annual Platinum Members Conference 2012 onboard the Carnival Imagination which sailed out of Miami. The Three day, two night voyage visited Nassau Bahamas where members and executives spent a great day at Atlantis Paradise Island.

The Port Director gave a brief yet informative overview of the latest developments in and around the port area. He highlighted the fact that future Government investments will service the cruise industry, particularly those guests who wish to remain in the center of our capital, Oranjestad.



Schedule February 2012

WED 01 **CROWN PRINCESS**
08.00 – 17.00

WED 01 **WESTERDAM**
07.00 – 24.00

THU 02 **QUEEN VICTORIA**
08.00 – 18.00

THU 02 **AIDAluna**
08.00 – 19.00

THU 02 **CARNIVAL MIRACLE**
12.00 – 23.30

FRI 03 **CORAL PRINCESS**
07.00 – 12.30

FRI 03 **CARIBBEAN PRINCESS**
07.00 – 17.00

SAT 04 **KRISTINA KATARINA**
08.00 – 22.00

MON 06 **HORIZON**
07.00 – 20.00

MON 06 **STATENDAM**
10.00 – 18.00

TUE 07 **AZURA**
08.00 – 18.00

TUE 07 **THOMSON DREAM**
09.00 – 23.00

WED 08 **CROWN PRINCESS**
08.00 – 17.00

WED 08 **GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS**
08.00 – 18.00

THU 09 **ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS**
08.00 – 20.00



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THU 09 **ZUIDERDAM**
13.00 – 23.00

FRI 10 **ISLAND PRINCESS**
07.00 – 12.30

FRI 10 **NOORDAM**
07.00 – 17.00

MON 13 **HORIZON**
07.00 – 20.00

MON 13 **CLUB MED 2**
08.00 – 17.00

TUE 14 **VENTURA**
08.00 – 18.00

TUE 14 **Celebrity CONSTELLATION**
08.00 – 20.00

WED 15 **GRAND PRINCESS**
08.00 – 17.00

THU 16 **AIDAluna**
08.00 – 19.00

FRI 17 **CARIBBEAN PRINCESS**
07.00 – 17.00

FRI 17 **GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS**
08.00 – 18.00

SAT 18 **KRISTINA KATARINA**
08.00 – 23.00

SAT 18 **CARNIVAL MIRACLE**
12.00 – 23.30

SUN 19 **EMERALD PRINCESS**
08.00 – 19.00

MON 20 **ISLAND PRINCESS**
07.00 – 12.3

MON 20 **HORIZON**
07.00 – 20.00

MON 20 **ZUIDERDAM**
13.00 – 23.00

TUE 21 **GRAND PRINCESS**
08.00 – 17.00

WED 22 **CROWN PRINCESS**
08.00 – 17.00

WED 22 **WESTERDAM**
13.00 – 23.00

THU 23 **CARNIVAL VALOR**
08.00 – 16.00

THU 23 **ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS**
08.00 – 20.00

FRI 24 **GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS**
08.00 – 18.00

SAT 25 **CORAL PRINCESS**
13.00 – 19.00

MON 27 **HORIZON**
07.00 – 20.00

TUE 28 **MAASDAM**
07.00 – 14.00

TUE 28 **VENTURA**
08.00 – 18.00

TUE 28 **Celebrity CONSTELLATION**
08.00 – 20.00

WED 29 **CROWN PRINCESS**
08.00 – 17.00

WED 29 **FREEWINDS**
10.30 – 23.00(SAT 03)

February 2012, 45 calls





January Birthdays @ APA

- Sira Werleman
- Juan Alfonso Boekhoudt
- Michael Luydens
- Alexander v/d Berg
- Franchot Scoop
- Jose Erasmus
- Mirna Castillo-Gil
- Patrick Geerman
- Michael Varis
- Egbert Croes
- Adriaan Kock
- Frederick van der biezen

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