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Regent Seven Seas Explorer to make Inaugural Call on Thursday

December 21, 2016 – PORT ST. MAARTEN – Described as the most luxurious cruise ship in the world, Regent's Seven Seas Explorer, will make its inaugural call on Thursday, December 22.

The Seven Seas Explorer was built at a cost of US\$450 million. The vessel is the first new ship for Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) high-end Regent Seven Seas Cruises brand. A sister-ship to the Explorer will set sail in 2020.

Seven Seas Explorer was officially welcomed to the Regent Seven Seas Cruises' fleet in July 2016 in Monaco, and christened by Her Serene Highness Princess Charlene of Monaco.

The vessel is spaciouly intimate, breathlessly elegant and perfectly staffed to offer Regent Seven Seas Cruises' special brand of all-inclusive luxury. She brings elegance and glamour to the world's greatest destinations, offering exquisite dining options that rival those of the finest restaurants ashore.

Seven Seas Explorer delivers an unrivaled luxury cruise experience. The ship features extravagantly designed theaters and lounges, an unparalleled collection of opulent and spacious suites, five lavish gourmet restaurants and an unprecedented level of personalized service.

Port St. Maarten Management continues to be proactive by attracting new vessels to the destination with emphasis and focus on bringing a balance between quality (high-end) cruise tourism and quantity (volume).

At 55,254 gross-registered tons and carrying only 750 guests, the all-suite, all-balcony ship boasts one of the highest space ratios and lowest crew to guest ratios in the cruise industry, not to mention the largest private verandas in the cruise industry and a new category of luxury suite, the nearly 4,500-square foot Regent Suite.

The luxury liner's inaugural season was spent in Europe before it headed to Miami for a series of Caribbean voyages.

Port St. Maarten will be welcoming the new vessel to its shores on Thursday with the traditional plaque exchange and words of welcome.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises is the world's most inclusive luxury cruise line with a fleet that visits more than 375 destinations around the globe. The line's fares include all-suite accommodations, round-trip air, highly personalized service, acclaimed cuisine, fine wines and spirits, unlimited internet access, sightseeing excursions in every port, all gratuities, and a pre-cruise luxury hotel package for those guests staying in concierge and higher suites.

Beginning in summer 2017, Regent Seven Seas Cruises will also include Business Class air for all intercontinental flights. Three award-winning, all-suite vessels, Seven Seas Navigator, Seven Seas Mariner, and Seven Seas Voyager, are among the most spacious at sea, with the newest ship, the 750-guest Seven Seas Explorer, that debuted on July 20, 2016.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises recently announced a massive \$125 million fleet-wide investment to further increase the level of luxury found onboard its vessels, and will add a fifth ship to its fleet in 2020.



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