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# World's Biggest Cruise Ship Harmony of the Seas to make Inaugural Call on Wednesday. Fourth new cruise ship for November

**November 14, 2016 – PORT ST. MAARTEN –** The fourth new cruise vessel on its inaugural call for the month of November will be Harmony of the Seas, the newest addition to Royal Caribbean's award-winning Oasis Class fleet which will dock on Wednesday, November 16.

Port St. Maarten will be welcoming the new vessel to its shores on Wednesday with the traditional plaque exchange and words of welcome. There will also be six cruise ships in port on Wednesday, the first of two six-ship days in November. The next one will be on November 30.

Port St. Maarten Management is looking forward to the visit as it once again is testimony to the strategic agreements that the port secured with cruise lines that allows the destination to receive these colossal vessels which ensures a long-term sustainable future for the country.

The new cruise ship was built over a 32-month period at the STX France shipyard. Considered the largest and most innovative cruise vessel afloat, costs more than US\$1 billion to construct and is the 25th ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet.

In November 2016, Harmony arrived at her homeport of Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, FL., from where she will offer seven-night eastern and western Caribbean sailings.

The newest member of the fleet will join sister-ships Oasis of the Seas and Allure of the Seas, sailing from Port Canaveral and Port Everglades respectively, on the east coast of Florida.

The world's biggest ship with the world's best features just got even better. There's no turning back once you take the plunge 10 stories into the mysteries of the deep on the tallest slide at sea, Ultimate Abyss, as well as the exhilarating multilevel Perfect Storm slides.

Royal Caribbean has also reimagined and enhanced the unique experiences that have made Royal Caribbean the best cruise line overall 12 years in a row. As the kids explore Splashaway Bay, take a tree-lined stroll through Central Park, or find your own haven in any of the other seven iconic onboard neighborhoods.

Sip a post-dinner cocktail crafted by a robot in our unique Bionic Bar, or sit back and watch for the first time at sea, Broadway's hit Musical Grease. Share every moment with not just family onboard, but friends back home with VOOM - the fastest Internet at sea.

Harmony of the Seas has a gross tonnage of 226,500; a length of 1,187 feet; beam of 154 feet; offers seven distinct neighbourhoods and 16 decks; can carry 5,479 passengers and 2,100 crew from 77 different nationalities. The two other Oasis Class vessels are Oasis of the Seas and Allure of the Seas.



**PHOTO OUTLINE:** Harmony of the Seas

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