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**CELEBRITY CRUISES' MV EMERALD AZZURRA MARKED ITS INAUGURAL CALL IN DOMINICA**

*The Island Welcomed a Hundred New Visitors to Its Captivating Beauty*

**Roseau DOMINICA, (January 11, 2023)-** On Wednesday, January 3, 2024, Celebrity Cruises'



MV Emerald Azzurra graced the Cabrits Cruise Ship Berth, introducing one hundred (100) cruise passengers to Dominica's shores. A plaque exchange ceremony was held aboard the ship at 10:30 am to commemorate the ship's initial visit. This marked the first of two (2) calls the ship will make during the 2023/24 cruise season.

Emerald Azzurra, an impressive passenger ship built in 2022, sails under the flag of the Bahamas. She boasts a gross tonnage of five thousand, one hundred seventy-five (5 175) and a current draught of 4.3 meters. Her overall length is 110 meters, and her width spans 16 meters. The MV Emerald Azzurra has a carrying capacity of one hundred (100) passengers, seventy-six (76) crew members, seven (7) decks, and fifty (50) cabins.

The passengers of MV Emerald Azzurra were part of immersive tours in the North, including visits to the Purple Turtle Beach, known for its pristine waters and vibrant marine life, the Indian River that offers a glimpse into the island's rich biodiversity, the Cabrits National Park, home to a historic fort and diverse wildlife, and the Syndicate nature trail, a haven for birdwatchers.

For the 2023/24 cruise season, two hundred twenty-two (222) cruise calls are projected, bringing in over three hundred sixty thousand (360,000) passengers to the island. Of these, thirteen (13) are expected to be inaugural calls. As of December, Dominica had received sixty-nine (69) cruise calls, bringing in eighty-six thousand, three hundred sixty-three (86 363) passengers. Of these, sixty-two thousand, eight hundred forty-three (62 843) disembarked, with thirty-six thousand nine (36 009) engaging in organized tours.

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The Discover Dominica Authority (DDA) urges all tourism stakeholders to ensure a welcoming, safe, and enjoyable experience for cruise visitors throughout the 2023/2024 cruise season. The Government of Dominica continues its relentless efforts to promote Dominica as a safe and desirable cruise destination, aiming to increase cruise calls to this tropical paradise.

For more information on *Dominica*, contact *Discover Dominica Authority* at +1 767 448 2045. Or, visit *Dominica's* official website, [www.discoverdominica.com](http://www.discoverdominica.com), follow *Dominica* on Instagram and Facebook, and take a look at our videos on YouTube.

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**ABOUT DOMINICA**

Dominica (pronounced Dom-in-EEK-a), recently ranked by [Forbes](#) as a top travel destination for 2023, lies in the Eastern Caribbean between Guadeloupe to the north and Martinique to the south. Air travelers can connect to Dominica directly from Miami on American Airlines and make regional connections on Air Antilles, Air Sunshine, Coastal Air Transport, InterCaribbean Airways, LIAT, Caribbean Airlines, Silver Airways - (Code share: American Airlines, Delta, JetBlue), from the surrounding hubs of Antigua, Barbados, Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, St Lucia, the British Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. If traveling by sea, travelers may connect to Dominica on the L 'Express des Iles ferry service from Guadeloupe, Martinique, and St. Lucia, and Val'Ferry from Guadeloupe and Martinique.

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